

# Giving Light, Love, Life...

When you give a solar oven as an alternative gift, you partner with Solar Oven Partners UMC. We utilize the *light* of God's sun to share the *love* of God with people in need. You, along with your gift recipient, become part of a ministry to provide the *life*-giving ability for an impoverished family to cook nutritious food sustainably, without the high cost and health risks of charcoal, wood or gas.

## A Solar Oven will:

- **Increase food and water security for impoverished families.**

With a solar oven, money spent on cooking fuel can now buy more food. Solar ovens cook meats, rice, vegetables, and can bake bread—not possible cooking over fires. Solar ovens can pasteurize water, killing dangerous microbes that cause life-threatening illness, especially in children.

- **Replace smoky fires with healthy/safe solar cooking.**

When they cook with wood and charcoal, women and their young children suffer burns, respiratory and eye diseases. Solar ovens are simply safer!

- **Provide a solution to environmental devastation.**

When people cook with wood and charcoal, the demand on forests is unsustainable and results in erosion, landslides and flooding. Using solar ovens can help stem this practice.

In its nearly 17-year history, SOP this December celebrates the distribution of its 10,000th solar oven for use by poor families!

Carefully managing resources, SOP strives to place as many ovens as possible, living in faith that partners like you will provide for meaningful growth and the gift of light, love and life.

**This year, give a gift that truly matters!**  
**Give a solar oven.**

For more information about Solar Oven Partners UMC go to [solarovenpartnersumc.org](http://solarovenpartnersumc.org)

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**Give a**  
**solar oven!**  
*Make a choice to give*  
*life-giving gifts this season.*

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