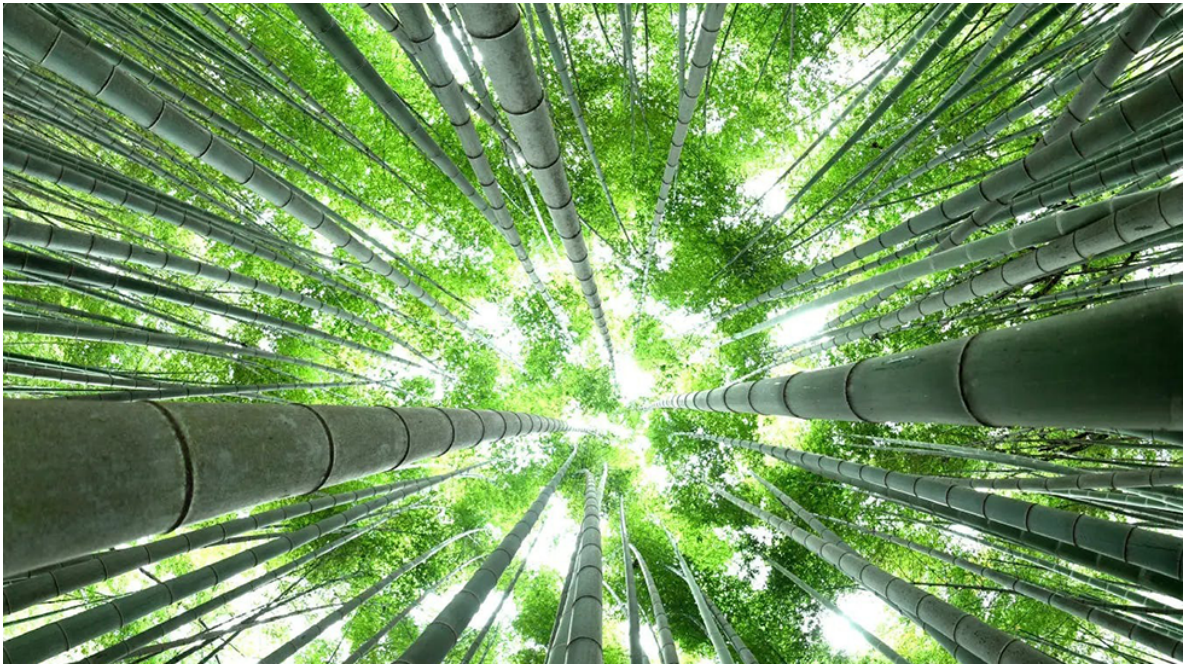
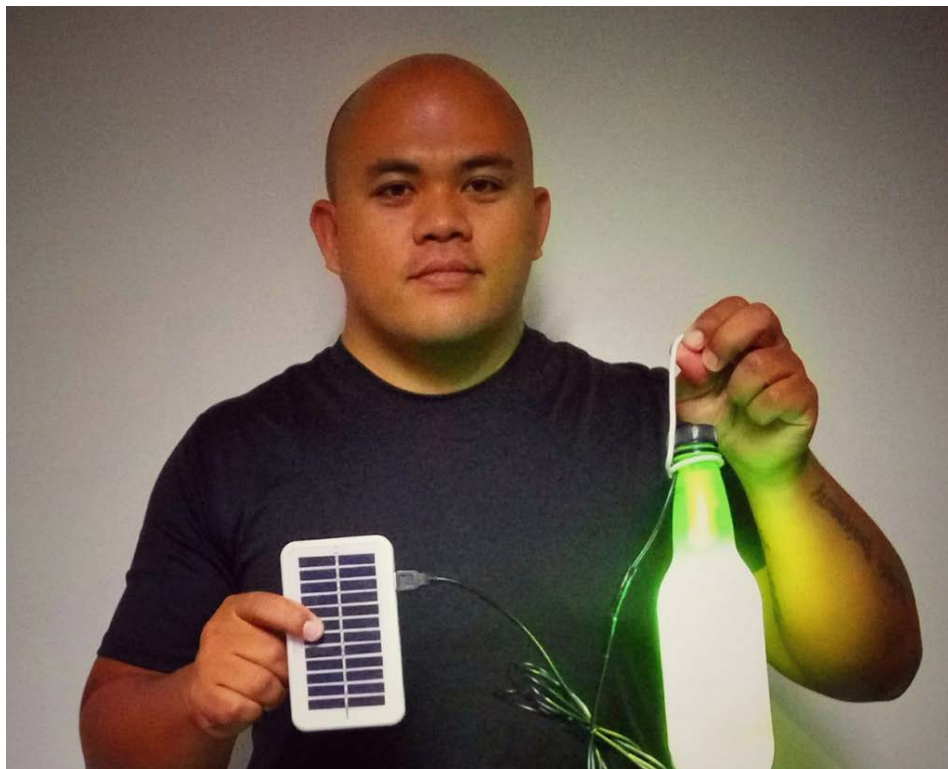




News Spotlight: Showdown at the Nature Zone

Curious about what happened at COP26 regarding nature-based climate solutions? One Earth's Deputy Director, Karl Burkart, unpacks five key outcomes and what they mean for the climate movement, governments, and companies making net-zero commitments. The piece focuses on a landmark moment during the conference when civil society stormed the stage and made it clear that carbon offsets should not be included as a means to delay action on the climate crisis. [Read more.](#)



Featured Hero: Jovie Gil Montajes

Electronics engineer Jovie Gil Montajes is helping to sustainably light up rural communities in the Philippines through his Light of Hope project. Many people in the island nation cannot always connect to the power grid, leaving the most vulnerable members of the community to rely on combustible energy sources that emit carbon dioxide and black carbon. The Light of Hope project is transforming lives by providing communities with a clean and inexpensive source of light - inexpensive solar-powered night lamps created from discarded plastic bottles. [Read more](#) about Montajes' inspiring mission to light up the Philippines with sustainable solar power.



Featured Project: Providing Emergency Relief for Clean Energy Entrepreneurs Working on 'Last Mile' Access in Uganda

In Uganda, 78% of the rural population lacks access to electricity, leaving most to rely on kerosene lamps for lighting which are inefficient, expensive, and produce toxic fumes. A project supported by New Energy Nexus is changing this by helping local entrepreneurs equip those in need with clean energy products. The model provides credit for customers who cannot afford one upfront payment for solar lanterns providing cleaner more effective lighting. [Watch the video](#) to learn more about this project.

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