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The Africa Appeal

Easter 2020 Special Appeal for Cameroon

Dear Supporters of the Africa Appeal,

You may recall that in our last Appeal letter which we sent out, there was the news the Bishop Alphonse Ndutive in Yaoundé had made a good recovery from an attack of malaria: of course, malaria is endemic in that part of Cameroon, with infections being common. This information is from the Government of British Columbia HealthlinkBC site: (https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/hw119119)

What is malaria?

Malaria is a serious disease that causes a fever and other flulike symptoms. You can get it from a bite by an infected mosquito. Malaria is rare in Canada and the United States. It is found in over 90 countries around the world, mainly in Africa, Asia, Oceania, and South and Central America. The risk of malaria is highest in parts of Oceania and in sub-Saharan Africa.

What causes malaria?

Malaria is caused by a bite from a mosquito infected with parasites. You cannot get malaria just by being near a person who has the disease.

What are the symptoms?

Most malaria infections cause a fever and flu-like symptoms, such as chills and muscle pain. Symptoms may come and go in cycles. Some types of malaria may cause more serious problems, such as damage to the heart, lungs, kidneys, or brain. These types can be deadly.

How is malaria diagnosed?

Your doctor will order blood tests to check for malaria.

How is it treated?

Medicines usually can treat the illness. But some malaria parasites may survive because they are in your liver or they are resistant to the medicine.

How is malaria prevented?

You may be able to prevent malaria by taking medicine before, during, and after travel to an area where malaria is present. But using medicine to prevent malaria doesn't always work. This is partly due to the

The Africa Appeal is an outreach project of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC) administered by the parishes of St. Columba of Iona and St. Bride of Kildare. Along with traditional Anglicans in the USA, Australia, and the UK, it supports churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon, South Sudan, Kenya and Rwanda. These fast-growing churches are members of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) - Original Province, a worldwide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Wilson Garang (South Sudan), Bishop Alphonse Ndutive (Cameroon), Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa (Kenya) and Father Shadrack Nivibizi

parasites being resistant to some medicines in some parts of the world. Using insect repellents and mosquito nets also help prevent malaria.

At the Appeal, we have become accustomed to having a periodic telephone call from the Bishop: it is very clear that he is suffering, just like the group of men whom I met at the same hospital in Yaoundé when I visited!

The World Health Organisation states:

- In 2018, there were an estimated 228 million cases of malaria worldwide.
- The estimated number of malaria deaths stood at 405 000 in 2018.
- Children aged under 5 years are the most vulnerable group affected by malaria; in 2018, they accounted for 67% (272 000) of all malaria deaths worldwide.
- The WHO African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. In 2018, the region was home to 93% of malaria cases and 94% of malaria deaths.
- https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/malaria

Note the information about children: where the mortality rate is severe: and malaria is one of the causes for this Appeal, as Bishop Alphonse's infant son has recently been admitted to the hospital suffering from an initial malaria attack. He has been given good, high quality care and treatment and is now starting his recovery, but, of course, there has been an unexpected cost to the family. For him, the cost, so far, is US\$600.

Whilst dealing with this major challenge to the family, there was more bad news: traffic accidents in Yoaundé are not uncommon, where unlicensed cars are seen on the roads, together with unlicensed motorbike taxis. Many cars would not be allowed on the roads of the 'west' but are still driven daily in many parts of Africa.

There is a cost: and the cost for the Bishop's family arrived when a runaway car, out of control, hit Fr. Alphonse's two other sons. They have also been admitted to hospital, where they are in recovery (Bishop Alphonse writes that his son, Tony was now hungrier, a good sign.) But once again, there is a cost: in this case US\$490.

Cameroon is, like so many places, in lock-down because of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is also exerting pressure on public finances, so that the Ministry of Health is watching closely to monitor that fees are paid promptly. Unfortunately, this is also putting pressure on the physicians, to ensure that fees are not held for future payment. The idea of paying with a credit card is simply not possible, and of course, many do not have the savings put by for these problems.

So, this Appeal is asking support for the Bishop and his family at this time when so many around the world are in distress, which makes the situation het more difficult. Please note the attached sheet for your donations

Thanks to you all for your generosity. We look forward to maintaining this work in the years to come with your continued assistance and support.

In Christ,

David+

(Father David R. Marriott, SSC)

P.S. Perhaps you have noticed that your Appeal letter is no longer coming into your inhox as an attachment to an email but rather as a link to the website of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada? Our distribution list had grown to the point where our email system could no longer reliably handle the volume and we have turned to Mailchimp to deliver our newsletter. Thanks to Father Robert Mansfield for setting this up. It promises to be much more efficient.

How to support these churches:

There are no deductions from moneys received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, South Sudan, Congo or Kenya. Any overheads are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

In Canada

The Parish of St. Bride



or

c/o 20895 Camwood Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2N9

Please make a note that the funds are for the Africa Appeal on the front of the cheque. Tax receipts will be issued by the parishes.

In the USA

The ACC Mission Fund, The Anglican Catholic Church, PO Box 5223, Athens, GA 30604

In Australia

Anglican Aid Abroad, PO Box 6134, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102

Or

A safe and inexpensive way of sending your gift is to make a deposit at any WESTPAC BRANCH to our Account at Morningside: MISSIONARIES OF ST ANDREW – ANGLICAN AID ABROAD 034 058 58 0656 - or use the INTERNET.

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In the UK

Cheques should be made payable to "Anglican Catholic Church - Diocese of the United Kingdom" and marked on the back: "Missions – Cameroon, Congo or S. Sudan" as appropriate and sent to: Diocesan Treasurer, ACC Diocesan Office, St Nicholas House, 42-48 High Street, Lydd, Kent TN29 9AN