

## **An Alternative to the traditional way of Christmas gift giving**

I recently listened to a piece on NPR Radio about the use of treated bed nets and the effect these nets were having on the prevention and eradication of malaria. It was reported that the infection of malaria was reduced by 90% when the treated nets were used.

I wish to offer an alternative to the traditional way of Christmas gift giving which only adds to consumerism and having stuff that only accumulates and may not even be appreciated by the person receiving the gift.

For a gift given in the name of one of your loved ones or friends to Episcopal Relief and Development in the amount of \$12.00, a treated mosquito net can be purchase and presented to a child somewhere in Africa or elsewhere in the world. You will have contributed to having an impact of possibly saving the life of a child receiving that mosquito net. For a gift of \$300 you can help 25 families and for \$600 a whole village in the prevention and eradication of malaria.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful impact this would have when you tell your child or grandchild through the gift given by you to them; they are contributing to the protection and possible eradication of malaria which is the number one killer of children in the world, and the bearer of your gift are responsible for possibly saving the life of a child somewhere on our planet.

You can make your gift on line by going to [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) clicking on "Gifts for Life Catalog", then Preventable Diseases, then Mosquito Nets & Training, making your selection and adding to the cart. Follow the instructions and you have made your gift in the name of the person(s) that you are giving a gift. What a wonderful and painless way to shop for Christmas and you will be encouraging and educating the receiver(s) of your gift about the true meaning of Christmas.

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