

Solar ovens offer...



An alternative to smoky wood and charcoal fires

Cooking over smoky wood or charcoal fires every day leads to lung disease, eye irritation and burns, not just for the men and women that cook but also for their children. Solar ovens are smoke-free and safer for the entire family.



Solutions to environmental devastation

Solar ovens cook food using the heat of the sun, a method that needs neither charcoal nor wood. This infinitely renewable source of cooking fuel can help prevent deforestation in the developing world. When forests are cut for wood and charcoal, the resulting erosion, landslides and flooding destroys watersheds and threatens the health of those who live there. Preventing the destruction of the forests by using solar cooking saves both lives and ecosystems.



Safer, more plentiful food and water

In the developing world, safe water is scarce. Even tap water can harbor dangerous pathogens. And balancing the cost of nutritious food with the expense of cooking fuel can be difficult. By using the sun's heat to cook meals and pasteurize water, more money can be used to buy food and help ensure safe water.



Empowering families through solar cooking and water pasteurization

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*God's sunshine,
our hands -
together, joyfully!*

Together - building!

We need you at our workshops!

Bring a team for hands-on work building solar oven components.

Raymond, SD, Workshop: Prepare oven parts for shipment, make bread pans.

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Rapid City, SD, Workshop: Manufacture solar oven reflectors.

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Montrose, SD, Workshop: Trace, cut and wrap oven insulation.

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Serve as a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UM-VIM). Travel with us to build, distribute and teach about solar ovens on site. Work beside our local partners, build relationship and see first-hand the benefits of safe, reliable cooking and water pasteurization. A VIM team trip offers a chance to understand both hardship and promise in the developing world.

Since the founding of Solar Oven Partners in 2000, hundreds of volunteers have distributed thousands of ovens. We have worked to meet a growing demand. In November of 2005, we received UMCOR Advance status so that donors and volunteers across and beyond the United Methodist Church may partner with us.

Together - changing lives, including yours!



Ardell and Gordy Graner
United Methodist missionaries
serving in the Dominican Republic

"The opportunity to experience the gospel - the nearness of the kingdom of God - through practical service, relatively rich and poor working side-by-side, breaking bread together, caring for God's creation while loving our neighbors provides a source of joy, hope and fulfillment."
Marj Evans-de-Carpio,
SOP Director

"Many causes of poverty in the Dominican Republic are evident even to the first-time visitor. Witnessing the lack of resources to purchase fuel for cooking meals - even as you are sweating in the tropical sun - it just screams for solar energy."
Rick Jost,
SOP Founder

"The steam in the oven bakes it for you. All the flavor stays inside...My husband says as far as he's concerned, there's no food better than this. I recommend for many people with diabetes that this oven is the best, because the food is healthy, it doesn't contain fat and it's the best for cholesterol for the diabetic person. This is an opportunity that God gave us, and we must be smart and take advantage of it."
Minorca, Dominican Republic
Oven Recipient



"Distributing solar ovens through the church, in the name of Christ, is a concrete example of God's love reaching out in response to the cries of the poor. It is Good News plain and simple. ...The solar oven is a blessing in and of itself, but deeper still it offers an opportunity to get to know and love our neighbors. They are waiting for us and we cannot wait to meet them."
Gordy & Ardell Graner, missionaries in the Dominican Republic

Joyfully giving!

What will your gift buy?

- \$50 - Shipping and cooking seminar
- \$100 - Materials for one oven
- \$150 - Complete solar oven package
- \$600 - Four complete oven packages
- \$1000 - plus - Impact a neighborhood!

Give once or every month! Either enclose a check, payable to Solar Oven Partners, with this form and mail it in or set up a monthly donation.

- Enclosed is my check payable to Solar Oven Partners.
- I will set up a direct deposit to Solar Oven Partners: \$_____ per month using enclosed Electronic Authorization Form.

- I will make a monthly pledge: \$_____ asking my church treasurer to submit my contribution through **UMCOR Advance #418812 or to Dakotas Advance #637.**

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