



Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Psalm 103

The Virginia Synod Task Group for Malaria provides resources and presentations to help congregations inspire people to participate meaningfully in this vital work.

We provide a means for people to provide sustained on-line giving of \$20.17 per month as we near the 500th anniversary of the reformation in the year 2017. Your contributions – given either through your congregations or on-line through our website – support current and future projects of love and compassion around the world. Learn more and Join our Team at:

www.Team2017.org



AVG FLOW RATE FROM VIRGINIA TO ELCA MALARIA
\$17,881 / MONTH



AVG FLOW RATE FROM ELCA MALARIA TO AFRICAN CHURCHES
\$508,326 / MONTH

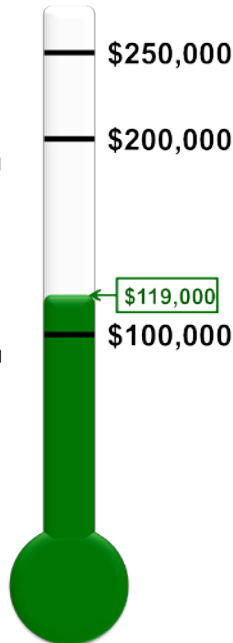
Visit our website to see how we are progressing toward our goals. As of June 2013, the ELCA has raised just about \$8,300,000 and our synod is reaching the half-way mark!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN BY VIRGINIA SYNOD CONGREGATIONS TO DATE FOR THE ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN. OUR GOAL IS TO REACH \$250,000 IN 2013

GIVING THROUGH TEAM 2017 CONTRIBUTES DIRECTLY TO THAT GOAL, AND ALSO PROVIDES FOR SUSTAINED SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE.

YOUR GIFT OF \$20.17 PER MONTH PROVIDES LIFE-GIVING SUSTAINMENT TO OUR CHURCH PROJECTS PROVIDING RELIEF FROM MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE, HUNGER, AND DISASTER.

WE PROVIDE SHELTER, MEDICINE, FOOD, WATER, AND HOPE!



Virginia Synod, ELCA Team 2017



***Works of Faith from Virginia...
For the sake of the World!***

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Team 2017 is Virginia Synod's coordinated effort to provide sustainable support for God's people in need of relief from:

- ❖ *Malarial Disease*
- ❖ *Hunger*
- ❖ *Disaster*

Our initial emphasis is in support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign starting in January of 2013. On-line funds collected will go to help fight malaria until we reach our ELCA Malaria Campaign goal; after that, funds will be directed for long-term sustainment through ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response.



Of Malaria ...

Malaria causes the death of a child every minute in Africa. 655,000 deaths occur annually in the world due to malaria with 98% of them in Africa where it is the second leading cause of death. Children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years of age and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable because their immune systems are underdeveloped or weakened. Roughly 86% of 2010 malaria-related deaths occurred among children younger than five.

Malaria is an infection of a parasite spread by infected mosquitoes. In humans, the infection spreads from the bite on the skin to the liver and then infects red blood cells. These infected red blood cells can disrupt blood flow to vital organs. Symptoms include fever, headache, chills, and vomiting. Many times these symptoms can be ignored or misdiagnosed and can quickly lead to death.



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In the past few years, we've seen a huge reduction in African childhood mortality due to malaria!

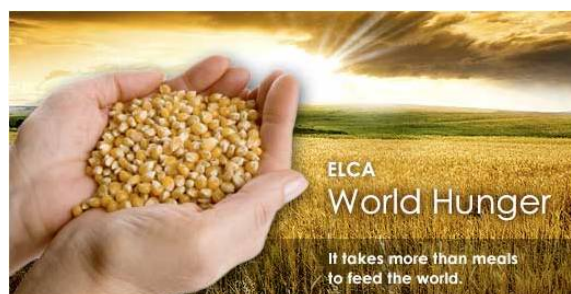
Mosquito nets save lives. Only \$10 buys a net. Please donate to help families through their churches.

Virginia Lutherans
Ambassadors for Christ



Of Hunger ...

ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education, and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally, and 20-25 percent are spent domestically.



Team 2017 is focused initially on overcoming malaria, but once our goals are met in 2015, your gifts continue to provide sustainment for communities recovering from malaria through the ELCA World Hunger program. Churches provide relief, development, education, and advocacy against malaria while building communities for sustainable life together in the future.

Working together in Christ's name, as individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied for sustaining life!



Of Disaster ...

ELCA Disaster Response helps to bring God's comfort, healing, and renewal to those affected by disasters. Your support through Team 2017 provides a sustainable source of funding to meet the needs of future disasters, here in America and throughout the world.

Through ELCA Disaster Response, our church is responding in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy and tornados in Oklahoma. Through our global church partnerships, we are providing basic needs such as food, water and shelter in the wake of earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts and flooding. We are working in close contact with synods, congregations and disaster response partners overseas and within the United States to meet the immediate needs of those affected by catastrophic disasters. And we will continue to help for as long as we are needed.



FDNY briefs responders on Sandy at LTSG