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Hello everyone,

I am sending along the results of the baseline survey of knowledge of malaria in Mifumi village. The survey was carried out by medical students in a brief residency last November.

As I write, the lead team of medical students is spending volunteer time in Mifumi, working in the health center and implementing an "information intervention." The latter comprises the MedlinePlus African tutorial on malaria in a variety of formats - booklet, poster, audio, and electronic. The nurse sister, community workers, and medical students are working together on distribution and education. The next step will be to see if the intervention has had any effect on behavior change and reduction in morbidity and mortality from malaria.

We hope that Mifumi village will be able to qualify as an official site for the COBES program. The energy around Mifumi presents a wonderful opportunity to carry out health interventions which take into account the beliefs and behavior of real people in a village setting. We trust this project can be one in which the community feels ownership and in which their participation, thoughts and ideas are welcome and critical to the research.

The rest of the interdisciplinary Ugandan team will be joining their colleagues in Mifumi this week. There is still room in the van for anyone who would like travel with us Thursday - Saturday. We will leave my flat on the main campus at 8:00 a.m.

This effort is a collaboration of the Mifumi Project, the COBES Program of the Faculty of Medicine, MU-Walter Reed, and the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

We're all looking forward to the work ahead and are thankful to the Ugandan and U.S. teams for their devotion and commitment thus far.

All best,

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