

Did You Know?

- 🌐 Nearly 1 million people die each year from malaria
- 🌐 Malaria affects nearly half the world's population of 3.3 billion people
- 🌐 People in poverty are most vulnerable to malaria
- 🌐 Pregnant women are at greater risk for malaria; approximately 10,000 die each year
- 🌐 85% of malaria deaths occur among children
- 🌐 Yearly in Africa, up to 200,000 infants die from malaria
- 🌐 Yearly, an African child has 1.6 to 5.4 malaria episodes
- 🌐 A child dies from malaria every 45 seconds
- 🌐 Malaria causes 20% of childhood deaths in Africa
- 🌐 Malaria is preventable and treatable!

Lutherans around the world are working together to prevent, treat and contain malaria in Africa!
Together, we can be the change!

United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

- #1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- #2 Achieve universal primary education
- #3 Promote gender equality and empower women
- #4 Reduce child mortality
- #5 Improve maternal health
- #6 Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- #7 Ensure environmental sustainability
- #8 Create a Global Partnership for Development with targets on aid, debt and trade

www.un.org/millenniumgoals/youth

How Can I Be the Change?

Lutherans are working side-by-side-

to restore health and bring hope for millions of people who are facing malaria in Africa. Our goals are to...

- Pray** for people suffering from malaria and working to contain the disease,
- Educate** US Lutherans about malaria,
- Contribute** to help contain malaria and
- Advocate** for global health initiatives.



Pray

God of wellness, Heal all your children who are suffering from malaria and other preventable and treatable diseases. Help me serve through prayer, information, support and advocacy. For healing, wholeness peace, and justice we pray.
Amen.

Educate

Educate yourself on the problems of malaria and poverty. Talk about the problems and solutions

with your friends, family, people on your sports teams, bands, classes, at church, or anyone! Encourage others to get involved.

Advocate

Find your government reps and their contact info
Sign up for the ELCA's e-advocacy network
Find advocacy resources at www.lwr.org
Find info about current justice issues

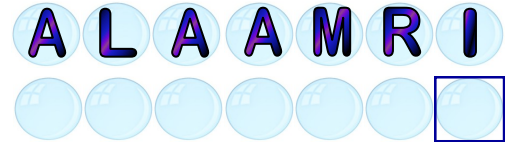
Contribute

- mosquito net: \$10
- train a village health team: \$100
- radio program sponsorship: \$450
- awareness training: \$1000
- saving lives: priceless

Cool Stuff to Do...

Play

_____ kills nearly 1 million people each year.



_____ youth are working side-by-side to restore health and bring hope to those facing malaria.



85% of malaria deaths occur among _____.



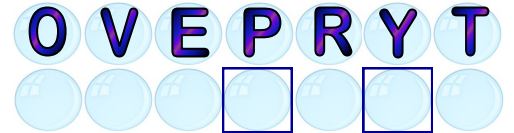
_____ women are at greater risk for malaria; approximately 10,000 die each year.



I can advocate for _____ health initiatives.



MDG #1 is to eradicate extreme _____ and hunger.



A child dies from malaria every 45 _____.



Malaria affects about _____ the world's population of 3.3 billion people.



Malaria is preventable and _____!



Put the letters from the boxes here:



Unscramble the letters to find what you can do to prevent and treat malaria.



Idea!

Make a video about malaria, hunger and poverty. Show it to your congregation. Post it on YouTube.

Cool Stuff to Do...

Contribute

Copy letters from the word scramble on the other page to the bubbles below. Write words using the first letter that describe what you can do to serve God & others, raise awareness, and prevent hunger, poverty, and malaria.



11 light blue bubbles, each followed by a horizontal line for writing.

Advocate

Make a call or send a letter or email to your local government representative. Find yours at... <http://www.gis.let.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>

- 🌐 **State the problem.**
Malaria is preventable and treatable, yet yearly a million people, especially children and pregnant women, die from it.
- 🌐 **Explain why it is important to you; use a brief story and/or a few statistics.**

In my Confirmation class we learned about the children who die each year because they were too poor to prevent or treat malaria. OR— By preventing malaria, \$12 billion a year will be saved in lost productivity and families can move out of poverty.

- 🌐 **Ask for an action or response.**
If possible, ask for support of a specific bill; give the bill's number and title. *Please support funding for the Global Health Initiative. OR— Please fund the Global Fund and its work with MDG 6.*

- 🌐 **Sign your name.**
Indicate if you are a constituent; include your address and contact information.
(See also links below.)



Educate

Search the following websites for more information about...

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| https://community.elca.org/NetCommunity | Good Gifts Shopping | ELCA Good Gifts Catalog |
| archive.elca.org/hungertoolkit/DAH_learning_high.pdf | Hunger and Poverty | Malaria Tag |
| www.elca.org —search for Hunger-Education-Toolkits | | More Hunger Tool Kit Games |
| http://www.globalhealth.gov/index.html | Health | The US Global Health Initiative |
| http://www.who.int/malaria/en/ | | World Health Organization |
| http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy.aspx | Advocacy | ELCA Advocacy Resources |
| http://www.lwr.org/malaria/ then click on "Ask Congress" link | | "Make Mosquitoes Afraid of Congress" |

Play
"Malaria Tag" from a Hunger Tool Kit in Confirmation Class!

