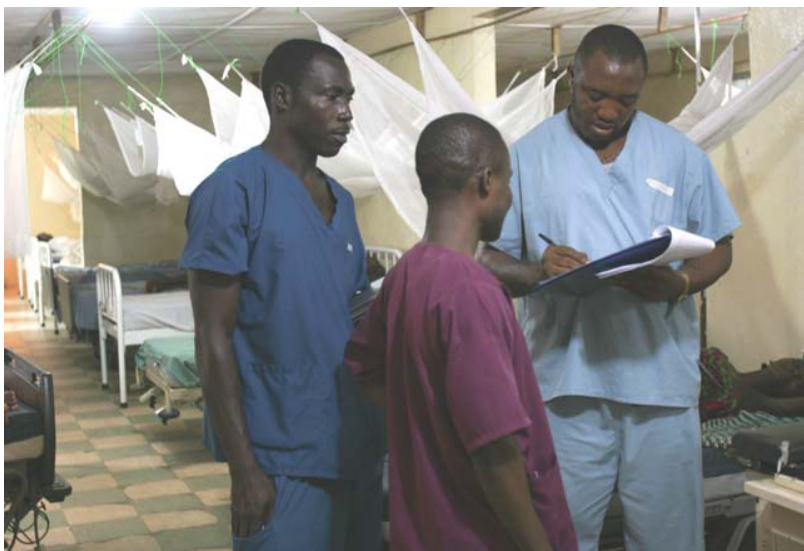


# World Malaria Day—April 25



**Ganta Hospital staff follow-up on patients suffering from malaria and other illnesses.**

*Karen A. Cheng, UMCOR Health Consultant*

Malaria kills a child every 30 seconds. Communities around Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Liberia are learning that this doesn't have to be the case. Malaria is preventable and treatable.

Ganta Hospital's Malaria Program dispels myths about malaria and equips communities with the knowledge and tools they need to combat this deadly and preventable disease.

Through the leadership efforts of Allen Zomonway, project manager for the Child Survival Project at Ganta Hospital, Zomonway and his team are proactively educating communities in the Ganta area about ways they can protect themselves from malaria.

## Equipping Communities With Information

This is being achieved through outreach programs, focus group discussions and informative workshops that are encouraging communities in and around Ganta to take action in the fight against malaria. Now equipped with basic malaria prevention knowledge, these communities recognize the value of the mosquito net and are learning how to use them properly.

## Grass Roots Prevention

If mosquito nets are not available, Zomonway and his team focus on the tools a community already has to prevent malaria. For example, Zomonway's team taught communities how to cut thick bush and elevated grass and to burn cano seeds from the local palm tree fruit to create smoke that acts as a natural mosquito repellent. They learned how to use nyanaleh, a sandpaper-type substance to make swatters and to close their windows by 6:00 p.m. to reduce mosquito populations indoors. They also learned how to clean out areas of stagnant water which are ideal breeding grounds for malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

These simple steps save lives.

Over time, the efforts paid off according to Zomonway, "People are clearly much more knowledgeable. They can even tell you that it's the female mosquito that causes all the trouble."



**Zomonway (right) works so that Liberia's next generation can be safe from malaria.**

*Karen A. Cheng,  
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