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MUREHWA UMP DISTRICT

MASHAMBANHAKA CLINIC DEDICATED

2ND NOVEMBER 2021

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There was joy, ululation, and dancing during the dedication of the state-of-the-art Mashambanhaka clinic on the 2nd of November 2021.



Cutting of the ribbon by Bishop Eben K Nhiwatiwa. From left is Hon Tichawona Karumazondo - Maramba Pfungwe Constituency, Hon Simba Mudarikwa – Uzumba Constituency, Ralph Duckworth – TNC Chairperson, David Dyora - Headman and DS Rev Luckson Henry Chareka – Murehwa UMC

The event was presided over by Resident Bishop Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa in the presence of highly decorated politicians, the community, church members, partners, health personnel and traditional leaders.

The clinic was constructed by the support from The Nyadire Connection (TNC) who first visited Zimbabwe in 2006 for three weeks.



First Row - Pastor Kimberly Greway (married name now Hendrata), Janet Elders, Mary Beth Zollars, Tom Greway, Sue Bower, Sara Dickey, Richard Dickey

Middle Row - Pastor Julius Tsiga (now late), Jeff Smith, Virginia Fraser-Smith, Ron Morris, Kelly Elder, Mary Kay Miller, Phil Himmler

Top Row - Mark LaRosa, Drew Harvey, Nancy Funka, Pastor Tom Funka, Chuck Billerbeck

During that year (2006), a team comprised of 18 Pittsburghers Volunteer in Mission, travelled all the way from the USA, and stayed at Nyadire Mission.

The warm welcome, the sharing, and discussions, during that visit, gave birth to a strong foundation of a relationship that saw the reconstruction of 5 state-of-the-art clinics out of the 6 and Mashambanhaka is one of them.



Mashambanhaka Clinic

The clinics are currently said to be the best in the province. They have many rooms which are spacious, tiled, equipped with running water, electricity and well furnished.

In addition to the above, they supply the hospital and clinics with medication, equipment and food items to mention a few.

Waiting Mother's Shelter has been constructed as well and well equipped. Expecting mothers enjoy coming to Mashambanhaka because of the favourable environment of the facilities and the care they receive.

When pregnant they do not think of any institution except Mashambanhaka because of the above.



Mashambanhaka Clinic Waiting Mother's Shelter

TNC did not forget to support the staff members. They constructed modern accommodation powered with electricity and running water.

Because of these developments, there is an experienced influx of patients. This prompted the government of Zimbabwe - Ministry of Health and Child Care to subse-

quently increase staff members to match with the ever-increasing number of patients.

TNC also assists in education, orphanages, farming, and many other projects which aim at improving the welfare of a person.

This year 2021, they are celebrating 15 years of great work in Zimbabwe hence many people converged at the venue.



Reading of the script by Sr in Charge

During the project implementation of the clinics, the church adopted the concept of Chabadza which is the brainchild of Bishop Nhiwatiwa.

It says I contribute, you contribute and we contribute. If one part ceases to contribute the tripartite collapses.



A flag donated by Charlie Moore

However, so far the tripartite has been very solid, and great work has been achieved hence on the day of dedication, people from all walks of life, converged in large numbers to witness their different levels of efforts which have been put together to produce a state-of-the-art clinic.

It is said united we stand and divided we fall.

To God be the glory.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

LITURGIST: DS REV LUCKSON HENRY CHAREKA



DS Rev Luckson Henry Chareka

**PASTORAL PRAYER BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE BISHOP THE REV ALAN MASIMBA GURUPIRA**



The Rev Alan Masimba Gurupira

The DS Rev Chareka welcomed the following:

1. The Communication team led by The Rev Taurai Emmanuel Maforo.
Mrs Evelyn Chikwanhah
2. The Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, The Rev Alan Masimba Gurupira and Amai.
3. Zimbabwe West Annual Conference Connectional Ministries Director, The Rev Vienna Mutezo.
4. Connectional Ministries Director, The Rev Chifamba.
5. The BOOM Chairperson, The Rev Lancelot Victor Mukundu.
6. The CM Chairperson Rev Gertrude Chifamba
7. The District CM The Rev Ronny Kuziva Nyakuengama
8. BOT Chairperson, The Rev Austin Chepiri.
9. Health Coordinator – Mrs Hannah Mafunda.
10. The Rev Mudzengerere
11. The Rev Edmore Sango
12. The Rev Chareka.
13. The Rev Dudzai Mutsikwi.
14. The Bishop E.K. Nhiwatiwa and Amai.

He thanked the Bishop for Chabadza program which saw the construction of state-of-the-art clinic.

WELCOMING REMARKS BY PASTOR IN CHARGE THE REV HAPPYMORE CHIPERE



He welcomed the lay leader Mr Gwenyambira.

WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE LAY LEADER MR BATSI-RAI GWENAMBIRA



Mr Batsirai Gwenambira

Mr Gwenambira welcomed the District Lay leader Mr Gutsa.

WELCOMING REMARKS BY ACTING DLL MR DAVID GUTSA



Mr. David Gutsa welcomed the following:

1. The traditional leaders,
2. The village head,
3. The Head man and
4. The Chief.

On the political side he welcomed the local councillor.

THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR TYAKA



Political side the Councillor welcomed:

1. The Party chairperson.
2. DCC members
3. Provincial members
4. The MP Hon Mudarikwa

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT MR ZULU AUGUSTINE ADMIN
MUTAWATAWA HOSPITAL**

He welcomed the following:

1. DMO from Mutawatawa



Mr Zulu Augustine

The DS welcomed Nyadire Mission Hospital Staff members namely:

1. Dr. Larry Tanyanyiwa
2. Sr. Crescencia Dangarembwa
3. Ralph Duckworth.

All were appreciated to be amongst us.

The DS welcomed the visitors from USA:

1. Charlie Moore – Head of delegation.

2. Caro Moore – his wife.
3. Esther Andrews
4. Susan McCain
5. Jim Gourley
6. Ralph Duckworth – TNC team leader

THE INCOMING CHAIRPERSON FOR TNC: MR RALPH DUCKWORTH.



Ralph said that it was a blessing to have all present and the partnership.

He thanked all the church leadership from the clinic up to the district levels for their different levels of contribution. He also thanked Mrs. Hannah Mafunda, The Rev Chepiri, and Eng. Garikai who were instrumental in the implementation of the project.

He also appreciated the strong partnership between them and the community who managed to bring locally available materials.

Partnership, partnership, partnership, it was only God who made it possible.



The partners: Esther Andrews and Susan McCain members of The Nyadire Connection

God brings the partners together, and together great things happen.

Together we got the money, materials and people put together the design, did the monitoring up to the project fruition.

Some people in the USA, read the stories and learn about the need of people in Zimbabwe.



Carol and Charlie Moore members of ZIMVIM

It touched their hearts. They have good stories that touched the hearts of the people in the USA.

This is how the partnership comes up together.

The grace of God, has made us to be brothers and sisters and to co-exist as a family. This was possible because we are all children of God.

We appreciate this opportunity to speak and recognize the partnership in Zimbabwe.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE BISHOP EBEN KANUKAYI NHIWATIWA



Bishop Eben Kanukayi Nhiwatiwa

The Bishop applauded the presence of the Member of Parliament for Uzumba Constituency, Hon Simba Mudarikwa whom he described as highly decorated person who needs to be respected by the church.

He said that he cannot lose sleep if there is a challenge because these leaders are the best to approach and solve our problems.



The clergy members

Failure to approach them, he would suspect that there is something fishy which members of the UMC are doing.

“In our tradition,” he said, “When you visit an area and fail to be welcomed by the traditional leaders’ one can smell a rat.”

Those around were appreciated for their patience since the program was slightly behind time.

The partners had been introduced and welcomed and he said that they are very special people to us.

He said that if you see people coming from another countries interacting with our leaders, the chiefs, Member of Parliament, and church members it means there is strong connectivity amongst them.



The community members

They cannot come if their national leaders are against the relationship.

Their coming means that every leader is welcoming them with a warm heart. For that, he appreciated it.

He thanked the hosting district Murehwa Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe for their team spirit.

“This is the reason why development is taking place,” he said.

“Development cannot take place where there is disunity. There would be pulling down of each other,” adding that for this district they speak the same language hence there is need to thank them all.



The clergy and the community members

What they are doing will bear fruit.

What can prevent them from having a hospital? At Dindi Clinic they also needed a hospital.

A hospital starts from a small house and develops into something big.

When talking about vision, let us not aim low, but high. Mashambanhaka can start as a specialised hospital which can be a referral institution.



The communities present

Patients can be referred to Mashambanhaka where they will receive specific support. Even outside the country, they would be referred to Mashambanhaka because things of God are a mystery.

What they are doing is an inheritance for their future generation.

He thanked The Rev Austin Chepiri and his team. What is so impressive about this team was that their reporting system and the comments they receive from Ralph

Duckworth who is the incoming Chairperson are very impressive.



The communities

Ralph would always say the report is very good and the Bishop would be very much impressed by that.

If you are a leader without support, where to start will be a challenge.

He asked the Rev Gurupira, The Rev Mutezo, and all pastors to stand up.

He said that in the hierarchy of the church, at every stage there are leaders.

The pastors on the ground play their roles and it cascades up to the Connectional Ministries.

There is no overlapping of responsibilities. Finally, everything will be deliberated at the cabinet where updates will be shared.

All were appreciated for their unwavering support in the development of the church.



The Rev Alan Masimba Gurupira

The community was appreciated for their ability to welcome visitors.

In the Bible, Sarah welcomed the visitors, and they prepared food for the angels.

One can imagine preparing food for the angels of God, what type of food can you prepare, and its quantity.

This was the dilemma with Sarah, but she gained the confidence and prepared her usual meal.



Hon Simba Mudarikwa and Headman David Dyora

If it was Angel Gabriel at Mashambanhaka we were going to prepare the food we eat in Zimbabwe.

After their welcoming gesture, the angels ended up promising Sarah that she will be blessed with a child.

Sarah sarcastically laughed, but later believed that whatever heaven promised no one can deny.

This is what happens when you receive visitors warmly. Whatever we have, visitors can still enjoy. Even if they are angels of God they can as well enjoy our traditional meals and blessings would follow you.



CM Director The Rev Ron Kuziva Nyakuengama

He thanked all for the transparency during the implementation of the project. So far, he said that he has not re-

ceived a complaining report of misappropriation of funds.

There is another project at Hanwa which will be visited on Thursday and there is no issue of misappropriation of funds.



The Rev Edmore Sango – CM Chairperson

What is pleasing is having people with accountability who can explain clearly what has transpired.

The project beneficiaries were complimented for possessing the project.

They were encouraged to continue possessing ownership. This clinic is not for adults, but for the generations to come.

If people possess a project, its sustainability is high.



DS Rev Luckson Henry Chareka

All were encouraged to ask about grey areas they are not knowledgeable about. If the window is broken, they have the right to ask what has caused that breakage.

The breakages of windows if not guarded jealously, will end up having more breakages.

All were encouraged to repair problem areas.

Jesus Christ in John 10:10 says the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come so that you can have light and life in abundance.

This is what the church is doing, to give life abundantly.

The life we are living is to enable our children to grow up fully rounded, knowing Jesus Christ and taught our culture at home and church.

In the end, these children will end up doing exceedingly well in society.

This is the work of the church to mould a child. Some of these children, may go astray, but not all.

He raised a warning about the drugs which are now destroying the lives of children. The church and the schools are trying to teach them the right things, but they are experimenting a lot.

They can even do dangerous things unless you alert them. This is the nature of children and no one would have sent them to do that.



Mrs Greater Nhiwatiwa – RRW President

He encouraged parents not to be harsh on them because it is their nature as children.

Sometimes the father would accuse the child of adopting the attitudes of her or his mother's side, yet it is just a coincidence.

The church is there to educate and to give a full life.

The communication team was complimented for their great work done.

They share the great work of the church to the world through publicising information.

He recalled Jerald Sasa publishing the great work at Nyadire.



Jerald Sasa ZBC Journalist

He reported very well touching on his retirement. Many people read the article.

When he was talking about vaccination, people were asking whether he was saying it after he had retired or what?

He clarified that by saying that COVID 19 has derailed a lot of church programs.

In the name of the father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Amen.

HEADMAN: DAVID DYORA



David Dyora

The Headman on behalf of the community, said that they do not have much to give the church or partners as a token of appreciation except providing locally available materials.

He promised to provide the 300 000 bricks needed for the construction of the boarding school at Mashambanhaka.

He said that the Bishop promised them that they will start with a boarding facility of 45 boys and 45 girls.

He highlighted that the primary school has been affected by a hail storm. This is a problem that needs a concerted effort to overcome it.

We do not know where the children are going to learn from since it is now the rainy season.

Six classrooms have been destroyed and this is a big blow.



Mrs Tendai Rebecca Gurupira - Ministry with Women, Children and Youth Coordinator

He thanked TNC for the state-of-the-art buildings which are now tiled. This came into being after the initial Chabadza meeting by the Bishop.

From that meeting and prayers which followed, a lot of things unfolded. It impacted positively on the traditional leaders who mobilized locally available resources from the communities. There were combined efforts from all facets of lives. One cannot do it alone, but teamwork always produces good results.



Mrs Netsai Chitiyo and The Rev Getrude Chifamba

He thanked the church for employing the local builder during the construction. A number of locals were employed during the project implementation.

His wish was for more projects to come on board so that their standard of living can improve.

He took advantage of the presence of church partners so that they can intervene in repairing the roofs of the destroyed primary school.

He thanked the church and partners for their love up to this time. In that gesture, if they fail to unite as a community and move on, it would be their fault.

HONOURABLE SIMBA MUDARIKWA



Honourable Simba Mudarikwa

Hon Mudarikwa showered The Rev Gurupira the former DS for Murehwa UMP district whom he said, is now witnessing the fruits of the great works he initiated.

The Rev Gurupira would wake up around 4 am and would be at Hon Mudarikwa's shop strategizing on how Mashambanhaka can be a mission Centre.

He said that generally, African people have the habit of appreciating a dead person not when he or she is alive, yet it is better to do it when that person is still alive.



Mrs Eveline Chikwanhah - Communicator

He went back to the historical concept of the district where he said that UMC in Murehwa UMP was planted by Dr. Gurney a missionary.

He was staying close to Mashambanhaka and there is a well that has been preserved as a monument.

By that time the council district administration was Murehwa. It was one district, but now it has been divided into four Uzumba, Maramba, Pfungwe, and Murehwa.

For the church administration, it remained one district.

He was proud to inform all that UMC through Dr Gurney was well received in Murehwa UMP in its initial stages. The church then constructed Nyadire Mission and Nyamuzuhwe Mission in Mutoko Mudzi district.

He said that education is the key to transforming society. Poverty cannot be eradicated without education. He then appealed to UMC partners to start the construction of a vocational training centre in the Murehwa UMP district.

When a person is going to use an axe one needs to sharpen it. Similarly, if we are to develop our people, we should give them skills first so that they can desist from drug abuse.

The youth are the future leaders of tomorrow. They are the bishops, the DSs of tomorrow.

But if we are defeated by drug abuse then we would have lost the war, but as Christians, we will never be defeated.

He thanked the partnership with the church and the community. The presence of TNC has developed the nation.

If the nation develops in the name of Jesus Christ victory is certain and we will have a civilised cultured nation.

They have conferred the freedom of Mashambanaka similar to the freedom of a City to TNC.

PASTORAL PRAYER CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR THE REV VIENNA MUTEZO



The Rev Vienna Mutezo

DEDICATION RITUALS

The Rev Happymore Chipere said the construction has been completed and all payments have been done.



The Rev Chipere

All the buildings were dedicated to God.

The clinic and waiting mother's shelter have been dedicated to God.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.



Dedication



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Removing of the cover

PASTORAL PRAYER AND DEDICATION BY THE REV ALAN MASIMBA GURUPIRA



The Rev Alan Masimba Gurupira



Reading of the script by Sr Pateince Shayamano



Sr in Charge Patience Shayamano holding a present from Charlie Moore



The donated flag

TOURING OF THE INSTITUTIONS BY SR PATEINCE SHAYAMANO



Touring of the institutions – Consultation room

GROUP PHOTO



Group photo



Touring of the institution – Drug room



Touring of the institution – record room



Touring the institution – Waiting Mother's shelter



Touring the institution



Waiting Mother's Shelter



Carol and Charlie Moore

CONCLUSION

The Bishop said that the work of TNC has been very productive, therefore, as we dedicate these buildings, it is a show of commitment to their work, and they are ready to give their time and resources and we are very thankful for that.

We are talking of tangible things. We can see that where there was nothing, we have just been shown the state-of-the-art infrastructures, drug room full with medicines, we have been shown different rooms, the waiting mothers so it is worth celebrating 15 years of great work.

The Bishop said that as we celebrate and achievement now ideas will be coming and we will start afresh and move forward.

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Ms. Kudzai Chingwe

THE END