

Sleep Under

A **sleep under** is a fun event that allows participants to raise awareness about malaria and funds for its prevention and treatment. The name **sleep under** refers to participants sleeping under nets, just as our sisters and brothers in Africa do in an effort to protect themselves from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. The event can be held indoors or out and structured however best suits the group as well as context.

Participants can gather **pledges** for sleeping a certain number of hours, a night, or nights under nets. Participants might promote the event through skits, temple talks, children's sermons, bulletin inserts, children's activity sheets, etc., which are available at: <http://www.mpls-synod.org/programs/malaria> . Providing a display and participants to answer questions for two to four weeks before the event may help gather pledges.

Camping nets (not insecticide-treated) to sleep under are available from marysimonsonclark@gmail.com (612-636-5104) or Brittany.Suiter@elca.org (773-380-2862). They may be hung indoors or outdoors for the **sleep under**. Holding the **sleep under** in a visible location can help generate interest and donations.

The powerful documentary, *When the Night Comes*, is available for loan from marysimonsonclark@gmail.com or for purchase (\$12.99) at <http://store.nothingbutnets.net/> . This can be used to introduce participants to a **sleep under** or as an activity during the event. Other activities during the event might include:

- **Malaria Dodgeball**
- **Malaria Tag**
- **Malaria Jeopardy** (youth and adult versions)

Information for the above activities is available at: <http://www.elca.org/malaria> , click on "Resources," and scroll to "Youth Activities"

- **Water and Malaria Stations**
- **Malaria Handshake**
- **Baskeetoss**

Information for water and malaria stations, malaria handshake, and baskeetoss is available at: <http://www.mpls-synod.org/programs/malaria> under "Activities"

For use as an incentive, copies of the music DVD, *Hope Is the Light*, are available. To supplement the fundraising efforts, **t-shirts, reusable tote bags, and pens**, are available for participants to sell. Bestnet Europe Ltd., a net manufacturer, donated these items; they are available from marysimonsonclark@gmail.com .

Finally, consider a **Ten-fold Challenge!** Small amounts of **seed money** are available to purchase supplies, such as snacks, for the **sleep under**. The purpose of this money is to allow organizations to host a fundraising event with a commitment to grow the seed money, hopefully ten-fold. For example, for \$50 in seed money, the challenge is to return \$500 in donations for **Our Malaria Work**.

For **further information**, please contact Mary Simonson Clark, the Synod's Our Malaria Work Coordinator, at marysimonsonclark@gmail.com, 612-636-5104, or 952-933-8836.