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PRESS RELEASE

Twin Rivers Students Lighting Up Lives in Kenya

McClellan, CA— Students in a classroom in Kenya now have light so they can study in the evenings for their national exams. No one is happier for them or more proud than a group of Foothill High School students who built Solar Suitcase #660 to provide light at Emalindi Primary School in Khwisero District, Kakamega County, an extremely rural area about a 7-mile drive from Nairobi.

The Twin Rivers students are part of Foothill High’s Choices New Energy Academy. In collaboration with PG&E and [We Share Solar](#), students receive solar kits they must put together. The kits are equipped with everything required to build a stand-alone 12-volt DC solar power system. We Share Solar ships the kits to underdeveloped countries.

Solar Suitcase #660 was installed on May 24 in the classroom in Kenya. The Foothill students received photos and a letter of appreciation from Emalindi Primary School. The impact of their work at Choices New Energy Academy is humbling.

“Seeing the pictures of the classroom, especially, it was inspiring, to be honest,” says 15-year-old Donovan LeCompte, a sophomore. “In the pictures I saw a couple of fantastic smiles ... my stomach churned a little bit. I got butterflies thinking that these kids were actually supported and helped by a simple classroom of individuals ... seeing science like this, solar panels and seeing just the alternative forms of energy that we can provide for the world ... it’s fantastic.”

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through adult education students in northern Sacramento County.*

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