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## Innovative Water Technologies

**\* Portable, solar-powered water purification systems**

**Price:** starts at \$21,500

**Business owners:** Carmen and Jack Barker

**Location:** Headquarters in Denver, manufacturing facility in Rocky Ford

**Tidbits:** Although IWT's new product, the Sunspring, was launched only last week, it is receiving international attention. The solar-powered water purifier has been designed for remote locations without access to electricity and is the perfect fit for places such as the Congo, which has ordered 31 of the systems.

"The unit can basically be placed anywhere, and the water can be pulled out of a lake, a river, a pond, or even recycled rain water," Barker said. "Once it filters through the system, it's bacteriologically safe to drink."

Barker, who has been in the water business for 25 years, designed the Sunspring to produce 5,000 gallons of clean water per day through a membrane filter.

"We thought, 'Wouldn't it be neat to get this technology to the people who need it most?' " Barker said.

Barker said that the Sunspring is ideal for campgrounds, work sites, national parks and developing countries such as Cambodia, where the company may send a Sunspring for a school.

"We've put one in an orphanage for 500 girls in India, and now they have bacteriologically safe water," Barker said. "They've sent us some great pictures of them toasting us with glasses of clean water."

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