

Celebrate ELCA Malaria Campaign April 26, 2015

The ELCA set a 5-year goal of raising \$15 million and partnering with 13 African Lutheran Churches to develop a comprehensive plan to protect people from malaria. We are now in the ending months of the campaign which ends in 2015 and we are at 90% of the ELCA goal at \$13.5 million dollars.

Our synod, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) made up of 126 congregations, set a goal of \$300,000 and **we recently learned we surpassed our goal!!! Today we are celebrating that special news!!!** This malaria program has been GOOD NEWS for our brothers and sisters in partner Churches in Africa. Let's pray and celebrate with them today!

Let's Sing!

- Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)
- We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866)
- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

Let's Learn of ELCA Malaria Campaign! Show two excellent short videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNDmVwhz-34LjJ69ByRllqmQcyGc3Ykn>
- We recommend showing the 5 minute ELCA Malaria Campaign: We Can't Do It on Our Own (tells why we are doing campaign) then later in service or at Offering time show ELCA MC: Malawi (2.25 min) to celebrate progress.

Let's do a litany together for ELCA Malaria Campaign! (based upon Luke 4:38-40)

Compassionate and healing God, you rebuked the fever that afflicted Peter's mother-in-law and restored her to wholeness. We gather today to stand with our sisters and brothers in Africa who live with the constant threat of malaria.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We walk with them on the long, rutted road to the clinic.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We keep vigil at the bedside of children and pregnant women stricken by malaria.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We accompany the doctors, nurses and family members who care tirelessly for malaria patients.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We embrace the parents who grieve the loss of children to malaria, and we weep with those who have lost wives and mothers.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We despair with those who are burdened by poverty and the financial costs of malaria.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We pray for the success of researchers who discover methods of prevention and treatment and for village health care teams as they educate people about malaria.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

We wait in hope with our sisters and brothers for the day when malaria will be no more.

Use us, O Lord, to rebuke the fever.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and infect them with generosity and love for your people so that through our gifts and serving, lives might be changed as the fever of malaria is rebuked; in Jesus 'name.

Amen

(Litany and Prayers: Karen Nurmi, Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA)

Let's pray that these efforts will continue and all God's children are free of this disease!

The ELCA Malaria Campaign website has many resources.

- One of the best resources for educating people is a **PowerPoint presentation** with slide and script. Also some nice **coloring pages for children** at Sunday School. Also children sermons scripts.