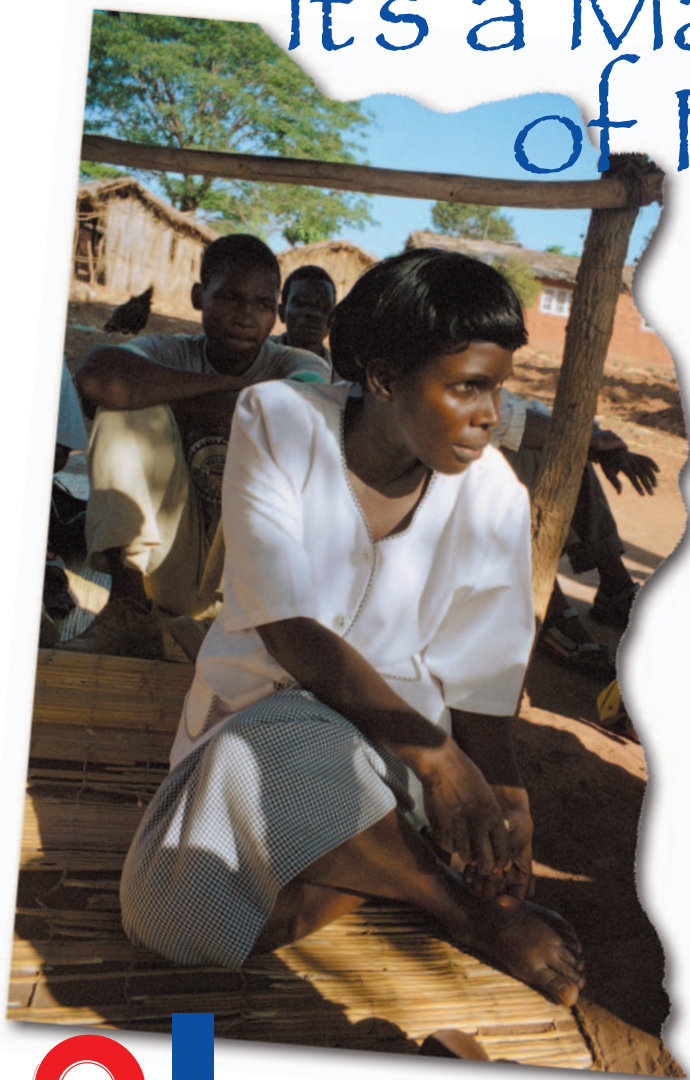


AIDS in Africa

It's a Matter of Faith



Responding to AIDS Worldwide

Charity Nyirenda coordinates the AIDS home-based care and orphan programs for Presbyterians in northern Malawi.

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The AIDS pandemic in Africa is a cause for despair. But for our African church partners it is also a matter of faith and a call to action. Thousands of home-based care volunteers from African congregations visit AIDS patients each week.

They cook meals, apply ointments, administer pain medications, gather firewood, and clean houses. Through their actions, conversations and prayers they bear witness to the hope of Jesus Christ. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) helps home-based care volunteers by providing vital funds for supplies and training. For them—and for us—*It's a Matter of Faith.*

A Generation at Risk

- Life expectancy has dropped below 40 years in nine African countries.
- Approximately 25 million people in sub-Saharan Africa are living with HIV/AIDS.
- Sub-Saharan Africa contains just over 10 percent of the world's population, but is home to 60 percent of all people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Three-quarters of all women with HIV/AIDS worldwide live in the region.
- HIV/AIDS has created more than 12 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa and that number is expected to grow to 18 million by 2010.



Statistical source: UNAIDS

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