



Assessment report on the WakaWaka

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With some pictures and stories from the people who have been able to use the solar lights

1. Mr. Felix lives in a rural community. He is a beneficiary to the WakaWaka solar light. Upon my interview, he said that the light is very helpful.

He has observed that one need to charge it fully for longevity. He said it is very bright. The child uses it to read in the night.

2. Mr. Suglo lives in a village. He is the security man for the Ullo widow's project. Upon my interview, he said the light is very useful as it is very bright.

One day he forgot to charge it and in the night he used it just for a short while and it went off. Now he is on his feet by charging it every day after he has used it, and since then he has no problem with it. According to him, the wife and the children asked for one and he referred them to Bro. Bosco who gave it to him. One time I had a call from the wife asking for one of the light. I told her to wait a while.

3. Mr. Kwaku lives in a village. He is a farmer. He is a beneficiary of the solar light. One day he called telling me that the solar does not work after he used it the first time. I asked him if he has put it on charge in the day light and he said No.

Later in the day he called to tell me that it is now working. I explained to him that he has to always charge it anytime he uses it. He said he forgot the first time I explained to him, and that now it is working very well. He goes out with it in the evening when he is visiting other family members. According to him, 10 people asked him to arrange for Bro. Bosco to give them some.

The wife one day also sends a message that the husband moves out with the solar light and they sit in darkness, so they also need one.

4. Mrs. Priscilla is a business woman in a community. She brews local pito. According to her, the light is very helpful especially that she hangs it on her neck and it is very bright. She said she has no problem with it since she received it. She said one needs to be careful in handling it. One day it fell and fortunately it was on a cushion if not it would have been broken. One day the child asked her, Mummy, your chest produces light or what? People who were drinking pito there, laugh at such a remark from the child. She called me a number of times that other women are interested on the solar light. I asked her how many and she said uncountable.

5. Mr. Dan is a retired Police man and has settled in Techiman in a rural area where there is no light. I called him on phone to find out how he is benefiting from the light. He replied by saying thanks be to God for this wonderful gift. Another time, he phoned asking me if there are some, because people are asking for some to buy. I told him what he received was for piloting. According to him, the son who is in school said he will need one because when lights go off, he can use it. One time during holidays the son picked the solar light back to school. During lights off, he uses it and many students come around asking him how he got it.



6. Madam Mercy is a nurse in a hospital. According to her, when she is on night duties the light is very useful. When she walking to work from her house using the light people asked her where she got that light and weather it is in the market? She replied by saying that don't worry it will soon be on the market and I will connect you to get one. According to her, other nurses expressed the interest in having such light as it is very handy.

7. A three member women group who stay by the road side to sell fruits benefited from the solar light. They said now they stay longer than before due to the light provided. According them it also increases their income because they stay longer and travelers stopped by to buy the fruits unlike before as soon as it is dark, they close. They asked me for more of them as their colleagues are asking for them.

8. Bro. Bosco's own experience with the solar light. I used one when I travel and stay in a guest house and lights goes off, I use it which is very helpful. One time I was returning from a journey in the night and a truck had a flat tire and I stopped to help them. They asked me for light and I used the solar light. They asked where I got this light from? They said it is good for all drivers to have such light when travelling. He asked for my contact number in case it comes, I should keep him informed.



Three business women by the roadside

