AN UPDATE ON MORE THAN NETS

A recent evaluation of Virginia Baptists’ malaria prevention and church planting project with the Ghana Baptist Convention has brought encouraging news about our efforts. Records show that the number of malaria cases in the Adibo sub-district, a district that has been completely netted, has declined in the last year.

In a comparison of the 2013 and 2014 malaria seasons, there was a 42% decline in malaria cases. “As far as we can see at this time, there has been no other change to the Adibo sub-district over the previous 12 months other than the distribution of nets to the entire district,” said Dean Miller, team leader, Glocal Missions, Virginia Baptist Mission Board. “We have potentially saved 969 lives through our efforts. When we add over 400 baptisms to that number, we feel blessed to make such a Kingdom difference through this partnership.”

Villagers unpack nets from a truck to prepare for distribution. (left)
Jeffrey Buffkin, Baptist Collegiate Minister at the College of William & Mary, preaches to a village with the help of a local translator during a mission trip in May 2014. After distributing nets at this particular village, the group was also able to help the villagers plant a new church. (right)
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- **Baptisms:** 400
- **Teams Visiting:** 8 teams …with approximately 60 persons
  (two teams with approximately 12 people scheduled for Fall 2014)
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- **Sub-Districts Netted:** Adibo (complete)
  Bumbon (14 more communities until completion)
  Jimile (partially netted)
  Mion (partially netted)

**How You Can Participate**

More assistance is needed to net and reach additional districts. Churches are encouraged to participate through purchasing units that consist of:

- $6 = 1 mosquito net
- $2 = Education
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