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New Vision Brings Light to the World with “Christmas Lights”

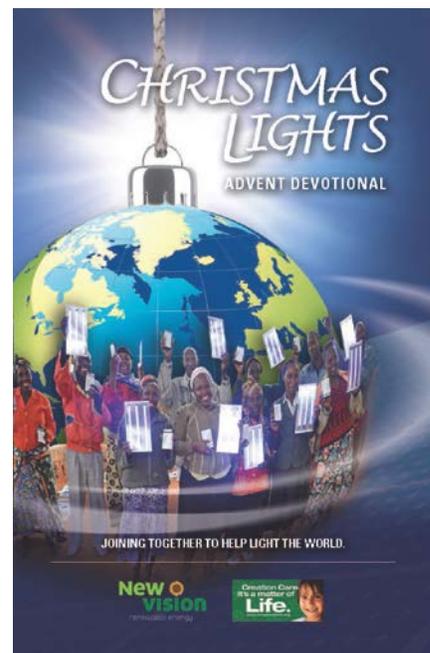
A Unique Advent Devotional Dedicated to the Global Energy Poverty Crisis

November 15, 2013 - Philippi, WV – New Vision Renewable Energy and the **Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN)** recently published a new Advent devotional entitled, “**Christmas Lights**” which includes scriptures, passages, and activities that will take your family, church, or small group through a series of Christmas season related thoughts that are tied together with an overview of energy poverty. New Vision and the EEN want to help bring awareness to global energy poverty and clean and safe light to the almost 1.3 billion people living without access to electricity in the world.

The Christmas Lights Advent Devotional begins with an introduction to global poverty by Richenda Van Leeuwen, Executive Director of Energy and Climate and the Energy Access Initiative team overseeing the United Nations Foundation's work on energy access, and features stories from well-known Christian authors including Rev. Leighton Ford and Jim Wallis of Sojourner's. All devotional writers are gifted leaders from a variety of ministerial backgrounds across the country. Most are innovators who serve faithfully in their local churches, youth groups, or even in tribal territories in the U.S.

You will also be given an opportunity to assemble a solar-powered LED light which will be donated to a family living among the 1.3 billion people without electricity, a luxury we often take for granted. The Devotional will go through traditional Advent themes with candle lighting and devotional topics appropriate to the Advent season. You will receive five different colored candles to be lit, one for each of the four Sundays prior to Christmas and the final Christ candle will be lit on Christmas Eve. These candles are hand dipped by a community development ministry located in Kenya, Africa.

Thousands of miles from home and hundreds of miles from the nearest electric pole, the New Vision team was visiting our first village in Kenya last year to test the first set of solar-powered lights we had produced for families without electricity. As the sun was setting, we asked a simple question and received the feedback that would lead to this Advent devotional and the development of a plan to help bring lights to families around the world. To order your book and participate in the Advent Devotion with us, visit our website at www.nvre.org.



ABOUT NEW VISION: New Vision Renewable Energy is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization launched in Philippi, West Virginia in 2009 as a grassroots Christian Community Development organization working to ReEnergize Communities to implement renewable energy solutions in their own neighborhoods through hands-on community development efforts. New Vision is an educational and innovation movement focusing on applicable technologies with renewable solutions and serves 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. As a member of the United Nations Foundation Energy Practitioners Network, New Vision helps to eradicate the effects of poverty in the developing world. Visit 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.

ABOUT EEN: The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN) is a ministry that educates, inspires, and mobilizes Christians in their effort to care for God's creation, to be faithful stewards of God's provision, and to advocate for actions and policies that honor God and protect the environment. EEN publishes materials to equip and inspire individuals, families, and churches; and seeks to educate and mobilize Christians to make a difference in their churches and communities, and to speak out on national and international policies that affect our ability to preach the Gospel, protect life, and care for God's Creation. Visit www.creationcare.org for more details. For more information, contact Alexei Laushkin at ALaushkin@creationcare.org.