

## Solar Powered Lantern by Alice Chun

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16, NIV).*

Dear Saints of the Northwest Ohio Association.

I would like to introduce to you, Alice Chun. She is the creator and inventor of a collapsable, solar powered lantern that is truly taking the light of Christ to the world both in word and in deed. She is witnessing to the light and proclaiming the light around the world, personally taking her lanterns to disaster and war zones beginning with the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. Thousands have glorified God because in a time of need, light came into their darkness.

Here is a link to Alice’s story: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=S\\_V8c34EJOU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_V8c34EJOU)

And here is the link to her web site (please watch the video links, especially the Good Morning America one which was filmed when she gave lanterns to the wounded children in the children’s hospital in Ukraine: [www.solight-design.com](http://www.solight-design.com) .

The pictures show Alice at a refugee camp in Turkey following the earthquake a year ago, lanterns lighting up lives in Uganda (where they were used one night to find a little boy who had wandered away from the village), and children in a hospital in Ukraine who had been wounded by war and where there were not lights in the hospital at night because of the Russian forces cutting the power.



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With the help of Confirmands and church members from Spencerville UCC and VBS children and church members from St. Paul’s UCC in St. Mary’s, 200 lanterns were sponsored for the children in the Ukrainian children’s hospital. These solar lanterns change colors where it has been found that the blue and purple settings actually help to reduce the effects of PTSD, calming the children down at night more quickly than ever with the

soft light the lanterns give off.

I have assisted in delivering hundreds of the solar lanterns to Christian missions in Burundi, Africa, and into the mountain regions of Haiti. It was found in Burundi where the lanterns were given to school children, that their grades increased because the lanterns extended “daylight” and they could study longer. It also gave them light in the morning as they walked to school and at night as they walked home. Alice’s lanterns are actually reducing the attacks on women and girls in villages and in refugee camps at night when they need to venture out in the dark to use the latrines.



When the SoLight lantern is put on a stand, it not only gives light to everyone in the house, it is a healthy alternative to lighting huts, tents, and tin shelters with kerosene or wood fires which cause serious respiratory problems. AND, it's all green energy.

Some of the lanterns can charge phones which are so helpful in disaster zones, and people like me keep ones in the window sill for when the power goes out here in Kenton.

"You are the light of the world." Witnessing to the light of Christ in disaster zones, war zones, and in marginalized communities around the world. If you would like to be a part of bringing light to the dark places in the world, just contact me.

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