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Goal: Eliminate malaria deaths in Africa

By LeRae Collins

Holston Conference is committed to saving 100,000 lives through Imagine No Malaria. \$10 saves a life! Imagine No Malaria is an United Methodist Church initiative to raise \$75 million to eliminate malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. Churches will accomplish this goal together with a comprehensive approach to fighting malaria that includes improving prevention, education, communication and treatment.

Here are creative ministry ideas for helping Holston meet its conference goal by June 2013:

- **State Street United Methodist Church** in Bristol, Va., will host a "Malaria is Scary" themed trunk or treat on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 5:30-8 p.m. Consider how your church might promote Imagine No Malaria through trunk or treat or fall festival events.
- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** Honor your pastor by saving a life and donating to Imagine No Malaria. What better gift than the gift of life to others!
- **Take a noisy offering.** Collect change in a bucket to donate to Imagine No Malaria.

For more information, contact LeRae Collins at (865) 293-4133 or leraecollins@holston.org. To donate, write a check to your local church with "INM #684" on the memo line. ■



John Amara tries to cool his son's fever with a makeshift fan at the UMC's Kissy Hospital outside Freetown, Sierra Leone. Henry Peter Amara, 16 months, is suffering from malaria. UMNS file photo by Mike DuBose

HOLSTON BRIEFS

Another opportunity to greet Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11, at State Street United Methodist Church in Bristol, Va. The welcome reception begins at 3 p.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. For more information, call State Street at (276) 669-2101 or Lori Sluder at (865) 690-4080.

An Early Response Team (ERT) Basic Class will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 3, at Ooltewah United Methodist Church, 6131 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN 37363. This course is a requirement for anyone wanting to be certified to participate in Holston Conference ERT responses to disasters. \$25 will be required for a background investigation. Registration closes Nov. 1. Please register with Ralph Brock at edwinb2756@bellsouth.net. For more information, call Holston Conference Connectional Ministries at (865) 690-4080.

Support United Methodist missions by visiting a web site every day during the month of October. "10-Fold" is an interactive global gathering that features United Methodist projects around the world supported by the General Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Each visitor can trigger a U.S. \$1 donation to the week's project, made by one of 10-Fold's sponsors. For more information, visit 10-Fold.org.

Johnson City members are invited to participate in Impact JC, an opportunity to "give back to the community" on Saturday, Oct. 27. Volunteers may register for one of several projects including home repair, light construction, painting, clean-up, food donations, and blood donations at locations such as Buffalo Mountain Camp and the Boys and Girls Club. For more information, contact Jenny Rutledge at (423) 946-9319 or ImpactJC2012@gmail.com. ■

8 Hispanic pastors attend appreciation event

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. -- When Rivers of Living Water United Methodist Church (*Rios de Agua Viva*) honored the Rev. Arturo Reyna on Oct. 6, the pastors of seven other congregations, trained by Reyna, came to celebrate and join in worship and dinner.

See the photos of the Saturday-night celebration on Holston's Facebook page (<http://facebook.holston.org>).

Pastors attending:

- **Arturo Reyna**, Rios de Agua Viva, Morristown, Tenn.
- **Iver Lopez**, Mt. Zion, Greeneville, Tenn.
- **Susana Lopez**, Ministerio del Espiritu Santo, Sevierville, Tenn.
- **Marvin Lopez**, Ministro de la Palabra de Dios, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- **Yolanda Miranda**, Manantial de Vida, Abingdon, Va.
- **Javier Hernandez**, Puerta del Cielo, Galax, Va.
- **Saul Barba**, First UMC, Hillsville, Va.
- **Sebastian and Araceli Ruiz**, First UMC, Pulaski, Va. ■



Eight Holston preachers pray during *Pastor Noche de Apreciación*. From left to right: Javier Hernandez, Sebastian Ruiz, Marvin Lopez, Arturo Reyna, Iver Lopez, Yolanda Miranda, Susana Lopez, and Saul Barba.

College hosts Tennessee Supreme Court, schools

ATHENS, Tenn. -- Tennessee Wesleyan College was host on Oct. 8 to 12 local public and private high schools who gathered at the college campus to participate in the Tennessee Supreme Court's SCALES program. Initiated in 1995, SCALES (Supreme Court Advancing Legal Education for Students) provides high school students with the opportunity to hear oral arguments in actual Supreme Court cases.

"This program lets us connect with students," said Chief Justice Gary Wade, who took his office two months ago. "SCALES is a firsthand demonstration of how this branch of the government works. This year's program had an outstanding turnout."

Conducted statewide at the request of local judges, Boys State, Girls State and members of the Bar, this year's SCALES program was the first the 10th Judicial District has hosted in ten years and was the largest in the program's history with over 1,100 students, teachers and administrators.

"Bradley County was the last to host SCALES in this district," said Chancellor Jerri Bryant, who helped organize this

year's event. "SCALES is such a wonderful opportunity for students to get an up-close view of how the judicial system operates. For students in rural areas, this program might be their only chance to see how the highest court functions."

More than 1,000 students from Bradley Central High, Cleveland High, Copper Basin High, Fairview Christian Academy, McMinn Central High, McMinn County High, Polk County High, Sequoyah High, Sweetwater High, Tellico Plains High, Tennessee Christian Preparatory and Walker Valley High took turns sitting in on three hearings in Townsend Memorial Hall.

In addition to the three SCALES Tennessee Supreme Court sessions that took place throughout the morning, students were also treated to a lunchtime presentation by Chief Justice Wade.

"We were thrilled to host this event here at Tennessee Wesleyan," said Dr. Scott Mashburn, TWC vice president of student life. "Providing the community with a venue for these types of educational events is a top priority for the college."

TWC is one of three United Methodist-affiliated colleges in Holston, along with Emory & Henry and Hiwassee. ■

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