

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Presbyterian Women Global Exchange (GX) to Eastern Europe, 2008 visited the southwestern tip of Ukraine known as the Carpathian Basin. Only 4 of the 108 villages in this area have at least one safe drinking water site. The poor cannot afford to buy bottled water so they suffer the effects, with babies and young children being hit the hardest. Since September 2009 Kathy and Joe Angi, PCUSA mission workers in Hungary, have made several trips to the Carpathian Basin to work with church and village leaders in several communities to get water projects organized and to form necessary partnerships among the five minority groups.

A team was formed and trained. In 2010 Mary Beth Lysobey, GX participant, and her husband David took Solar and Clean Water classes, while Rev. Kathy Angi and her husband Joe took Clean Water classes. The first two water systems have been installed in the two village schools in Fornos and Kigyos using existing electricity. The 3rd will take place Oct., 2011 at a diaconial (mission) center at Bucsu, a border town, and the 4th project will use solar energy to power the water system at a Roma village or school.

*“For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...” Mt. 25:35*



Clean Water at the Kigyos School - March, 2011

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## Carpathian Basin-Ukraine Water/Solar Projects



**Training local citizens to build and operate a simple, relatively inexpensive, sustainable water system using existing water supply and solar power when needed.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Pray for this mission outreach that it might meet the needs of people to the glory of God.
- Contribute financially to this exciting project so that those who have no safe water to drink will have some.
- Volunteer to train in Solar Under the Sun and/or Living Waters for the World and get another project going.
- Share this information with others so they may join in this exciting and rewarding effort to make safe water available.



## SUPERVISION and ACCOUNTABILITY

- The Initiating Partner, (IP), is the Arkansas Presbytery Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (PWPCT).
- The Governing Board (GB) reports to the Presbytery of Arkansas at its yearly February meeting.
- The Operating Partners (OP) for the 3rd installation will be the Reformed Churches in Bucsu and Beregszasz, Ukraine.

## MISSION GOALS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- The goal is to provide safe drinking water to improve lives so the general population of the Carpathian Basin in Ukraine can get beyond the survival mode and make a better life for themselves and their children.
- The hope is that the placement of these two water systems and the subsequent third and fourth systems will cause a positive ripple effect across the whole basin. LWW will help develop a network to assist future projects for different groups and teams.
- PW is partnering with the Reformed Church in America and in Ukraine and the Presbyterian Church of Canada to work with the Roma people with mission partnerships, including installation of water systems.
- Currently the Angis and mission teams from other denominations and within the Ukrainian Reformed Church are working to build up trust, community, and partnerships among the five minority groups, which make up the majority of people in this area. These groups include the Roma, Hungarians, Russians, Romanians, and Slovaks.
- The ultimate plan is for the people themselves to take the initiative and fund their own water systems.

*“God is doing wonders among us to bring clean water to all God’s children in the Carpathian Basin of Ukraine.”*

## Synod of the Sun and Synod of Living Waters Joining Forces for Mission Partnerships.

Solar under the Sun, a new ministry of the Synod of the Sun PCUSA is initially working in partnership with the Synod of Living Waters to augment the Living Waters for the World (LWW) program, which constructs simple but effective water treatment facilities. Solar energy is clean and renewable.

[www.solarunderthesun.org](http://www.solarunderthesun.org)  
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Roma Village of the White Wall

