



SOLAR HOUSEHOLD ENERGY

Solar Cooking for Human Development and Environmental Relief

Dear friend of Solar Household Energy,

The recently concluded Conference of the Parties 21 (COP 21) global agreement in Paris on slowing the growth of greenhouse gas emissions has been the cause of much celebration. We'd like to think that our efforts, with your support, have already been making a contribution in that critical struggle since our founding seventeen years ago.

Solar cooking is more than an environmental cause, however--as if that were not enough. As you know through your interest in what we do, solar cooking not only reduces pressure on forests and rare common property resources, but also improves the quality of life for multitudes of people (particularly women and children) who are spared the adverse health consequences of cooking with smoke-emitting wood and charcoal fires.

In some instances, solar cooking also protects the personal safety of women by delivering them from the dangerous mission of gathering firewood in unprotected areas. Eastern Chad, where we have been operating, is just such a place.

In 2015 we maintained our vital mission of unleashing the potential of solar cooking to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions in sun-rich areas of the world. Our accomplishments are chronicled in our [annual report](#), available on our website. In addition, we want to announce the birth of Josephine, Sophie's and husband Chris Lyman's newborn daughter, to a world made more hopeful with the COP21 agreement.

Please take a break during this busy season to learn about what we have been up to. And as always we greatly appreciate the [support](#) that allows us to maintain our important efforts.

With our best wishes for the season and the new year,

Cora Shaw
President

Sophie Brock Lyman
Executive Director