

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Exciting opportunity to provide
a solar lamp for a family



In developing countries a typical household kerosene lamp is used three to four hours per day with a weekly fuel consumption of about one litre. At this level of usage, poor families can spend up to **25% of their tiny income** on kerosene. Imagine if you had to spend 25% of your income to pay for the power to run one light in your home?

In addition, many homes have poor ventilation and fuel-based lighting poses serious health hazards such as respiratory and eye problems, particularly to young children.

An electronic engineering company (Harvest Electronics - www.harvest.com) is sourcing reliable solar lights direct from China at the wholesale factory cost price, to place in the OCC boxes. They tested many different lights and most failed after a short time but hundreds of this version have now been in use for nearly two years and they have proven to be very reliable.

The lamps use a new technology battery with much longer life than the lithium battery in your cell phone. The lamps have a life expectancy of 4-8 years even when used every night. They are not a cheap throwaway like many similar lamps. Lights of this quality and long life sell for more than \$20 but they have bought a large quantity direct from the factory for **\$5 each**.

These lamps produce a higher output than the kerosene lamp they replace. This is a gift to a family that will last for many years. An elderly woman in a remote village who was given one of these lights was found lying on the floor of her hut crying after someone had stolen her light. That shows how valuable this small light was to her. **For only \$5 you can make a big difference** to a poor family who live in a village without electricity.

These lamps are being made available for donors to purchase for the Operation Christmas Child *shoe boxes only*. If you would like to gift one (or more) of these lights, please put \$5 *cash or cheque only* in an envelope and label it "Solar Lamp Gift". During processing in Auckland, a lamp will be placed in your box in return. If you gift more than \$5 the money will be used to supply other families with solar lights.

If you would like to donate solar lamps without gifting a shoebox you can do that in two ways. You can put the envelope into someone else's shoebox or you can donate online by completing the order form at bit.ly/LampOrderForm or emailing OCCsolarlamps@gmail.com. For bulk orders or donations, e.g. Packing Parties, please complete the order form or email to discuss.

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