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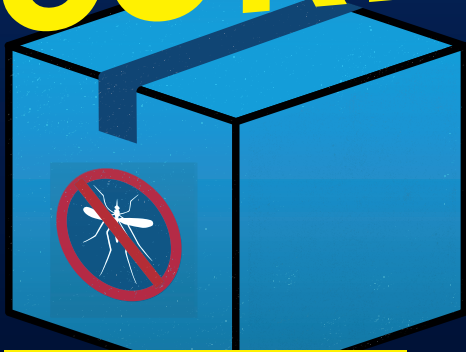
Imagine having to carry your ailing baby sibling on your back as you walk miles to a pop-up clinic. Merely a child yourself, you know that your sibling's fever and symptoms need to be treated soon. So, you gather your strength and walk toward hope. You walk toward life. You walk where you pray to find a cure.

Sadly, this scenario happens all over the world, every single day. **Malaria kills one child every two minutes**, and over 400,000 people die from malaria each year, most of which are children under the age of five. **This silent killer is completely treatable and preventable.**



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SEND THE CURE



Can we count on you to help us send the cure for malaria to thousands of individuals world-wide? With you on our side, we can save their lives.



In honor of World Malaria Day on April 25th, Blessings International is offering free antimalarial medicine during April and May to all teams traveling to malaria-infested areas.

For these two months, when a team orders antimalarial medicine, we cover the cost of the medicines so that teams like Church of the Resurrection, who went to Malawi, can bring the cure and save lives.

Mary Beth Wiggins from the Church of the Resurrection team recalls many malaria cases during her trip to Malawi, but one in particular stands out. As the clinic was shutting down and packing up on the last day of their trip, a frail mother showed up at their door, desperate for them to treat her two sons. Though one son was nineteen years old and stunted in growth, the mother had carried him for the three-hour journey. Both he and his younger brother were extremely ill. This family needed urgent help.

Using their very last malaria test, the team tested the youngest son positive for malaria. They then used that diagnosis to treat both boys with antimalarial medication since they had similar symptoms. Furthermore, they wrote a referral to the local hospital and doctor for a follow-up. What joy to be equipped to rescue families like this in their time of dire need, and to know that they received adequate follow-up care!

"Most of the children [we saw] suffered from malaria," recounts Mary Beth. "Oftentimes, the closest medical clinic is a lengthy walk for these sick children. Having...medication to treat malaria is truly a blessing."

"In my role at Blessings, I coordinate lots of orders that send the cure for malaria. When I go to Haiti this spring on a mission trip, I get to be the person who brings the cure. I can't wait!"



Heather Hall, Blessings International customer service representative.

FREE SHIPPING – SIX MONTH UPDATE

Free shipping is now the norm for Blessings. Six months ago, we started offering free shipping on all orders sent within the U.S. and all international orders over \$5,000. We've been able to bless 939 partners in this time, saving their teams an estimated average of \$75 per order.

We look forward to blessing many more teams in this way in the future!

BLESSINGS INTERNATIONAL + SOUTH CAROLINA

The Lord has made a way for us once more! After a long process to meet regulations, we are now approved to ship to South Carolina. Previously, the only way we could send prescription medicines into the state was if the receiving organization had an exemption.

HOW TO GIVE

YOUR GIFT OF \$50 WILL PROVIDE ANTI-MALARIAL MEDICINE TO TREAT 123 PATIENTS



GIVING BY MAIL

Use enclosed donation card and envelope



GIVING ONLINE

Click "Donate" at www.blessing.org



GIVING BY SECURE MOBILE APP

Text "NOMALARIA" to 41444

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