

# FROM YOUR CHURCH TO THE WORLD

## HOW THE CHURCH IS LIVING OUT THE FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

When Jesus asked his disciples to follow him, they didn't stop to say, "Wait, I need to check with my family ." "I need to paint my house." "I need to catch another net of fish." They simply dropped everything and followed him.

That's what God calls us to do, too—to forget our "priorities," ignore the distractions of the world and follow Jesus. In fact, we're striving to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Simply put, this means planting congregations, training leaders, inspiring young adults, recruiting missionaries, nurturing disciples, encouraging giving, communicating in new ways, addressing poverty and saving lives.

THROUGH THE WORLD SERVICE FUND, WE DO THAT.

# IT'S AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A UNITED METHODIST!



STAMPING OUT KILLER DISEASES OF  
POVERTY BY IMPROVING HEALTH GLOBALLY

At age 4, Wilson Marimi contracted malaria—the dreaded disease that causes excruciating headaches, severe diarrhea, high fevers and joint pain, and claims the life of a child every 30 seconds on the continent of Africa. By age 5, he would walk 20 miles to the nearest dispensary in Kenya to receive treatment.

Through treatment, Wilson is healthy and productive and is currently working on his Ph.D. degree.

“This disease can be prevented,” Wilson said. “With the gifts God has given us, with the love God has given us, we can make a small sacrifice to save one more life. It is something that goes eternally. It’s an eternal action. It is really a shame that in the 21st century, people are dying [from malaria]. There are ways they can be taught to overcome this killer disease.”

Not everyone who contracts the disease dies. The fortunate ones get adequate care in time to survive. Thus, The United Methodist Church supports the Global Health Initiative’s campaign Imagine No Malaria. Learn more about what the church is doing to improve health globally at [www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org).

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