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## This little boy

is alive because of Imagine No Malaria and our comprehensive effort to save lives.

He was admitted to the Health Center of Kananga II on April 4, 2013 with a case of severe malaria and anemia.

Our work has helped to fund a project in six different health facilities in the Central Congo Episcopal Area, including this health center. There, he received a blood transfusion to correct the anemia and then drug treatments to combat the malaria itself.

For a poor family, the cost of that intervention is too great to bear, but Imagine No Malaria is working to fund precisely these kinds of treatments to save lives.

The father of this child arrived with tears streaming down his face because of the pain his child was experiencing. They had walked 25 km (over 15 miles) to get to this health facility and find treatment. Those tears turned into smiles with the full recovery of his son.

The father offered a profound testimony of gratitude both for the staff of the health center and the leaders of UMCOR/Imagine No Malaria.

This family never would have known about the treatment options available if it were not for the effective communications that are a part of our Imagine No Malaria efforts. Remote areas of the Kasai Annual Conference and the country are benefiting from information about prevention and how to access treatment thanks to the United Methodist Church.

The details of this story are from the Imagine No Malaria End of Project Report – July 2013, from the team in Central Congo.