

# ELCA Malaria Campaign

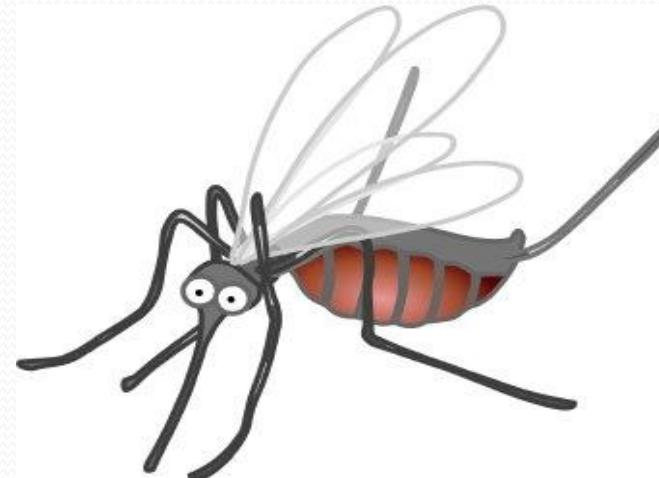
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# Malaria Transmission

- Mosquitoes and Humans
- Mosquitoes – please take off your shoes
- Humans – please leave your shoes on
- Shake hands only with those from the “other” group for 1 minute. Try to shake hands with everyone from the “other” group
- Discussion



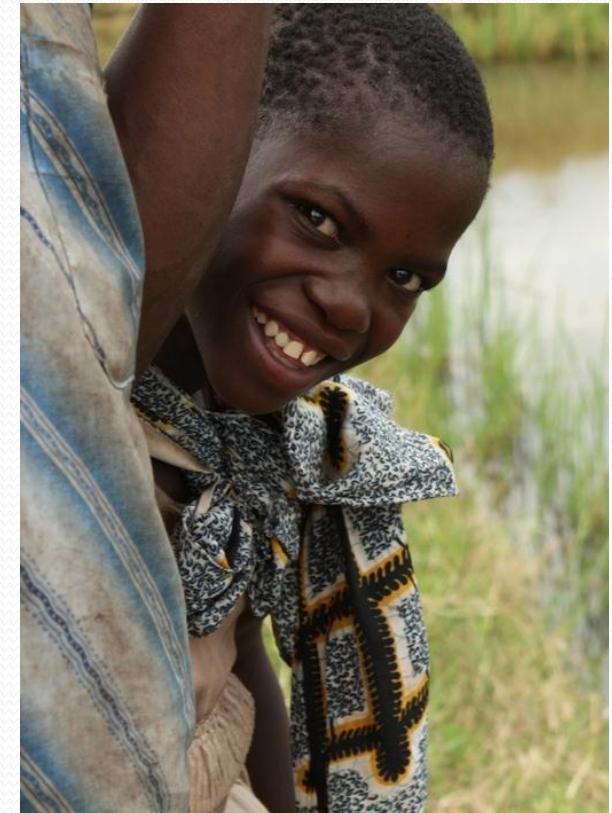
# Malaria Worldwide

- A child dies every 45 seconds from malaria
- 3.3 billion people (half the world's population) at risk
- 250 million cases a year worldwide...
- 800,000 deaths annually
- 89% of malaria deaths worldwide occur in Africa



# Vulnerable populations

- Children and pregnant women
- Those living in poverty and hunger
- Those living with HIV and AIDS



# Malaria and Children

- A child dies from malaria every 45 seconds
- Malaria causes 20% of childhood deaths in Africa
- Each year in Africa, up to 200,000 infant deaths
- Yearly, an African child has an average of 1.6 to 5.4 episodes



# Malaria Transmission

- Humans are bitten by an infected female *Anopheles* mosquito
- The Plasmodium parasite reproduces in the person's liver and red blood cells
- Picked up through another mosquito bite and then spread to the next person



# Malaria Life Cycle

- The life cycle of the malaria parasite (*Plasmodium*) occurs in both hosts
- The mosquito is the vector that carries the parasite back and forth, but the mosquito does not get sick
- The parasite grows first in the human liver and then is released into the bloodstream where it reproduces, causes symptoms and is picked up again by the mosquitoes
- The parasite moves to the mosquito's salivary glands within 10 days of biting an infected human

# Malaria Symptoms

## Early symptoms:

- High fever
- Chills
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headaches
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- General malaise

## Severe symptoms:

- Organ failure
- Neurological abnormalities
- Anemia
- Respiratory distress
- Low blood pressure
- Kidney failure
- Coma
- Death



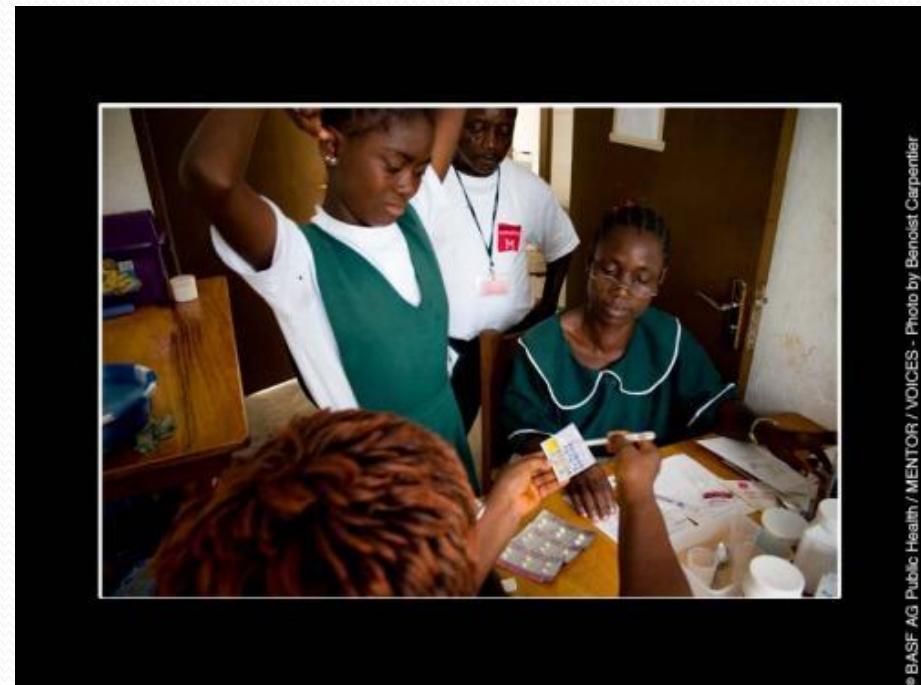
# Malaria is PREVENTABLE!

- Insecticide-treated (Pyrethroid) mosquito nets
- Indoor residual spraying
- Anti-malarial drugs as prophylaxis
- Treatment/removal of standing water
- Education!



# Malaria is TREATABLE!

- Prompt and correct treatment = Cure
- Medications: 3 days of Artemisinin or Quinine
- Trained medical professionals
- Diagnostic equipment



# What is the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign enables our church to join with African companion churches in the global effort to prevent, treat and contain malaria by 2015

[www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria)



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# Why malaria? Why now?

- Malaria is expensive – it costs lives and hope
- Malaria is TREATABLE and PREVENTABLE
- Joining our companion organizations, synods and global missionary personnel
- *“Then the King will say...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Matthew 25:34-36*

# What is the fund-raising goal?

**\$15 million churchwide by the year 2015**  
**\$250,000 from Pacifica Synod**

To support Lutheran companion churches and organizations in Angola, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia & Zimbabwe



# What will we accomplish?

- **Prevention:** Mosquito nets, indoor residual spraying, water sanitation
- **Education:** Health education programs, village health teams
- **Treatment:** Lab equipment, training, strengthening clinics, medicine
- **Capacity building:** Strengthen organizational structures, equip to participate in Global Fund



# ELCA Campaign Structure

- Pilot synods in 2010 and 2011
- August 2011 Churchwide Assembly will consider a roll-out of the campaign church-wide
- Goal that every ELCA synod will join in this campaign to contain malaria in Africa
- Pacifica Synod is a 2011 Pilot Synod!



# How can I help?

- Pray
- Give
- Educate
- Advocate

# How can I help? PRAY!

- For people affected by malaria and their families
- For the success of the ELCA Malaria Campaign
- For our companion synods who will purchase, distribute and be in continuing relationship with those in Africa, sharing resources and the good news



# How can I help? GIVE!

- \$10 = an insecticide treated mosquito net
- \$25 = indoor spraying 1 family / 1 year
- \$50 = malaria medicine for 25 people
- \$100 = train a community health team
- \$1,000 = sponsor a traveling educational group
- Pacifica goal = \$250,000



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# How can I help? EDUCATE!

- Share your ideas within the synod
- Give an adult education class
- Be part of our speakers bureau
- Network
- Develop programs  
within your congregation



# How can I help? ADVOCATE!

- Support global health initiatives
- Involve your workplace, place of higher education, sports teams, fellowship groups



# The time is NOW!

Malaria is...

- Treatable &
- Preventable
- A healthier future is possible



“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of one of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

# Time for Malaria Jeopardy!

