

## UNITED METHODIST RESPONSE TO MALARIA

### Nothing But Nets



*Nothing But Nets* is a global, grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. *Sports Illustrated* columnist Rick Reilly challenged his readers to donate \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed net, and thousands of people have joined the campaign. The people of The United Methodist Church, along with *Sports Illustrated*, NBA Cares, the United Nations Foundation and several other groups, are raising funds to purchase bed nets to end malaria.

### Community-Based Malaria Program

The Community-Based Malaria Program works through United Methodist hospitals and clinics in Africa to provide community education about the causes of malaria and simple steps that can be taken to prevent it. The program also provides for mosquito nets and free medication for those who have contracted malaria and cannot afford treatment.

United Methodist and ecumenical health workers supported by this program provide communities with comprehensive plans to combat malaria that are tailored to their specific needs. Providing communities with information about this deadly disease and how it can be prevented and treated is how the battle against malaria can be fought – and won – home by home, community by community all across Africa.



### Hospitals & Clinics



The Hospital Revitalization Program assists United Methodist and Methodist hospitals and clinics in sub-Saharan Africa. The program assesses the needs of health-care facilities so that these centers can provide quality care to the many patients in need. In Sierra Leone, malaria cases can account for up to 60% of cases seen in hospitals and clinics, especially during the rainy seasons. It is vital that these facilities have adequate medications and resources to quickly identify malaria infections and effectively treat the patients before the infection becomes fatal.

### Central Conference Communications

The Central Conference Communications Initiative of The United Methodist Church is building communications infrastructure in target countries across Africa and training people to use it. Creating communications centers addresses the need for communication among church leaders and members by providing computer, audio and video equipment. These tools can then convey lifesaving, life-changing information to those who have lived outside the scope of modern communications technology.

