



## 2012 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 2012, to build and ship PET vehicles to those most in need where PETs would best be suited using a volunteer network. Our goal for 2012 was to build 2,012 PETs. By December 27<sup>th</sup>, we had built 2,119. That was accomplished by the team efforts of our great volunteers, donors and vendors. Last fall we had an unusually high request for child size PETs in addition to our adult and pull versions. In October we sent 60 child size to Mennonites in Paraguay. In December we sent 50 child PETs to MedShare in GA. In addition many used wheelchairs plus other mobility devices were collected and given to our mobility partners to be included with PETs. One more country was added for a total of 97 countries worldwide which have received one or more PETs.

We have continued to be blessed by volunteers across the country that 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 11,418 hours of service; almost 1,800 additional hours than in 2011. These dedicated volunteers help keep the average cost of a PET at about \$250 and stretch donor dollars farther.

### 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 2012 was \$375,428.

### Expenses

We continue to look for the best price/use of funds whether in shipping, buying supplies/parts, etc. Total expenses for FY 2012 were \$482,675. 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 \$435,980 or 90%. We had no fundraising expenses and only volunteer presenters. Management and general (office equipment, supplies and general costs of office, office support, and postage) expense was \$46,695 or 10%.

PET International included our PETs in a shipment to a first time partner in Thailand called Foundation To Encourage The Potential Of Disabled Persons & Freedom Wheelchairs. In April an overseas shipping container was sent from a FL port. This new partner has been terrific in sending reports. This is a report on one of our PETs made in Columbia, MO.

“Nyecom Garunpat age 74 was brought to us by a neighbor after having his left leg amputated below the knee resulting from diabetes. Nyecom lives alone and wanted to access his church which he said was too far from his home to walk using his artificial limb. The PET cart answered his prayers. Donald Willcox, Founder & President” October 17, 2012 email



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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.

**Gary Moreau, Director Elect** Wellness Coordinator for Juice Plus; previously District Conservationist in Minnesota and Utah. PET volunteer since 2004 and prior board trustee.

**Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator** Various accounting and insurance positions. A review of our accounting records for our year end December 31, 2011 was completed by Gerding, Korte and Chitwood on May 2012. A copy is available upon request.

