

Unappreciated Helpers

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What would life be like if I didn't have the choice to light my house at night? My life would be diminished greatly – no reading, card games, sewing, or playing with the grandkids. What if I had to collect firewood in order to cook, going further and further every day because the earth was bare for miles? My meals would be a lot simpler than they are now.

We lucky ones take these conveniences for granted. Not so the Syrian refugees, Haitian slum residents, India's pavement dwellers, Sudanese war victims and the homeless in America. They lack what we consider aids "essential to life":

1. The flashlight I sneaked to be able to read under the covers after my bedtime as a little girl.
2. The radio that was my constant companion growing up.
3. The TV, refrigerator, lamps, computer, dishwasher, stove, clothes washer and dryer that help me much of every day as an adult.
4. And of course my favorite – the electric blanket.

How different my life would be without electricity. Thanks Thomas Edison.