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# ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN NEWS



**ELCA Malaria Campaign**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

# WE DID IT!

I am happy to report that we have raised over \$6 million for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. In 2012, we needed to raise \$4 million and together – we did it!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is well on its way to raising the committed \$15 million by 2015 to support ongoing malaria programs of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Africa. We are working through these Lutheran connections to provide malaria prevention, education and treatment for people who are vulnerable to this curable disease.

**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this work.**

Because of you, our companions in Africa were able to continue their programming and even roll out new anti-malaria initiatives last year. The statistics are inspiring: in countries where these programs are at work, cases of malaria and deaths from malaria are going down, while community education and awareness of malaria are going up. Lutheran churches are working with community leaders and governments to permeate entire communities with the resources for malaria prevention and control.

We're very pleased to share this great news with you. We hope these stories and updates will fill you with hope and enthusiasm this year.

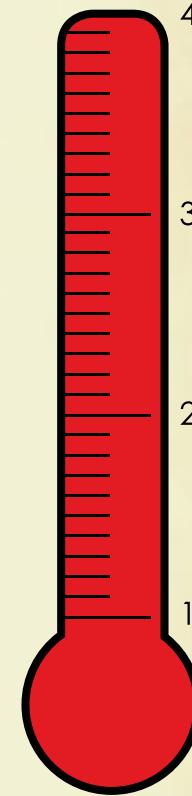
In 2013, we are moving forward in faith with the ELCA Malaria Campaign and hope that you are filled with inspiration and encouragement. We are well on our way to meeting our 2015 goal and I know that together – we can do it!

In Christ's service,



Jessica Nipp Hacker  
Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign

**2012 GOAL  
\$4 MILLION**



## WORLD MALARIA DAY

APRIL  
**25**

World Malaria Day is April 25, 2013. We are turning this day into a special week – focusing on the work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. You and your congregation are invited to join ELCA members across this church in celebrating World Malaria Day by taking a special offering for the ELCA Malaria Campaign on Sunday, April 28, 2013. Here are other suggestions for how your congregation can observe World Malaria Day.



**ANNOUNCE** that you will be joining millions of people around the world in observing World Malaria Day. You will also be joining ELCA congregations across the country in the fight against malaria by observing World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 28.



**INVITE** your congregation to dedicate that day's offering to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. You can give online at [www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria) or order free offering envelopes and other resources at [www.ELCA.org/resources](http://www.ELCA.org/resources). You can also mail checks directly to ELCA Malaria Campaign at P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Be sure to include "World Malaria Day" in the memo line.



**PRAY** for those affected by malaria. Look for prayers, litanies and suggested hymns specifically designed for World Malaria Day at [www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria).

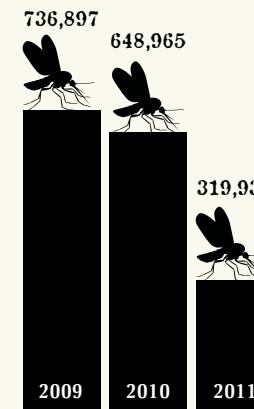


**SHARE** ELCA Malaria Campaign resources like the video, bulletin inserts, posters and more at [www.ELCA.org/resources](http://www.ELCA.org/resources).

## Spotlight on: ZIMBABWE



Since 2009,  
cases of malaria  
in Zimbabwe have  
been cut in half!  
Your gifts have  
helped make a  
difference.



## PREVENTION – EDUCATION – TREATMENT

- Household inspections are performed to check on effective hanging, maintenance and use of nets
- Community leaders are trained in malaria prevention and control – educating others through home visits, song, dance and drama
- Leaders educating communities about malaria are equipped with bicycles to help with transportation challenges
- Advocacy workshops educate community leaders about the malaria resources that are available in their area
- 26,000 people will directly benefit from Lutheran malaria programming

## SUCCESS

- Burure elementary school, with 1,000 students, had five to seven children die each year from malaria. Since malaria programming was implemented, there have been no reported deaths from malaria among their students.
- Education around spraying insecticides has improved – where people once refused this preventative treatment, they now welcome it.



WE ARE A CHURCH THAT BELIEVES GOD IS CALLING US INTO THE WORLD – TOGETHER.



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## MEET MARIA

In Mozambique, a Lutheran congregation took action against malaria.

With the support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign and our companion church's malaria project, 34 leaders from seven area churches gathered to learn how to help neighbors prevent and treat malaria.

For two days, the leaders learned together about how the disease is transmitted, how to prevent infection, and how and when to seek treatment.

And most importantly they learned how to pass on this vital information to educate others. At the end of the two-day training, they all took what they learned into action.

Mosquito nets were not only distributed – but education on how to use the nets also took place.

Maria Jose was delighted to receive a net that day from the Rev. Eduardo Sinalo (pictured).

In the less than two years since the ELCA Malaria Campaign joined the global movement to fight malaria, the number of deaths from this disease has been reduced.

Working with local congregations, global companions, ecumenical partners and trained leaders we achieve more together than we ever could alone. And your generosity is the spark that makes it happen.

## Resources

For a complete list of ELCA Malaria Campaign resources visit [www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria).

- Congregation Action Kit
- Brochures, envelopes and bulletin inserts
- Crafts and worship materials

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*Working through Lutheran churches in Africa, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is uniquely positioned to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease – for good.*

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