

Light of LIFE

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SOLAR UNDER THE SUN MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE WATT AT A TIME

God's little light bulb

More than two billion human beings today live without either an ample source of clean water or any kind of electricity for light and power except kerosene, which consumes up to 40 percent of their annual incomes. Thousands die annually as a result of contaminated drinking water and kerosene fires.

These are harsh realities in today's world, where simple, inexpensive solar solutions can easily extend daily living for productive pursuits such as solar-powered pump and water treatment stations, residential lighting, schools, job creation and leisure activities after the sun goes down. For millions upon millions of people, life essentially ends when night falls. The surprising fact, however, is that our sun provides enough energy in a single day, if harnessed, to supply light and energy to meet the power needs of every man, woman and child on this planet, including the energy necessary to power factories, homes and worldwide commerce.

For one small donation to Solar Under the Sun you can make huge differences in the lives of up to 2,000 people in a remote village in Haiti or Kenya.

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Farewell from Synod of the Sun Executive

It is time for me say farewell. On July 31, I completed 13½ years of service as executive for the Synod of the Sun, and this ends my work with Solar Under the Sun (SUTS). Helping to bring this ministry into a reality has been the most rewarding part of my last three years of service. To move from a conversation of five persons to our first solar/water installation in less than a year was remarkable. We are deeply indebted to Wil Howie and our friends at Living Waters for the World for all their organizational help. What I want most to say is a huge thank you to each of you who has worked to make SUTS possible. You worked behind the scene writing

manuals, job descriptions, and curriculum. You taught and teach at Solar School. You have attended Solar School, and many have participated in installations. You have given not only time, but your money as well. Your financial support is vital to keep this ministry going. And, you have prayed for this ministry, and those prayers are being answered in amazing ways. You also have helped spread the word about SUTS. Still, Solar School participants say they learned about SUTS primarily by word of mouth. Keep up this good work.

I will keep up with you through this newsletter, and I will keep you and

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You can light a school or orphanage, provide clean water, light a home, start a small business (such as charging cell phones in undeveloped areas). It's amazing what can happen when many people each do just a little. A single solar panel can power up to six light bulbs. You can make hundreds of lives better when you become a Light for Life partner individually or through your Sunday School class or church with a monthly gift.

Additionally, you can

either personally attend or sponsor someone at a solar school in Arkansas, where volunteers are taught how to install solar projects in undeveloped countries and teach natives there to operate and maintain solar stations. You may even want to go on a future mission trip yourself.

Learn more by visiting solar-underthesun.org. You can offer hope, health and life to people living in darkness.

Jack Mosley

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this ministry in my prayers. As you share God's gift of solar power, you fulfill God's charge to all of us to "take care of the garden." You help people have fuller, more meaningful lives. I think God surely smiles on you good solar people and your work.

I leave you in the good hands of Chris McRae, Director of SUTS,

Ashley Broadhurst, our new Administrator, and the capable SUTS Development and Awareness Committee. You will be in my thoughts and prayers to come for a very long time. May God continue to bless your efforts and this ministry. Much love.

*Judy R. Fletcher:
Former Synod of the Sun Executive*

Share God's gift of Solar Power

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. -Psalm 113:3

I want to support Solar Under the Sun, and be a partner in bringing solar energy to people in need.

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or send by email to: contact@solarunderthesun.org
For more information: solarunderthesun.org or 866-381-7075*



Spread the Word

What is the picture above? If you have a smart phone, you can scan this "code" and it will automatically take you to our website. We will begin putting this code on many of our printed materials to make it even easier to access information about Solar Under The Sun.

In the last month, we have burst on to the social media scene! Are you following us?

- Twitter – @solarundersun
- Facebook – "Like" our page!
- Website –
www.solarunderthesun.org
- Blog –
solarundersun.blogspot.com

SUTS Blurbs



◀ Ashley Broadhurst & Mark Tew, Solar School Instructors

Welcome to our new SUTS Administrator, Ashley Broadhurst! We are very excited to add her leadership and experience to our ministry.

Solar School Sessions and Registration:

September 15-18, 2011, May 17-20, 2012, September 13-16, 2012
Held at: Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center, Near Little Rock, AR
Register online at:
solarunderthesun.org

Shopping for Christmas presents? Instead of a tie or a coffee mug, why not give the gift of solar power? Visit our "Alternative Gift Giving" page on our website for more information!

KARIBU KENYA!

Swahili for Welcome to Kenya!

EDITOR'S NOTE: As Solar Under the Sun prepares to extend its ministry to Kenya, Njoki Mwarumba introduces us to the land of her birth. Today, she lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, and is active in efforts to raise living standards in Kenya.

Kenya warmly welcomes Solar Under The Sun. This East African country sits on the equator and is home to extraordinary landmarks such as The Great Rift Valley, renowned phenomenon such as the annual Wildebeest migration, and world class athletes. The country is made up of a rich ethnic diversity adding up to a population estimated at 41 million.

As a developing country, the nation faces multiple challenges typical of the sub-Saharan region. These include low life expectancy, over 50% poverty rate, and high death rates from disease. In 2007-08 post-election violence jarred the otherwise peaceful country, resulting in tremendous loss of life and hundreds of thousands internally displaced from the bitter violence. Kenya depends heavily on hydroelectric power for the provision of electricity. The current system is mired by

intermittent and unreliable supply where it is available. The cost of power is prohibitive for many, especially the over 50% living at or below the poverty line. It is within this brief context that Solar Under The Sun initiated its first Kenya outreach, spear-headed by Oklahoma's Synod of the Sun, Cimarron Task Force Presbytery. Eunice Menja, and I, both Kenyans living in Oklahoma and graduates of Solar School, joined with a Living Waters for the World team on this first trip. LWW has existing partnerships in Kenya, and SUTS evaluation was to determine the possibility for a joint LWW/SUTS project.

The team visited Presbyterian Churches of East Africa (PCEA) sites in Nyeri, Juja, Njoro and Nakuru. The sites included the Tumaini Children's Homes, Milele Resort, among other PCEA church projects. Additional non-church sponsored project sites were also visited for partnership consideration in Juja, where the Mirimaini Primary School sits in a high need location in Juja and power is desperately needed to support vocational training and special education needs.

In keeping with the Kenyan spirit of "Harambee" where communities come



together to achieve specific goals, Solar Under The Sun and our new Kenyan partners have adopted the Juja Township PCEA Church as the first solar installation site. Juja Township PCEA Church is home to a community school and multiple community projects. These projects include adolescent mentoring programs, basic counseling skill training, justice peace and reconciliation, women and young mother training, and the Board of Social Responsibility that handles provision of basic needs such as food clothing and finances to needy families.

Fundraising efforts are already underway for the first project. Financial support can be made by checks to Solar-Kenya Project, *FPC-Stillwater*, and 524 South Duncan Street, Stillwater, OK 74074-4045. Please also join us in prayer, that the partnerships may draw us all ever closer the real Source of light.

*Moderator PCEA Church Kenya
- Moderator Wephekulu
LWW Team - Mr. & Mrs Price,
Mr. & Mrs. Deason
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