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### ***New Vision Celebrates Earth Day with People's Chapel Church***

**April 16, 2012 – Philippi, WV** - April 22, 2010 was another special day in the life of the congregation of People's Chapel Church. It was the end of eighteen months of planning, training and hard work cutting metal and soldering solar cells together to complete 32 panels that make up the churches community manufactured solar energy system. That day also marked the first day of energy production for the church. All of the work was completed under the supervision of John Prusa, the mad scientist in the group and New Vision's Director of Research and Innovation.

What started as group of friends talking together about their common interests, blossomed into a Sunday School class at the church and then into New Vision Renewable Energy, a ministry project of Appalachian Community Care. New Vision is now on its way to becoming an international Christian Community Development organization based in Barbour County. Over the past year, since completing its first project, New Vision has launched a monthly training program for groups from around the country, has assisted six other communities with starting their renewable ministry, and the church commissioned its first "ambassador of light," Ms. Cindy Kelley. Ms. Kelley has been in Kenya, Africa for the past six months beginning a ministry support at the Eagle Rise Christian Church, and training communities how to fabricate and use solar lights.

On April 22nd, Earth Day 2012, the congregation of People's Chapel is worshipping without the use of the churches electricity and will be donating the savings to support the mission work in Kenya. The congregation has joined with New Vision to support the "Just. Clean. & Green." campaign and will be collecting 100 bags of trash from across the county as a party of the Earth Week celebration. The bags of trash will be collected in the neighborhood of the church and the communities where church members live. The trash will be brought to the church to then be picked up by the State Department of Highways "Adopt a Highway" campaign. New Vision is working with corporations and businesses to turn trash into cash that will be the seed money necessary for faith-based and community organizations to Clean up and Green Up communities in the U.S. and in Nairobi, Kenya.

If you would like to join the Earth Day efforts at the church, you are invited to join the worship in the dark at 11 am or call the New Vision office at 304-457-2971 for more information on how to get involved in your community.

**ABOUT NEW VISION:**

New Vision Renewable Energy is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization launched in Philippi, West Virginia in 2009 and is growing as a grassroots community-based organization working to ReEnergize Communities to implement renewable energy solutions in their own neighborhoods. New Vision is an educational and innovation movement focusing on applicable technologies within the emerging "green" economy and serve as a hub of collaborative discussion, training and invention bringing together green innovators, community leaders, youth, companies, organizations as well as public and private partners. On Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, the group completed its first community manufactured solar energy system at the Peoples Chapel Church in the Chestnut Ridge community of Barbour County, West Virginia. Visit [www.NVRE.org](http://www.NVRE.org) or find us on Facebook at New Vision Renewable Energy for more details. For more information, contact Pamela O'Brien at [POBrien@NVRE.org](mailto:POBrien@NVRE.org).

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