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Happy New Year! We are excited for an impact filled 2026 and trust that you will join us for the journey.

SolarBuddy has been reflecting on 2025 and we are excited to bring you updates from our distributions, STEM workshops and campaigns from December as well as some exciting news for 2026. Thanks for joining our field trip.

Things to look forward to in this edition:

- STEM Education Workshops in the Philippines
- JuniorBuddy lights to Nepal
- Zambia - a Highlight of 2025
- Closing the Distance - Bringing Light to Papua New Guinea
- International Volunteer Year 2026
- SolarBuddyLIVE Step Into Purpose 2026

Happy reading!



STEM Education Workshops in the Philippines

In our last edition, we shared our **Typhoon Campaign for the Philippines**. This past December, SolarBuddy's Director, **Daniel Belzer**, travelled to the Philippines to personally deliver **332** JuniorBuddy lights that were fundraised for by our generous SolarBuddy community. All year 5 and 6 students and teachers received a light. Our team lead **STEM Education Workshops** for students at two affected schools in Cebu Province.

Because of your support, these learners now have access to reliable light, allowing them to study and navigate their communities safely after sunset. This mission combines immediate aid with long-term educational empowerment and simply would not have been possible without you.

This marks our first pilot workshop in the Philippines, with a second workshop scheduled for the end of January. With additional funding, many more workshops can follow, extending this impact to even more communities.



JuniorBuddy Lights to Nepal

We are thrilled to report that **765 JuniorBuddies** have been distributed to Nepal. This achievement was made possible by corporate supporters in the Middle East. Our supports not only gave light, but also educational opportunities to children living without power in their homes. All this, together with the incredible coordination of our distribution partner, ChildRescue Nepal, ensured our solar solutions reached the children who need them most.

These lights are more than just hardware; they are essential tools for safety and education in regions where the "last mile" is often the most difficult to bridge. By providing reliable light, we are helping students in these remote communities reclaim their evening hours for study and life.



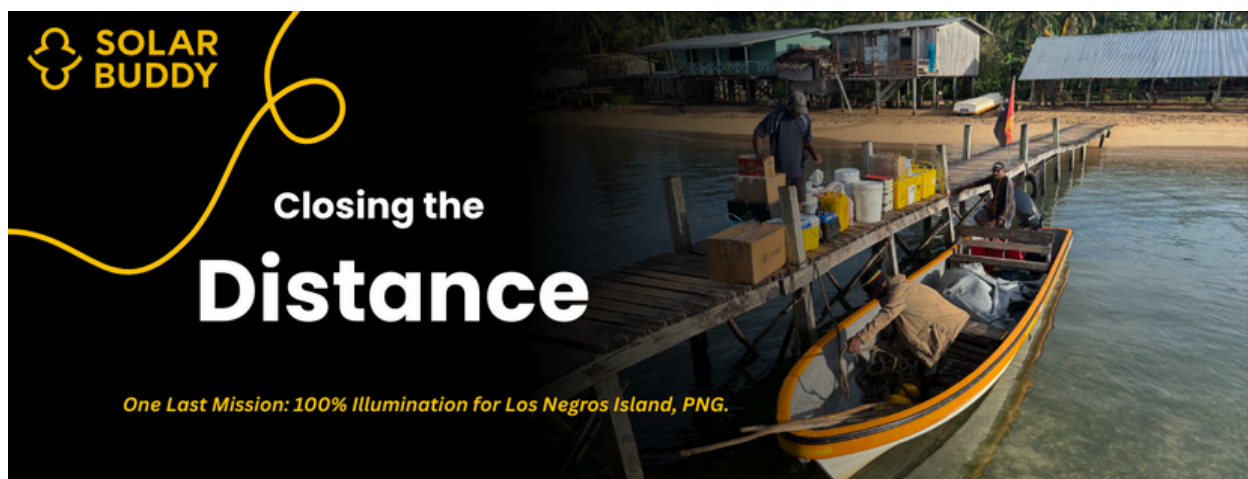
Zambia - a Highlight of 2025

SolarBuddy partnered with [Simpact Foundation](#) as our distribution partner to deliver solar powered lights to rural communities across Zambia. Simpact Foundation is dedicated to strengthening education in underfunded rural schools by supplying books and establishing school libraries.

Through their Light2Read program, SolarBuddy complements this work by addressing a critical barrier to learning: access to reliable light. Many of the schools supported are off the national grid and have no access to electricity.

The solar lights were assembled through **SolarBuddy LIVE** corporate volunteering programs across Europe. In total, **2,025** JuniorBuddy lights were distributed to 22 schools, including primary, secondary, and high schools.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this mission and helped make this impact possible.



Closing the Distance - Bringing Light to Papua New Guinea

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported our **End of Year "Closing the Distance" Campaign**. Your generosity is directly bringing light to Los Negros Island LLG, Manus Province in Papua New Guinea.

We are excited to share that a delivery of solar lights is heading to Manus this January, and we will keep you updated on the progress of their arrival. The "Last Mile" of these distributions—reaching the most remote islands—is often the hardest, yet it is by far the most rewarding part of our mission.

We are incredibly grateful to **Wantaim PNG** for their expert support in navigating these challenging journeys to aid us in getting lights to these communities.

Distribution Updates

Across December,

- 2400 solar solutions on the way to Cameroon
- 1122 solar solutions to Zambia
- 350 solar solutions to Philippines

TOTAL: 3800 JuniorBuddies and 72 StudentBuddies



UN International Volunteer Year

The United Nations has officially declared **2026** as the [International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development \(IVY 2026\)](#). This isn't just a celebration, it's a global call to action to recognise that "every contribution matters" in our race to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For those living near **Brisbane, Australia**, who are keen to contribute to the **International Year of the Volunteer**, you can join us by booking a **SolarBuddy Switched-On** session. SolarBuddy's Corporate Volunteering Day offers your organisation a unique opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of children living in energy poverty while fostering team spirit and social responsibility within your workforce. Strengthen your team's bonds as you work together towards a common goal.

Whats involved in the session: An introduction to SolarBuddy, a tour of our warehouse, team activities (preparing for upcoming distributions) and impact stories from our team.



Step Into Purpose this 2026 with SolarBuddy LIVE

We are kicking off our **Step Into Purpose 2026** campaign this January, a call to action for leaders, teams, and change-makers worldwide to move beyond traditional philanthropy and engage in hands-on impact. Through this initiative, we are bridging the gap between corporate boardrooms and the "last mile" communities we serve.

This International Volunteer Year, create lasting impact with your team. Transform your workplace into a force for global good. Through our [Hour of Power](#), [PowerUP](#) and [Solarbuddy Virtual](#) corporate volunteering events we are helping organisations boost employee engagement while directly assembling the solar solutions that illuminate futures across the globe.

How you can join the movement:

- **For your Team:** Bring a "Purpose-Driven Workplace" to your office with a hands-on light-building event.
- **For the Mission:** Share our story of hope and innovation to help us reach our next distribution milestone.

Every step we take together brings us closer to a world where no child is left in the dark.

Book a Team Building for 2026!

I'm endlessly inspired by the incredible support from our community. Together, we're not just lighting the way for children around the world—we're empowering them to dream, learn, and build brighter futures.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our journey this year.

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