



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Beth and Tom Haas assemble 3 Pull PETs per week. They think it unfair that anyone in this world should crawl on the ground. They make time in their full retirement lifestyle to help others.

Volunteers are needed to cut, rout, and drill wood parts for PETs in the Columbia shop. We need to fill a Friday assembly shift and/or a assembler that can float between shifts. Can you help out?



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### WHAT DO A MISSIONARY AND AN OLD MO FARM BOY HAVE IN COMMON?

"Dear Mel,

A couple of days ago we went over to Cape Coral to visit a friend who had only a few days to live. Her granddaughter was there also. In conversation with this young lady, we discovered that she was home on leave from serving as a missionary in Bangladesh. When she told us this, I asked if she was familiar with our PET operation. She certainly was and had had the pleasant experience of seeing many disabled persons receive a PET, giving them mobility again for the first time in years. She said it was a near miracle.

After having built parts for the PET and contributed financially, this was my first one on one with the other end of the operation. For an old Missouri farm boy, this was a very special occasion.

As ever,

Dave Andrews" (March 2014 letter)

In 2008 Dave began making wooden seatbacks for our PET shop by the hundreds. He retired from that task last year, but continues to support PET MO-Columbia in a variety of ways. Thank you all for making this report possible.

In July we received a request from a missionary in the Philippines who was looking for mobility for 3 persons he had identified. We have made connections to one of our new distribution partners. When they send another shipment to the Philippines from Indiana, they will contact him.

Can you please help us get more PETs to missionaries around the world

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: MISSION TRIP

Barbara and Jeff Moran have organized a PET distribution trip to Guatemala the week of January 11 - 17, 2015. It would be an opportunity to spend a week in a tropical paradise doing good work during the middle of winter. The cost, based on previous experience, would be around \$1000 plus airfare. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Barbara (bvg.moran@yahoo.com) or Jeff (scimusic@tranquility.net). Thanks.

PET is now officially registered with 51 other non profits in the COMOGives Community Foundation. New donors are welcome to participate during the month of December. More news coming in our next newsletter. For more information contact Dennis Canote 573-825-1020.

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“ You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

- John Bunyan



## You have helped get PETs back on the road in Sierra Leone!



### A GIFT OF MOBILITY...

Won by One, Winnwood Baptist Church and the Crossing Church in Columbia, MO recently helped deliver this Pull PET cart to a woman in Harmons, Jaimaca.

People in an infirmiry near there crawl on the ground because they're not able to move on their own.

Some have crawled for decades.

## REPAIRING THE WEAR 'N TEAR...



### PET CART REPAIR PROJECT BEGINS IN BO, SIERRA LEONE

Recently a shipment of donated Personal Energy Transportation parts were received in West Africa by our partner, Mobility Sierra Leone. They have begun to repair PET carts in the city of Bo, Sierra Leone that have been out of service due to wear and tear.

Here a technician cuts a segment of industrial grade chain to replace what was worn out. The PET cart being repaired will also receive a new set of solid rubber replacement tires. Those shown in the photos have been worn out due to use in the rural environment.

PET International is hoping that this initiative will help get many sidelined PET carts repaired and back in service for the disabled throughout the country. Further repairs will take place in the town of Waterloo in the near future.



### You, Our DONORS...

ENABLED THIS DISABLED PET TO BECOME USEFUL AGAIN

“Thank you for sending repair parts to those in need in Lunsar, Sierra Leone. Notice the child’s arm in the rear box. Sending Parts is becoming more a part of each budget for containers being loaded. PETs first were sent to Sierra Leone in 2005. Bravo to the longevity and durability of a PET.”

While reviewing this photo of a PET cart after it was repaired, I nearly missed the small hand near the crutches in the back. Many mothers with disabilities who have small children benefit from the cargo space in the rear of the PET cart.

VON DRIGGS | DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
PET INTERNATIONAL



### CAN YOU HELP US RECEIVE GIFTS FROM THE AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION?

As of June, we are an approved charity on their website. If you are an Amazon online customer, can you help us make your purchase a benefit to PET? When ordering from Amazon, go thru smile.amazon.com then proceed as usual after selecting PET Missouri Columbia Inc. as your charity of choice the first time. Once you choose PET, smile.amazon.com remembers for you when entering thru the Smile web page each time. They will auto deposit donations into our bank account quarterly when a minimum of \$5.00 has accumulated. In August we received our first quarterly gift.

Amazon donates .5% of purchase of eligible products to charitable organizations selected. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. This link takes you right to PET. This is one more way you can help PET provide mobility without any cost to you. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5640563>



### YOUR SUPPORT GAVE NEW LIFE FOR TWO DISABLED WOMEN

These two brave ladies are from a village called Royanka which is about 7 miles from Lunsar, Sierra Leone. They heard about the PET cart distribution from their local councillor. They crawled from their village to the main road between Makeni and Lunsar. I heard that this was about three miles from their home village before they got on a poda poda van which brought them to Lunsar. Notice the change when they got their PET carts

IBRAHIM RICHARD BANGURA

“Working for and with Persons with Disabilities and their organizations”

# YOU HELPED A POLIO SURVIVOR IN THAILAND...



## BOONLERT RECIEVES THE GIFT OF MOBILITY

We presented this PET cart to 57 year old polio survivor Boonlert Nitchampoo on July 5th. His upper body strength remains intact but his legs are so weak he is unable to even stand. He moves around by dragging his limbs. Because of YOU, Boonlert is able to move around more freely.

Many thanks to all and warm regards.

DONALD WILLCOX  
FOUNDATION TO ENCOURAGE THE POTENTIAL OF DISABLED PERSONS

# ... AND A FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA



"In a nearby home, we visited a family that has received some aid from Global Aid Network. The son, 17-year-old Umed has cerebral palsy. He was not able to go anywhere outside of the home. Global Aid Network provided a PET cart for him. His sister, Nadia, said that with the cart he goes down the street to see others in the neighborhood. The family is a family of four.

The dad is physically disabled as well. So they do not have much money or means to earn a living."



TINA WALDRUM | DONOR LIAISON  
GLOBAL AID NETWORK(R) Giving For Their Gain

Thank you for partnering with PET and our distribution partners to help one more person and one more family. We look forward to helping more families around the world by providing appropriate mobility with your help.

## CAN YOU HELP CHILDREN IN MALAWI RECEIVE MOBILITY?

We want to share a report with you that came in this month from our good partner in Malawi. It shares about a boy who received our blue child PET earlier and how his classmate could also use one.

"Having donated a PET to this small boy in Standard four at Msalura primary school, one day I thought of visiting him at the school where I was told of this Girl on a wheelchair, the problems she has coming to school. The girl is very intelligent but comes to school either very late or absent most of the time because she depend on someone to push her unlike the boy who uses the PET and comes to school by himself daily."

GEORGE CHIMPIKO, KUTHANDIZA OSAYENDA DISABILITY OUTREACH



The little girl received a different kind of mobility device from another non-profit, but she still has difficulty getting to school. This is an example of why PET (personal energy transportation) was designed and produced. The PET was created to provide mobility for rough, rural areas. We appreciate your partnership and ask you to consider your continued or increased giving. Let's work together to get more children to school.



# MEL'S COLUMN: - MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS

## "PET VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE VERY HIGH PAY"

There is no pay gap between PET volunteers. We all receive exactly the same pay, and we all are highly paid. As I have experienced it, here are some of the pay checks we receive:

We have the knowledge that we have changed the lives of some of God's "least of these" in dramatic and lasting ways. Persons who have been crawling upon the ground for as many as 40+ years, often as beggars, arise to a new life of pride, dignity, hope, comfort and productivity. Norman Cousins has said that "many persons stroll through life without saving even one person."

We know that we have also assisted the family of the leg-handicapped and the community in which they live. Caretakers can now give time, energy and resources to other needs. We have unleashed the entrepreneurial abilities of the handicapped to the advantage of their community.

Many of us, as we work with PET, receive important lessons in geography and in the social dynamics of poverty. I heard one volunteer say, "Since I began to work with PET my understanding of poverty and why people are poor has made a 180 degree turn." Working with PET makes us all citizens of the world and sisters and brothers to all its inhabitants.

When we volunteer at PET we join hands with a very special group of folks, and quite a diversity. But we do not talk about our differences. Instead we talk about that which binds us together - care for the disadvantaged. John Wesley said, "If your heart is as my heart, give me your hand." We do!

WE build a legacy working with PET. Many of our children and grandchildren know little of what we did in our working-for-pay years. I have attended the funerals of a good many PET volunteers. In each one the family took great pride in what the deceased did with their last years at PET. Our children need to inherit our values more than our valuables.

We do not waste our latter years. George Bernard Shaw said: "This is the true joy of life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live."



# DIRECTOR'S DESK: - GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## "FYI"

Your many gifts, prayers, and time have accomplished the following in the past few summer months:

90/90/90 update: 99 donors for \$14,000. The challenge was met on July 15. Thanks to everyone.

Federal Employees: Watch for the Combined Federal Campaign signup in October and November.

Missouri State Employees: Watch for the MSECC signup in September at your state office - #9009 PET

Cut wood pieces are being delivered to Columbia from around the Midwest. Legacy Men in Overland Park UMC, Westboro, MO/Northboro, IA UMC men, Winterset IA UMC members, Warrensburg Neighbors, Cornerstone UMC child builders.

Work station lighting improvements have been made in the shop and warehouse.

Dakota Nichols, Lebanon MO, gave three outdoor signs for the PET warehouse. As you rush by on I-70, can you find our warehouse?

Have you reserved a dinner for the Celebration Night, Tuesday, October 7?

Weekly production has shifted to mainly Adult models.

Containers are planned for India (twice) and Ecuador. PETs along with wheelchairs are going to Nicaragua to solve all mobility issues in rural villages of Rainbow Network.

### PETs were shipped this summer:

- 28 Franciscan Mission Warehouse, Kansas City
- 35 World Vision, CO
- 4 Cuba
- Repair Parts to Republic of Georgia
- 1 Haiti
- 94 MedShare, CA
- 40 Orphan Grain Train, NE
- 1 Jamaica
- 198 Gleaning for the World, VA

# GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER



“ Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

- Martin Luther King

## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY

- Mary Beales by Jim Beales
- Jennifer Brekhus by Marylin Sudbrock
- Dottie Feutz by Dorothy Watson
- Stephen M. Foreman by Mark A. Foreman
- Howard Frye by Janet Heim
- Marcella Kochheiser by Brian Ostrem/Ankeny First United Methodist Church
- Terry Murray by Patricia Pierce
- Bob Parks by Mary Lu Parks
- Dr. Jack Pickard by Erica Pickard & Family
- Dad & Larry by Barbara Wolf
- Ruth Ruble by Judy Wall
- Don Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Art Werle by Frank & Martha Arnoldy
- Arthur Witt Jr. by Judith Witt
- Robert Wood by Ruth Bunton & Charles Wood
- Alan Richardson, Billy Revell, by Donna Wagner
- John Stiller & Celia Stowe by Trevelyn & Dorothy Zander
- Barbara Herlong by Carolyn & Dave Denton

## PET PROJECT DONATION SLIP

Yes! I want to give the GIFT OF MOBILITY to a person whose legs do not function.

My check is enclosed for:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ PET's at \$250.00 each.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the purchase of a PET.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to PET MO— Columbia and mail to: 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, MO 65202  
Tel: 573-886-7877



## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

Mel West's 90th birthday by Susan Ann West, Jim & Glenda Wrinkle, David Leuthold, Barbara Phillips, Marvin & Rita Allen, Shirley & Bob Clark, Paul & Patricia Doak, Paula Roper & Steven Skolnick, Charles & Bettie Koelling, Ken & Lila Roller, Joan Pinkstaff, Robert & Joan Franklin, John & Dorothy Tomlin, Linda Watkins, Sandy Dolezal, George Ashley, Cleo & Judy Kottwitz, Rick & Marla McCrorie, Yvonne Albright, Geisse Foundation,

Michael Beeson by Brigid Vesecky

Lower Colley by Paul Colley

Robert Dinwiddie by J. Paul Jones

Roger & Donna Hofmeister's 58th wedding anniversary

Jim Lee by Jonathan Lee

Dan Pargee by Lois & Cliff Elliott

PET Volunteers by Jack & Dawn Harbison

Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff

James & Judy Wall's anniversary by Lindley Wall

Barbara West's birthday by Abby Watts, Lila Roller

Mel & Barbara West by Kay Wallace, Ross & Ava Swofford, Robert & Carol Cannon, Anne Rexroad

