

ten thousand nets

denver's campaign to fight malaria.

WHAT IS MALARIA?

- Malaria is considered to be one of the oldest known diseases. There are 5,000-year-old Chinese medical texts that speak about malaria.
- It is believed that up to one-half of all humans who have ever lived were killed as a result of malaria.
- Malaria is a blood infection caused by a tiny parasite that is carried by mosquitoes that can, if untreated, cause death.
- Malaria is preventable, treatable, and curable.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY MALARIA?

- More than 40% of the world's population is at risk to contract malaria.
- More than 400 million cases of malaria occur worldwide each year.
- Pregnant women are at greater risk of contracting malaria.
- Those most likely to die from the disease are children under the age of 5.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF MALARIA?

- An estimated 1,000,000 people die each year from malaria.
- 90% of malaria deaths are in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 75% of those deaths are children.
- Malaria kills one child every 30 seconds, which means one child will die while as you read this document.
- On the continent of Africa alone over \$12,000,000,000 is spent every year on malaria.
- Because so much money is spent combating malaria many African nations experience only a slight rise in their annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) every year.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT MALARIA.

- The first step is awareness. Simply telling your friends, your family, and people in your circle of influence about the realities of malaria. Feel free to make copies of this fact sheet and hand it out to anyone you meet.
- As people become more aware of the problem of malaria, they need to learn about how they can be a part of the solution, so that malaria will continue to shrink back.
- You can give \$10 for an insecticide treated bed net. One bed net can last 3-5 years, which means for less than a penny per day, you can give someone a second chance.
- Your \$10 covers the making and distribution of the net and education on the ground for those who are receiving the nets.
- To learn more visit www.malarianomore.org and www.one.org