# Give a Gift that Truly Matters!

Giving just the right gift makes the giver *and* the recipient feel good. When you take the time to find the gift that matters—rather than one that collects dust on a shelf—it means you value that relationship.

Giving a solar oven to a family in desperate need can be that gift.

Give an alternative gift of a solar oven through Solar Oven Partners UMC and your gift will keep on giving.

#### 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 and 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.

Women and their young children cooking with wood and charcoal suffer burns, respiratory and eye diseases. Solar ovens are simply safer!

• Provide a solution to environmental devastation.

When cooking 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 16-year history, SOP has shipped over 11,000 solar ovens for use by poor families.

The need is urgent and demand for ovens intense. Carefully managing resources, SOP strives to place as many ovens as possible, living in faith that partners like you will provide for meaningful growth!

Gift-giving can be simple, yet profound. Look inside for Alternative Gift options.

For more information about Solar Oven Partners UMC go to solarovenpartnersumc.org

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...other gifts change lives!

# The Gift that Keeps on Giving



Solar Oven Partners UMC offers various levels of gifting. No matter which level you select, know that you are partnering to provide opportunity, hope, and empowerment to grateful recipients.

# **Options for Gifting**

#### **Option #1: \$50** Shipping and Training

Covers the cost of shipping a solar oven from the U.S. to the Dominican Republic, plus food for demonstrations and training in the use of the oven provided to each recipient.



#### Option #2: \$100

#### Component Parts of Solar Oven

Covers the cost of the component parts and

manufacturing necessary to build each solar oven. Powered by volunteers, labor costs for manufacturing are rock bottom!



#### **Option #3: \$150**

#### Complete Solar Oven Package

Put an oven and accessories into the hands of a Dominican family. Your gift includes shipping from the U.S. to the Dominican Republic and the training needed to understand the benefits

of solar cooking and how to use the oven effectively. Each recipient also pays 10% of the actual cost—to implement the program and build a sense of



investment and ownership.

#### Option #4: \$1,000

#### Impact a Neighborhood

Solar Oven Partners takes ovens and training to locations where we have been invited and welcomed by church and community leaders. To magnify your impact, consider multiplying your assistance to a community, demonstrating a real opportunity to help break the cycle of

poverty. Pay it forward with a gift that provides a foothold for the next generation!



Direct questions to Rick Jost at 605-692-3391 solarovenpartnersumc.org

## My Alternative Gift

† Enclosed is my gift for \$\_ empower impoverished families thru SOP.

What will your gift buy?:

- ☐ #1. \$50—Shipping and Training
- ☐ #2. \$100—Materials and Components
- ☐ #3. \$150—Complete Solar Oven Package
- ☐ #4. \$1,000—Impact a Neighborhood!

#### Your Directions to Solar Oven Partners

Please send a card to the following, informing them of the gift given in their honor or of the memorial remembering a loved one:

Notify this person of the Alternative Gift...

| Name:           | <br> | <br> |
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| Address:        | <br> | <br> |
| City/State/Zip: | <br> | <br> |

#### Notify this person of the Memorial Gift...

| Name:           |  |
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| Address:        |  |
| City/State/Zip: |  |
| In Memory of:   |  |

#### Gift or Memorial Given By...

| Name:           |  |
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| Address:        |  |
| City/State/Zip: |  |
| Email:          |  |

Please send this form with your check, credit card transaction, or withdrawal authorization to:

> Solar Oven Partners UMC 928 4th Street, Ste 2 Brookings, SD 57006-2172

## **Convenient Options**

- † Mail your check to address at bottom left.
- † Give online with a credit card ...just click "Make a Donation" at solarovenpartnersumc.org
- † Fill out and mail authorization form below to address at bottom left (we will forward to Finance Office) for automatic withdrawals.

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