

# World Malaria Day is Thursday, April 25.

More Than Nets is a program started with local leaders from the Ghana Baptist Convention with the goal of providing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets to the greater Yendi region of northern Ghana.



## So Far...

- **86,000** nets purchased and distributed
- **400** villages completely netted
- **Over 200,000** lives saved
- **43%** reduction of malaria incidents in these villages
- **Over 450** new congregations established
- **25,000** people have come to know Christ

## But It Isn't Over Yet!

- **14,000** more nets need to be purchased and distributed in 2019
- **45** more villages need to be netted
- **30,000** more people need to be protected by these nets
- **150** more churches need to be planted
- **THOUSANDS** more need to hear about Christ and be baptized (and this is just in one small area of Ghana)



## What You Can Do

- **\$100** per church is all we need (if each BGAV congregation contributed) to fulfill this goal
- **\$1** is all we need if each member attending on a Sunday morning contributed
- **5** more teams to go and assist our Ghanaian friends with distribution and church planting

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how malaria is affecting our world.*



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The World Health Organization shares this information regarding malaria:

## What Is Malaria?

Malaria is an illness caused by parasites. The parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. There are five parasite species that cause malaria in humans, and two of these species pose the greatest threat. If not treated within 24 hours, malaria can progress to severe illness, often leading to death.



- **219 million** estimated cases of malaria in 2017
- **435,000** deaths due to malaria in 2017
- **3 million** increase in malaria cases compared to 2016
- **87** countries affected

## Where Can Malaria Be Found?

Most malaria cases and deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa but East Asia, Eastern Mediterranean, Western Pacific, and the Americas are all susceptible.

- 3,000,000,000 people at risk of contracting malaria
- 90% of all malaria cases are in sub-Saharan Africa

## Who Is Subject to This Illness?

- Any person living or visiting these areas risks possible exposure.
- 5-year-old children and younger account for 70% of all deaths due to malaria
- Every 2 minutes a child dies from this illness

## Are There Any Treatments?

The spraying of insecticide reduces the mosquito population and there have been, and continue to be, trials for vaccines and other medications. But the best prevention still seems to be the use of chemically treated mosquito netting.

Anti-malarial drugs can be used for the temporary prevention of malaria but are not a solution for those living in affected regions.



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