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## MISSION GRANT STORY

### THE LUTHERAN MALARIA INITIATIVE KENYA, EAST AFRICA \$100,000

**Fact:** *Malaria is carried to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes.*

**Fact:** *Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease.*

**Fact:** *Nearly 500 million people a year are infected, and upwards of one million people die each year from this disease.*

**Fact:** *Pregnant women and children under the age of five (5) are most vulnerable to this disease.*

**Fact:** *One child dies every 45 seconds from malaria.*

**Fact:** *Malaria is the leading cause of death in Kenya, and only eight percent of children infected will receive appropriate treatment.*

**Fact:** *The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a collaborative effort of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to mobilize millions of Lutherans in the United States to join the battle against malaria.*

**Fact:** *This LWML grant will advocate for the availability of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medicines and other supplies at local health facilities.*

At this summer's convention in Peoria, Illinois, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted to support a \$100,000 mission grant for the work of the Kenyan Lutheran churches as they join with Kenya's national commitment to eradicate malaria. LCMS and LWR are working with Kenyan Lutheran church partners to mobilize communities, empower healthcare providers and medical facilities, and strengthen institutional capacity to contribute to the shared goal of ending malaria deaths. This work on malaria education will be integrated with the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Lutheran churches.

May God bless the efforts of the LWML to show His love to people, especially children and pregnant mothers in East Africa, who are in the most danger of contracting malaria through mosquito bites. Through their contact with Lutheran Churches in Kenya, may these families also receive the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus, the Great Healer of all our diseases.

Please support this grant with your prayers and mite offerings, so that by God's grace, malaria deaths can be contained in Kenya and throughout the globe by 2015.