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# Lighting the Way

Shortly after visiting the school her father founded in India four decades ago, Anna Sidana  began mentoring a group of Stanford University students who were developing handheld solar lamps. Sidana set a goal of sending 200 of those lamps to the Indian village she had visited — and before she knew it, **ONE MILLION LIGHTS**, a nonprofit that makes life brighter for families around the world, was born. The rechargeable lights facilitate studying after sundown, extend the workday for home-based farmers

and artisans, and replace dangerous, dirty kerosene lamps. “Sitting in a hut in the middle of the Sahara with a kerosene lamp is the equivalent of smoking two packs of cigarettes a day,” Sidana says. “It makes a huge impact on health and the environment.” One Million Lights volunteers partner with corporations and schools to deliver lamps throughout Africa, Asia and the Americas. *To learn how you can help spread the light, visit [www.onemillionlights.org](http://www.onemillionlights.org)*

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