The Nyadire Connection (TNC) is an organization of volunteers who support a partnership with the people of Nyadire, Zimbabwe through challenging times. For more information regarding projects, programs, events, and ways to become involved, please visit our website! www.nyadire.org





# Hearing Impaired Student Education Sponsorship Program

## **Commitment**

**A.** Donate \$125 for school fees & pack a backpack of school supplies (option \$150 includes backpack)

#### AND/OR

**B.** Donate \$20 per month towards fees for room and board

**PLUS** Become a pen-pal with the student you sponsor



**Contact** <u>mollyalice.michael@gmail.com</u> (412) 805-6481 The Hearing Impaired Resource Unit was introduced to the Nyadire Primary School in 1994 with the help of the community, church, and Ministry of Education. It serves as a special education school for children in the Mashonaland East Province. Students not only learn and perfect Zimbabwean Sign Language, but they also learn life skills such as art and craft, market gardening, welding, fashion and fabrics, and carpentry. The opportunity to receive an education gives students an identity and voice, teaches self-reliance, provides meaningful purpose, and most importantly encourages friendship, value, and goals.

Unfortunately, there is a fee to attend school and uniforms are mandatory along with boarding fees, considering these students travel from a large distance to attend this specialized program. For more information on how to support a student with a hearing impairment's education contact Molly Michael.

#### Why should I become involved with a mission in Zimbabwe?

The Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church has a partnership with Zimbabwe to grow, develop, and guide a sustainable way of living through the Spirit of God. Specifically, the Pittsburgh District has been paired with the Mutoko Mudzi District which includes the mission of Nyadire, founded in 1923 . The Nyadire Connection is an established ongoing partnership between volunteers in Pittsburgh and leaders at the Nyadire Mission in Zimbabwe since 2006.

# How can I be certain that the Hearing Impaired Program at the Nyadire Mission is a sustainable charity to give time, money, and effort towards?

Over the past 10 years, volunteers of the Pittsburgh area have worked with the people of Nyadire to share ideas, develop various programs, provide feedback, and build lasting friendships. Each year, traveling teams spend time in the school and interact with these students and their hardworking, dedicated teachers. TNC teams also deliver letters, update student information, and discuss student progress and needs.

#### What makes the Hearing Impaired Education Sponsorship Program unique?

All children are unique and special, some learn differently than others and some have more needs than others, but they are all equally important and valuable. The Hearing Impaired program gives these children, who otherwise may be "beggars, vagrants, or farm laborers", according to a teacher of the program, the opportunity to learn, build self esteem, and become a contributing part the community. The HI program takes a stand against a negative social attitude of people towards anyone with a special need. It gives the children the opportunity to receive academic and vocational training and the privilege to attend school.

## If you feel a calling to support the education of a Hearing Impaired Student:

Please make your check payable to "The Nyadire Connection" with "Hearing Impaired" in the memo line.

Send check and registration to:

Baldwin Community United Outreach Team 5001 Baptist Road Pittsburgh, PA 15236	Methodist Church Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. The people of The United Methodist Church®
Option A	Name
Option B	Address
Option A & B	
	Email (for updates!)

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