Kenya

Weaving a new life

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Save and smiles

Uganda

www.ELCA.org/malaria

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Rachel’s husband and children were killed when fighting broke out near their town. Despite losing her family, her home and her belongings, Rachel was able to travel to a refugee camp. There, Rachel was provided with shelter materials, clothing, bedding and cooking supplies. She also received a kit for water and sanitation.

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“I lost my first-born child due to malaria,” remembers Ester Akiror. Before the malaria program came to the Katakwi district of Uganda, many children were dying because of this treatable, preventable disease.

The ELCA Malaria Campaign, in partnership with The Lutheran World Federation, is helping to change that. Community leaders have been trained to prevent malaria, recognize its symptoms and even test and treat the disease. This brings malaria programming to the local level, and families and communities are seeing the results. Ester now shares, “[My] children are healthy and they no longer fall sick. We sleep well and they also can go to school.”

Providing for basic needs is one of the ways that Lutheran Disaster Response has committed to walking with our brothers and sisters affected by this crisis. We have already contributed more than $700,000 to assist people who have taken refuge in South Sudan, as well as those who are fleeing to neighboring countries. Because of people like you, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to help those who seek hope because of violence. Your gifts help provide healing to people like Rachel.

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She explains, “For the savings group, leaders mobilize people in groups and each member contributed for books, a savings box and pens. Then members started saving. Some were selected to do the bookkeeping, and the money was lent to members to do business. They would then return the money and after three months, we shared the profits.”

Ester gives thanks: “I am happy because my children are no longer ill and I can save money to feed them well. I used some of my savings to do gardening. I bought a goat and I can afford milk for the family.”

Your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are helping to end deaths from malaria and create sustainable change in communities and families like Ester’s.

Your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are at work with 13 Lutheran partners in Africa. Together, we are uniquely positioned to help provide mosquito nets, education, testing, medication and more toward ending deaths from this disease.

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Verdell brings not only a warm smile to the food pantry—not far from her home, but also her elderly mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s 10 years ago.

Verdell, who lives with rheumatoid arthritis, had a good office job in a company that outsourced the department. "I never expected I would have to take care of my elderly mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s 10 years ago," Verdell says that caring for her elderly mother is a challenge, but she always took care of everybody when they needed her, bringing children and grandchildren to live with her until she lost her house in the mortgage crisis. I’m glad she’s with me sometimes, we just dance.”

And then she smiles again. “And she says my name, but she never forgets mine.”

Chhorn says. With the help of ELCA World Hunger, Chhorn and her husband are now able to provide for their family and their neighbors. There was not enough money to make ends meet. Then Chhorn took part in a community group organized by a local co-op that helped provide families in need with 10 chickens and a pair of pigs to start their own business. Soon Chhorn was elected to the village development committee. She and her neighbors established a co-op that helped provide families in need with 10 chickens and a pair of pigs to start their own business. Now, Chhorn says, “I am happy because we have enough money to buy food for my family. We sell some of our products and we have enough to eat.”

One in five people in our world today live in extreme poverty, living on less than $1.25 per day. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to respond. Working with ELCA congregations and organizations in the United States, and Lutheran companion churches and partners in nearly 60 countries overseas, ELCA World Hunger starts by listening to the needs of our neighbors and their receiving ideas to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then, we work alongside our neighbors to help make those dreams a reality. From microlending to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry programs, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. And they don’t stop there. We engage Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference.

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