

# Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.

A mother feeds her child in the pediatric ward at the Chicuque Rural Hospital in Mozambique, Africa. The hospital has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund and is taking the lead in establishing the church's response to AIDS, focusing on education, advocacy, home-based care and prevention.

## The global epidemic affects millions.

Around 40 million people have HIV/AIDS worldwide.

About 4 million people became newly infected in 2005.

About 3 million people lost their lives to AIDS in 2005.

Sub-Saharan Africa bears the largest burden of the AIDS epidemic.

## 25 years of AIDS

In June 1981, scientists in the United States reported the first evidence of a disease that would become known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or AIDS. Twenty five years later, the AIDS epidemic has spread to every corner of the world. Around 40 million people are today living with HIV and over 25 million have died of AIDS.

## United Methodists Respond Locally, Globally

Local churches can heed the call of Christ to bring health, hope and help to “the least of these.” They can be places of openness to persons touched by HIV/AIDS, provide care and support and education, advocate for increased AIDS funding, observe World AIDS Day on or around December 1, and give to projects that combat the epidemic.

The 2004 General Conference established The United Methodist Church Global AIDS Fund, with a goal of raising at least \$8 million by 2008. Funding supports education, prevention, care, and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and worldwide. Each annual conference keeps 25 percent of the offering for use in that conference for AIDS work, either locally or in global projects.

**“No effort is too small. We cannot afford to wait. We must act.”**

Dr. Cherian Thomas, M.D.,  
Executive Secretary, Health &  
Welfare, GBGM

## How to Give

You can help fight AIDS in Africa, the US and around the world by giving to UMCOR Advance #982345, United Methodist Global AIDS Fund. Write the Advance # & name on your offering envelope and in the memo line of the check.

- By Offering                      For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.
- By Check                         Make your check to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087
- By Credit Card                 Call toll-free (800) 554-8583



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