

# Ministry Overview

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. It kills an estimated 655,000 people each year, most of them children under 5 and pregnant women. Transmitted through the bite of a female anopheles mosquito, malaria is a parasite that initially causes fever, vomiting and joint pain. Left untreated, its symptoms progress to convulsions, organ failure and death.

Yet, malaria is 100% preventable, treatable and beatable!

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.



Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. Our approach includes a comprehensive model:

## Prevention



Building on the success of Nothing But Nets, Imagine No Malaria is often thought of as Nets Plus. Insecticide-treated mosquito nets are still the best way to prevent malaria, however, other measures like draining standing water where the insects breed, trimming foliage and proper sanitation, are also critical to preventing malaria.



## Education



We train community-based health workers to share the facts about malaria, like identifying symptoms and dispelling myths about the disease. This information, coming from a trusted, local source is a very effective way to educate about malaria.



## Communication



Community health workers also provide behavior-change communications—helping families to understand why it is critical to sleep under a bed net and how to properly care for this life-saving tool.

## Treatment



For 160 years, The United Methodist Church has been operating hospitals and clinics across the African continent. But those hospitals need rapid diagnosis kits and life-saving medicines to treat people infected with malaria.



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