



## 2011 Annual Report

**Our Mission** The Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Project's mission is to provide appropriate mobility for all of God's children in need. We seek to provide mobility first for those in greatest need and with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries. The PET Project is a part of the ministry of Jesus Christ, whose disciples said, **"In the name of Jesus Christ, arise and walk." Acts 3:6**

Our mission and focus remained the same in 2011, to build and deliver PET vehicles to those most in need where PETs would best be suited using a volunteer network. Our goal for 2012 is to build 2012 PETs. We trained additional assembly teams to meet this goal with increased funding. We are always looking for reliable distribution partners. We made new connections with a Rotary Club who works in Panama (see story on back), Methodist mission in Bahamas, and Gleaning for the World in VA. 1,738 PETs (145 child, 199 Pull and 1394 adult) were built for our partner organizations, who distribute the PET overseas free of charge. In addition many used wheelchairs plus other mobility devices were collected and given to our mobility partners to be included with PETs.

We have continued to be blessed by volunteers across the country who make and deliver parts to us at their cost, promote PET, and volunteers in Columbia who assemble, box for shipping, and load shipments. The volunteers who worked in the assembly shop alone provided 9,637 hours of service; over 1,000 additional hours in 2011. These dedicated volunteers help keep the average cost of a PET at about \$250 and stretch donor dollars farther. A major highlight was the beginning of a partnership to send PETs through the US Navy's Project Handclasp that provides free shipping to our partner NGOs. Three shipments to five countries were delivered this way.

### Revenue

PET MO – Columbia, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization supported by those who believe in its mission of mobility. This support comes in the form of contributions from individuals, churches, and businesses (cash, discounted or free PET parts/off the shelf items). For example we have vendors who are supplying free goods such as pallets for shipping, steel springs, and fabricated metal chain guards. Total revenue for FY 2011 was \$818,811 (\$349,432 temporarily restricted).

### Expense

We continue to look for the best price/use of funds whether in shipping, buying supplies/parts, etc. Total expense for FY 2011 was \$385,356. Program expense (building PETs, shop space and equipment, shipping, and reporting materials to tell the story and educate the public including our quarterly newsletter) was \$340,639 or 88%. Fundraising expense was \$6,163 or 2%. Management and general (office equipment, supplies and general costs of office, office support, and postage) expense was \$38,554 or 10%.

In October Terry Furstenau, a Rotarian and a PET volunteer at our shop, helped facilitate the shipping of 28 PETs to Panama. They went via the MO National Guard, the US Navy and Rotary--all working together in a project the US Navy calls "Project Handclasp." This exemplifies how we work at PET--in cooperation with all interested parties.

".... Our first PET beneficiary was named Demetio, he is 63 and had suffered polio as a young man. He makes his living making straw hats and bowls. His mobility was restricted by an old wheelchair and the pebble/sand street of his home island narrow streets. Words are not enough to describe the joy and happiness of this man as he transit the streets of Playon Chico Island. Dozens of children, women and men came out of their houses to find out what was all the commotion on the street, only to find Demetio going back and forward with his new mobility and freedom. This was simply wonderful....We are very happy to have had the opportunity to serve today.....more to come soon. Yours in Rotary, Vicente Pascual"



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**Rev. Mel West, Executive Director and PET Founder**

Retired United Methodist pastor, past dairy farmer and agriculture teacher.

Currently is also on the board for Rainbow Network. Has served on the international boards of Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project, SIFAT, and ECHO. Extensive travel and consultation with various mission projects.

**Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator**

A review of our accounting records for our year end December 31, 2010 was completed by Gerding, Korte and Chitwood on May 2011. A copy is available upon request.



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