



Malaria kills. Send a net. Save a life.

MALARIA – WHAT A BUZZKILL!

In the 30 seconds it will take you to read this insert, somewhere in Africa a child will die from malaria. Malaria is a disease that infects nearly 500 million people each year and kills more than 1 million of those who become infected. The good news is that malaria is preventable – and with your help, it can be stopped!

The people of The United Methodist Church have joined hands with the United Nations Foundation, the National Basketball Association's NBA Cares, Sports Illustrated and other organizations to support *Nothing But Nets*, a global grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria.

Malaria is a leading killer of children in Africa. It can be prevented through the use of insecticide-treated bed nets, which create a protective barrier against mosquitoes at night, when most transmission occurs. Just one bed net can keep an entire family safe from malaria transmission for up to four years!

A \$10 donation goes directly toward the purchase, distribution, and education about the proper use of an insecticide-treated bed net, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match each donation, net for net. That doesn't sound like much, right? Maybe the cost of a CD or a ticket to the movies? However, for most people in sub-Saharan Africa, who live on less than \$1 a day, bed nets are unaffordable.

The next time you have \$10 in your pocket, how will you use it?

Consider this:

- Every 30 seconds, a child dies in sub-Saharan Africa because of malaria.
- 9 out of 10 deaths caused by malaria occur in Africa.
- You can do something about it!