

YOUR HANDS, PRAYERS AND GIFTS ARE NEEDED NOW!



Offer solar solutions for environmental devastation by the charcoal industry.

The developing world is fast losing its forest cover—erosion, landslides, and catastrophic lowland flooding result. In the Dominican Republic along its border with Haiti, forests are

cut to make charcoal and the coal smuggled across the border for cooking. This destroys watersheds, is a health menace, and pollutes the air.



Replace smoky wood & charcoal fires with healthy and safe solar cooking.

Smoke from cooking fires is like a cigarette habit. Women cooking over fires and young children helping with chores nearby suffer burns, lung diseases and eye irritation.



Increase food and water security for impoverished families.

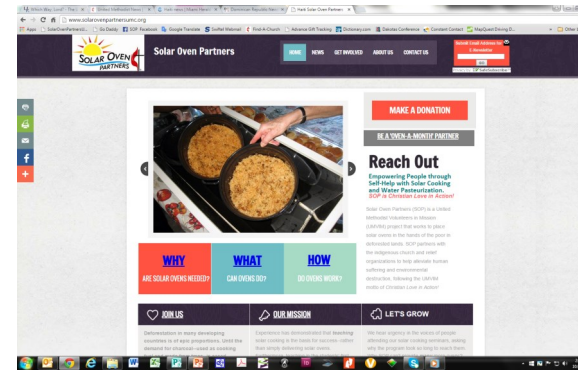
Money previously spent for cooking fuel can now buy more nutritious food. Anything can be cooked in a solar oven, including meats, rice, pasta, and vegetables. Solar ovens bake bread—not possible over fires.

Few households have access to potable water. Even most piped water contains dangerous microbes that cause life-threatening illnesses. Solar ovens pasteurize water safely.

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH



SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS



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OUR HANDS
TOGETHER —
JOYFULLY!**



**EMPOWERING
FAMILIES THROUGH
SOLAR COOKING
AND WATER
PASTEURIZATION**

OUR HANDS— TOGETHER

- **Arrange a date.** Then recruit a team for hands-on preparation of oven components at our workshops.

Raymond, SD Workshop: Prepare/package solar oven parts for sea container shipment, manufacture bread pans.

Contact: Gene Bethke, Shop Manager
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Zeeland, ND Workshop: Manufacture solar oven reflectors.

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- **Join an UVMIM team.** Encourage your church to send volunteers. They will see the effects of deforestation and observe how families struggle to get potable water and to cook safely. Working with our local partners, they will have a life-changing adventure.

Since year 2000, hundreds of volunteers have distributed thousands of solar ovens—always extending the goal of reaching more and more families with training and a solar oven. We received UMCOR Advance status in November 2005 and continue to partner with those who work together to achieve positive, sustainable change in the lives of impoverished people!

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SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS CHANGE LIVES—INCLUDING YOURS!

Summer, 2017 Volunteer in Mission Team with Dominican Partners



“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



“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 DR



OUR PURPOSE: PROVIDE STRUCTURED CLASSROOM AND HANDS-ON FIELD TRAINING TO SHARE THE BLESSINGS OF SOLAR COOKING, BAKING, AND WATER PASTEURIZATION WITH AS MANY IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE—ONE OVEN AND ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.

OUR GIFTS—TOGETHER

What will your gift buy?

- \$50 Shipping and cooking seminar
- \$100 Materials & component manufacturing
- \$150 Complete solar oven package
- \$600 Four complete packages
- \$1000 or more—Impact a neighborhood!

☐ 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**.

☐ Contributions can also be made **online** with the MAKE A DONATION button at www.solarovenpartnersumc.org

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to Solar Oven Partners.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

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