

Imagine No Malaria Co-Report June 19, 2014

I add my deep gratitude to all those persons Robin has acknowledged. In October 2012, 20 months ago, we set a **BHAG – a Big Hairy Audacious Goal** –of \$1.2 million for the RMC to give to the INM campaign of the UMC – that was \$20 a member for our conference

Here is what some of our congregations did in the past two years in practicing extravagant generosity for INM:

- **Howard UMC in Last Chance, Colorado**, has an average Sunday attendance of 22. They set a goal of \$680 - \$30+/member. They exceeded their goal by more than \$1,000 raising \$1,682.81.
- **Grace UMC in Cheyenne, Wyoming** has an average Sunday attendance of 88. They set a goal of \$1,000. They exceeded their goal by more than \$2,500 raising \$3,586.18, over \$40/attendeel
- **UMC of Steamboat Springs, Colorado** has an average Sunday attendance of 223. They set a goal of \$8,000. They exceeded their goal by almost \$6,000 raising \$13,967.15.
- **Limon UMC of Limon, Colorado** has an average Sunday attendance of 99. They set a goal of \$12,500. They exceeded their goal by more than \$6,000 raising \$18,761.70.
- **A child at a church in the Metro District** gave \$100 of her birthday gift money to the VBS offering for INM last summer – her \$100 gift inspired the congregation to give \$100,000 to INM!
- **Last year at Annual Conference** – you delegates and pastors gave or pledged almost \$50,000!
- **Bishop Elaine recently moved the campaign forward** by asking a family to make an extraordinary gift of \$500,000. This lifelong Methodist couple who tithed when they lived in a trailer in college said “**yes**” to the bishop’s invitation to give. Somebody say, “**Thank you, Jesus!**”

Well, our goal for the RMC for INM was \$20/member or \$1.2 million. We did not raise \$1.2 m – No, **we have commitments as of today of \$1,414,248!** **That will save 141,424 lives!** *Somebody say, “Hallelujah”!*

That’s the good news! Our team encourages every church to complete its commitment.

Here today to make a special report and presentation **is Rev. Larry Hollon**. He is the General Secretary of United Methodist Communications, based in Nashville, and also serves as publisher of United Methodist News Service. Please welcome Larry warmly!