African Durability - Over Easter, we attended a Christian camp in the woods

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Over Easter we attended a Christian camp in the woods with about 40 Christians. Their spirit was wonderful. It was a difficult night though, for "delicate," "fragile" sisters sleeping on the cement outside swarming with mosquitoes, among the noise of humming voices and crying babies. We felt rather foolish when observing several mothers with children easily sleeping in such conditions with hardly even a sheet to cover themselves, yet snoring like a kitten.

I think often we in the western world, especially with all its conveniences, tend to overlook the real strength and endurance of the less fortunate. Maybe they don't always receive recognition or merit but they possess a truly admirable quality, one that, in their condition of existence, they couldn't live without - that of durability, a quality America and her people will be tested on greatly in the coming years. And yet unfortunately, it's something one must experience in order to understand -- I pray America can survive her years in learning it.