

## Engaging Activities for the Congregation and Community

### FOOD DRIVEN ACTIVITIES:

#### ***Lemon-AID Stand***

Children from Oak Hill UMC set up a “lemon-AID” stand and sold lemonade at church. They were so successful that they traveled to other local churches of different denominations with their stand!

#### ***Dinner and a Movie Night***

Asbury UMC developed a movie night and potluck dinner where attendees could donate the average cost of a night out to INM.

#### ***Working with a Restaurant***

Rochester UMC worked with Cheeburger Cheeburger to have 15% of one night’s sales donated to INM.

#### ***Dessert Party***

St. John’s UMC (Austin, Texas) hosted a dessert night at the church, combined with entertainment.

#### ***Chili Dinner***

St. Luke’s UMC (Corpus Christi, Texas) hosted a chili dinner where participants had the opportunity to hit a piñata entitled malaria and literally “knock out malaria”!

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

#### ***INM Skeeter Shoot***

Bridgeport UMC organized a skeet shoot for area sportsmen with proceeds to benefit INM.

#### ***Whack a Mosquito/Bug Smasher***

Brackettville UMC decorated an old VW Bug to look like a mosquito and charged people \$10 per whack to hit it with a sledgehammer.

#### ***Golf Tournament***

Churches in the Kerrville District set up a golf tournament at a local course with proceeds going to INM.

#### ***Sleep Out to Stamp Out Malaria***

Brownsville UMC hosted a sleep out under mosquito nets on their lawn to raise awareness of malaria.

#### ***INM 5 K Run***

St. John’s UMC (Rio Grande City, TX) worked with the city to host a 5 K Run in support of INM.

#### ***Weed Out Malaria***

St. Luke’s youth initiated a community service project to pull weeds in their town, and they got a pledge donation for each weed they pulled.

**MUSIC BASED ACTIVITIES:*****U2 Charist***

St. Mark UMC hosted a U2 Charist, which is a high liturgy worship service set to the music of U2 culminating with participation in Holy Communion.

***Make a Difference Music Festival***

Bee Creek UMC worked with a local restaurant and local musicians to organize a music festival that encouraged supporting and building awareness of INM.

**SPORTS ACTIVITIES:*****Basketball Tournament***

The young adults of Parker Lane UMC organized a basketball tournament complete with a professional DJ and a motivating announcer to build awareness of INM.

***Sports Connections***

Churches from the McAllen and Southern District partnered with the Rio Grande Valley Vipers (D-League) basketball team to raise awareness of malaria. For one game of the season, \$5 from every \$10 ticket purchased by the UMC went to Imagine No Malaria.

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IDEAS:*****Gifts and Talents***

Westlake UMC made a \$10 donation to INM in honor of each member who turned in a "Gifts and Talents" form at their mission fair.

***Mosquito Skits***

The youth at Wright's UMC and Edwards Chapel UMC created a one-act play about malaria and UMCOR's work in Africa to eliminate this disease as a source of death. *(To download the script and costume designs for this play visit [www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org).)*

***Health Fair***

Pharr UMC set up a booth to raise awareness for INM during a monthly health fair, when the focus was on maternal and child health.

***Thrift Store***

El Buen Pastor UMC decided to raise awareness and funds for INM using their thrift store.

***Change for Change***

Westlake UMC gave the children Chinese food takeout boxes and had them fill the boxes with change. This allowed the children to save lives and be fully involved in the ministry.