



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
in Canada and around the world

Coming Alongside Hope With Light

You Can Provide Light to Off-Grid
Health Clinics in Mozambique and
Madagascar



Hello. My name is _____.

Thank you for allowing me a few minutes to share an urgent and hope-filled opportunity from Alongside Hope – the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development and relief.

Imagine bringing new life into the world, without light. That’s the reality in many off-grid health clinics in Mozambique and Madagascar.

Light that Saves Lives



Churches and individuals across Canada are coming together to raise \$170,000 to deliver 49 solar suitcases to off-grid health clinics in Mozambique and Madagascar, where babies are often delivered at night, in the dark.

And God said, "Let there be light... and that light was good." – Genesis 1:3



A midwife shows the solar suitcase hanging on the clinic wall.

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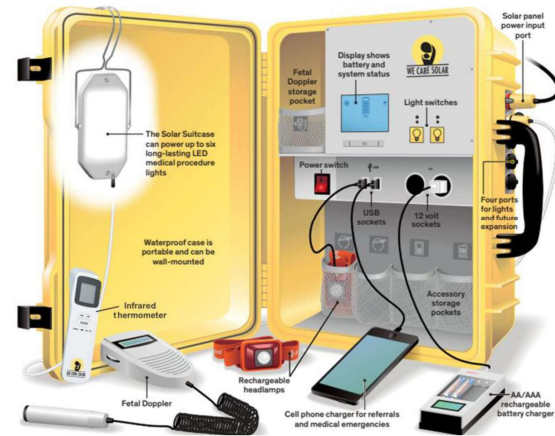
Many women are giving birth at night in darkness, with midwives relying on flashlights or cell phones. This lack of reliable light puts women and newborns at unnecessary risk.

These units bring life-saving light and medical equipment



The case is mounted on a clinic wall. It's connected to a solar panel on the roof, and powered by the sun. It holds everything a birth attendant needs to support a safe delivery: bright LED lights, a fetal Doppler, headlamps, phone chargers - real peace of mind for labouring women. With your help, these solar suitcases can change lives.

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The inside of a solar suitcase.

Alongside Hope is partnering with local agencies in Mozambique and Madagascar to provide “solar suitcases” — life-saving kits powered by the sun.

These suitcases contain bright LED lights, a fetal Doppler, headlamps, phone chargers, really, everything a birth attendant needs for a safe delivery.



A health care worker shows the solar suitcase hanging on the clinic wall.



Solar Suitcases Work.

Since our first installations in 2016, more than 80,000 babies have been safely delivered in off-grid clinics.

- 💡 Light means safer births.
- 💡 Light means stronger care.
- ❤️ Light means hope.

We know that Solar Suitcases work too – as they are easy to install and easy to use and since we began in 2016 working with our partner more than 80,000 babies have been safely delivered

Every Dollar You Give Will Be Doubled – up to \$150,000 – thanks to a generous matching gift.



Together we can install 35 solar suitcases in Mozambique and 14 in Madagascar, bringing clean, reliable power to 49 clinics where women and babies deserve the very best care, no matter the hour.

And when you donate, your gift will go twice as far.



The outside of a solar suitcase.

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Together, churches and individuals across Canada are raising \$170,000 to send 49 solar suitcases to clinics—35 in Mozambique and 14 in Madagascar.

The best part? Every dollar you give will be *doubled* thanks to a generous matching gift—up to \$150,000.

That means \$320,000 raised to purchase 49 solar suitcases.

And there are several ways to get involved.

Be the spark.
Give today.



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Donate now and bring life-giving light to women and babies. Learn more and donate today.

Scan the QR code or visit,
alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase

If you would like to learn more or donate today, please visit Alongside Hope.org. You can also use the QR code here – it's simple and it's safe to use.

Your Church Can Raise Donations Together



There are many ways your church can come together to raise money for solar suitcases. Ideas include:

- A Fundraiser like an ice cream social, BBQ, or homemade goods sale.
- Sponsor a Suitcase Campaign: set a goal (e.g., \$6,500 to fund one Solar Suitcase) and track progress visually in the church and/or bulletin. **Bonus:** Ask a church member or local business to match donations up to a set amount to inspire others to give.
- “Buy a Lightbulb” Drive through your church and greater community: Symbolically sell lightbulbs for \$25 or \$50 each. Create a display - maybe outside to light the night - and show how many have been “lit” by gifts.
- Special Offering Sunday: dedicate a Sunday offering to solar suitcase.

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St. Paul's Anglican Church, Thunder Bay, ON, is joining the Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery walk to raise funds and awareness of solar suitcases.

As a church community we can also create our own fundraiser and together work with our community to raise awareness and funds to support women and babies in Mozambique and Madagascar. Here are some suggestions – let’s think about this together. All ideas are welcomed. (Let’s talk more after church).



BOGO: Buy One, Get One

Remember, all donations raised up to \$150,000 will be matched.

So, if your church raises \$6,500 to purchase a solar suitcase, it's like buying TWO!

And again, every dollar we raise will be doubled up to \$150,000 because of a generous donor – someone like us. For instance, if we raise \$3,250 – that will purchase a Solar Suitcase. Or if we can raise \$6,500, we will have supported the purchase of TWO solar suitcases.



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You Can Join Alongside Hope's 4th Annual Wild Ride and Support the Purchase of Solar Suitcases.

Whether you walk, cycle, roller blade, bake, read, knit, swim, canoe, dance, or invent your own way, you're invited to join others across Canada in a joyful movement of hope to raise donations for solar suitcases. You can participate solo or gather together a team.

Your activity, your pace, your purpose—
united for something greater



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Another way to get involved is to join the 4th annual Wild Ride. This is a fun way to get moving for a mission—walk, bike, swim, bake, dance—anything goes!

You can join on your own, create a team or sponsor someone participating.

(Anyone here signed up or thinking about singing up?)



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Last year's Wild Ride was a wild success with 19 teams and 62 participants joining forces to raise \$53,000.

This year we want to raise \$52,000 for the purchase of 8 solar suitcase, and with the matching gift, that means 16 solar suitcases!

Learn more by or scanning the QR code or visit, alongsidehope.org/wild-ride



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It's simple to join the Wild Ride, just follow this QR code or visit Alongside Hope's Wild Ride webpage.

Last year, 62 participants raised \$53,000 and the hope is to hit that goal again.



Let's turn on the power for safe births,
together.



Midwives and health care workers show their solar
suitcase.

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As it says in Genesis, “Let there be light... and that light was good.”

And as a church community we can be the spark that ignites this light.

Together, we can help bring light and hope to mothers and babies in Mozambique and Madagascar.

Visit alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase or scan the QR code to give or learn more.

Also happy to chat with you about this project.

Thank you.