

# A GIFT OF MOBILITY...



This is another report from our great distribution partner in PA, GAIN. We have been filling their orders thru PET International for six years now. They gather supplies and send shipments around the world.

“The young lady in the PET cart was sick for a long time and later was paralyzed from the waist down. When we went to visit the home where she lives with her mum and dad, we were very encouraged to hear Bridget say, "I am so glad I got the PET cart because now I can evangelize without waiting for anyone to help me move." What was most exciting for me was that she was happy to evangelize. Many people would be happy to be mobile so that they can do their own things and meet their own needs but not this young lady who loves The Lord and wants to make Him known. We were also able to donate some dried fruits and some rice for her.”

TINA WALDRUM | DONOR LIAISON  
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## DIRECTOR'S DESK:

“THANKS TO YOU ALL!”

Wow, could anyone have estimated that 90/90/90 Challenge (90 gifts of \$90 for Mel's 90th birthday) would have brought in gifts of \$11,675 to date. That translates to mobility for more than 46 persons. That equates to 4 football teams, 5 baseball teams, one symphony orchestra or just a great crowd of people who will not have to crawl on the ground. In case you missed the challenge there is still time to recognize Mel West's 90th birthday by sending \$90 or the gift of your choice.

The Columbia Shop is building average of 28 PETs and it is taxing our volunteer roster. Kudos to two long time volunteers Bob Harper and John Endley finally gave up their assembly shift. We could use more assemblers, a painter of parts, metal workers to assemble and work parts. Your special skill will be put to use.

To all our Lutheran friends: Designate PET for your Choice Dollars. State employees can designate through the MSECC campaign this fall.

Mark your calendars for October 7, 6 pm as Columbia hosts PET International meeting as they celebrate the contributions of Mel West, Larry Hill, and Earl Miner. Everyone is invited to attend.

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

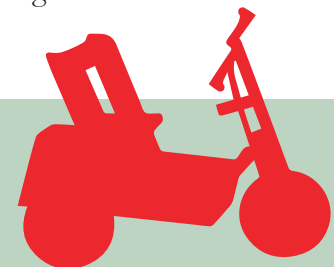
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“ To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.”

- Isabel Allende



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## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: IN HAITI (EXCERPT FROM OGT'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER)

“Limited mobility means isolation, depression and daily struggle for the basics in life. Help is being made available by Orphan Grain Train shipping donated, hand cranked, all terrain wheelchairs called PETs, which stands for Personal Energy Transportation, all around the world. These simple machines give people the freedom to go places that they otherwise could not.”

“ You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.”

- Albert Schweitzer



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Gillooly and Dennis Canote work side by side to build 4-6 Child PETs in a two hour shift. Kevin is still employed and makes time for PETs. Dennis is a retired Social Worker and relates closely to disability.

Columbia has over 200 volunteers.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work and dedication.



### Crippled Since Birth

“This gentleman has been crippled since birth. For 40 years, he shuffled on his two short stumps for legs, up and down the rocky, dirt roads begging for money to survive. It would take him 3 hours to walk on stump legs to the airport where he would make his living, begging for money and food. Two years ago he received a PET and it transformed his life! He can now peddle to the airport in one hour. Since receiving a PET, he puts on clean clothes and has gained self-confidence. He rides up and down the road every day, waving, smiling and happy to be able to function like other people and be mobile. He has already needed new PET tires and brakes because he travels so much with it. What a blessing this has made to his life.”



### PETs Transform Lives

“Recently, three handicapped men knocked at the gate where PETs had recently arrived. They had heard that “new chairs” were available for them. One of the men had crippled legs and the other two had no legs. When they left, they drove down the street so happy and proud; they had been given a new freedom.”



Jean Claude, one of the men, was beyond excited; he came to Santo on his knees and left with what he called: A NEW CAR. He said he was going to hook a radio up to the PET for a stereo.

A PET, all terrain wheelchair, gives a handicapped person independence. He is no longer a prisoner to a wheelchair or has to wait for someone to help him. He can get himself where he wants to go; he can be part of society.”

## PETs MAKING A DIFFERENCE...



Sikhumbuzo Magagula is ready to use his arms to move his new PET cart down the road.



Paraplegic man starts a new life in Thailand.



PETs make Entrepreneurs.

“ There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

- John Holmes

# PETs AT WORK IN COBÁN



On April 7th we traveled to the city of Cobán in the Department of Alta Verapaz, to deliver 26 PETs that have been sponsored by PET International.

In the local dialect Cobán means “Among clouds”. It has a population of approximately 241,500 inhabitants and is the land of the famous and delicious “Chile Cobanero”. In this occasion we partnered with the local Red Cross to be able to assemble and deliver the PETs.

The following testimonies are a summary of few of the stories of people that had been benefited and blessed by a PET. Being able to move around freely is certainly something that most of us take for granted, for these people and their families is a very special and amazing gift. A gift of love that makes their future look better and brighter. All three of these PETs were made at PET MO-Columbia through your support.

SANDRA WICKS | BARBARA & JEFF MORAN

**Thank you so much and God bless you all!!!**



## Elgar Salguero

Elgar is 26 years old and is the eldest of 8 children. Elgar was always very responsible and, aware of the financial struggles of his family, he decided to emigrate to Mexico in order to work. When he was 17 he was working as a helper to a truck driver. On one of the trips when they were carrying iron construction bars, the driver lost control of the vehicle and fell off a cliff. It was a terrible accident, the driver died and Elgar lost both his legs, one just over the knee and the other from below the knee.

Not being able to work and help his mother was devastating. But being as responsible as he is he decided to face life and do the best he could. A friend told him about the PET and he thought it would be great to have one and maybe be able to start a little business. So he applied for a PET and he has great plans for it. On top of being able to get around places, he is going to set it up as a stall to sell sweets and brick and brack things. He is very happy about it, now he will be able to help his mother again. He is extremely grateful and wishes all the best to the people that make this happen for him.



## Danilo Lázaro

He is 43 years old, who used to be a Truck driver. 17 years ago he was diagnosed with Diabetes. Finally on March 7th 2013 he was admitted at a Hospital to have his right leg amputated. Because of his illness he was not surprised by this sad event. He moves around with crutches but because of the area where he lives this is a bit difficult.

Not very long ago he attended a course on Crafts with recycled items, where he learned how to make plastic bottles and soda cans into waste baskets and piggy banks among other things. He saw a great opportunity to start a little business, earn a living and get back the self respect he felt he lost along his job. Everything looked good but he needed to be able to move around a lot and be able to carry his recycled stuff at the same time. Then a friend mentioned that he saw this kind of tricycles with space to carry things, and so he found out about PETs and Hope Haven International and applied for one. He is utterly grateful for his PET, now, he says, he is going to go recycling around and making things to sell. Now he has a job! He says “Thank you so much, now I am unstoppable!!!”



# MEL'S COLUMN

## “THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN”



This beautiful young woman is typical of those for whom PETs are designed, built and donated. I send it to ask you PET volunteers, promoters, and donors to put this photo over your desk, on the church bulletin board, or other such place where you will see it daily.

Her twisted limbs are the result of that dread disease, polio. The polio vaccine did not make it to this young woman's community soon enough. She did nothing, her parents did nothing, to cause this brutal impact upon her young life. It came without being asked, and stayed on in silence.

She has not given in to polio. Her spirit is not broken. Neatly and tastefully dressed, the pleading eyes looking out from her lovely face, are asking, “Can you help me?” She did get a PET, and I would love to sit down with her for a visit.

I ask the reader of this, “If she were your sister, could you afford to send her a PET ?” Your answer, of course, is “yes!” Our Christian scriptures remind us that she is, indeed, our sister. “If we claim God as Father, and see a sister or brother in need, and have the resources to help, but do not, we deny. How can we claim God as Father and then neglect the family?”

**- MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

# GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER

## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY

Rev. Clifford Furness by Gary & Caroline Sanderson, The Spillers Family, Bob & Linnell Striggow, Dorothy Tobey, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Tobey, Ronald Tobey, Wells & Becky Warren, Pearl Whelpley, Elden Rothe, Janet Potts, McMonigle & Smith Families, Bill & Elizabeth Lea, Dave & Jan Luft, Chris Luft, Connie Lake, Jerry & Colleen Kellogg, Margaret Cooper, Rev. Norman Beckwith, Raymond & Thelma Jacobs, Mr. & Mrs. David Jacobs, Gerald & Julie Furness, Anthony M. & Joyce Chunko, Larry & Penny Irwin, Sally Dorn, Richard & Lori Jacobs, Kim & Leann Samson, Bob & Linda Samson, Gary & Carol Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Brooks, Gary Balma, Rev. & Mrs. William Maynard, Leanne Trebilcock

Leota Keith by Bebe Ann Rimer, Tom & Rosalie Shively, William & Vonda Leiser, Terry & Debbie Hinrichs, Dixie & Bill Chapman, Brad & Suzanne Stocklein

- Don Thomas, Jr., Kermit K. Young by family & friends.
- Marie Albrecht by Pairs & Spares Class at First United Methodist Presbyterian
- Faye Combs by Virginia Bertz
- Russell Dollens by Marilyn Sudbrock
- Pat Eich by Jeanne Eich, Anonymous
- Rev. Kenneth Hughes by Dorothy Dale Hughes
- Allene Jones by J Paul Jones
- Virginia LaBerge by Marilyn Sudbrock
- John Maples by Joe & Pat Powell
- William F. Meinhardt, Paul F. Meinhardt, Sean Eric Meinhardt by Liz Meinhardt
- Roland & Luella Moore by Mr. & Mrs. George Moore
- Gene Moore by Wilson & Debbie Jones
- Brent Murray by Patricia Pierce
- Richard Myers by Joan Myers
- Bob Baldner, Jr., Marilyn Parker, Shirley Spildie, Bernie Barr by Donna Wagner
- Rev. C. H. Schuermann by Don McCoy
- Robert Parks & Ruth Parks by Laura Carr

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- A. B. Taylor, Jr. by Jim Taylor
- Michael & Jim Walters by Catherine O'Brien
- C. Marion Webster by Arthur Webster
- Jane Weimer by David Weimer
- Gloria Williams by Mel & Barbara West
- Lewis Wilson Jr. by Marilyn Sudbrock
- Dr. John Winnacker by Betsey Winnacker
- Art Witt by Ruth Witt & Family
- My parents and brother, Larry by Barbara Wolf

- Jim Pinkstaff by Joan Pinkstaff
- Mack Powell by Michael Powell
- Rev. Bill Radford by Roberta Radford & others
- Maudine Randolph by Marilyn Sudbrock
- Robert C. Shaw by Mary Ann Shaw
- Melvin L. Schmierer by Linda Jensen
- Helen & Gus Schoene by Thomas Schoene
- Harvey Winter by First United Meth-Presb. Church's Pairs & Spares Class
- Roger “Buckwheat” Wold, Jerry Moran, Ken Jensen, Roger Mourich, John Van Aiken, Donna Kilpatrick, Nancy Weis, Betty Shay by Donna Wagner

## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

Marilyn Earley, Jeannette Elliott, Wanda Evans, Karl & Cheryl Gustafson, June Kuykendall, LWUMC College Boys Small Group, Jon Mayhercy, Jean Provencher, Don Randall, Jancy Smith, Bob & Barbara Walsh, Daniel Weil Family - all by family or friends.

The Charles Millner Family: Ruth Anne & Charles DeKrey; Danielle Mathieu; Suzanne, Travis, Alli & Macy Pearson; Jan & Rick Williamson; Aaron & Emily Williamson; Kristen, Daniel, Cora & Julia Faubus by Charles & Naomi Millner

Mel West's 90th birthday, PET Founder (90/90/90 Challenge) by Harry Holman, Whitney & Marge Hicks, Lucy Sauer, Charles Sauer, Mr. & Mrs. Sid Powell, Bob & Jane Bellinghausen, Rob & Julie Fleming, Jeff & Barbara Moran, Stephen & Martha Matthews, Dewey Amos, Harrold & Nancy Ankeney, Margaret Tyler, General Printing Service, Gary & Marion Moreau, Roger & Donna Hofmeister, Susan & Ed Williams, Shelia & Pat Christy, Tim & Janice Long, David & Holly Roseberg, Diana Chapel, Richard Brashler, William & Gloria Northcutt, John & Barbara Shaffer, John Stafford, Kathy & Gary Hughes, Don & Thelma Randall, Carrol & Dorothy Green, Richard & Ann Dyniewicz, LaVonne Patterson, Bill & Annette Watts, Nancy & Jim Sandfry, Lucy & Warren Zahler, Elizabeth & Thomas Haas, Ray & Linda McKenzie, Mary & William Christman, David & Bonia Maze, Richard & Sharon Hanson, Barbara West, Willard & Nellie Wamsley, Dale & Karen Potter, Rodney & Diana Hanson, Mary Louise O'Brien, Dottie Thompson, Bill & Judith Chastain, Yvonne & Sass Tracy, Marvin & Sharmini Rogers, Brenda Gibbs Brown, Jennie & Larry Geetings, Glen & Tina Ehrhardt, Joseph & Judith Marnin, Thomas & Beth Kenney, Leona & Earl Miner, Dorothy Kasmann, William & Elaine Gortmaker, Gary & Colleen Ostercamp, Melvin & Beverly Toellner, Rob & Sarah Hill, Gregory & Dora Thackery, John & Barbara Willenberg, James & Lois Powell, Andy & Kathy Maynard, Beth Ferrell, Gary & Karen Coffman, Pam & Willie Boyd, Larry & Aileen Garvin, Stephen & Helen Schoene, Donald Bay, James & Judy & Lindley Wall, Merle & Marylou Robinson, Susan Heinsz, Bill & Diane Schrader & Family, Norm & Marilyn Anderson, Betsy Winnacker, Tom & Mary Burhkuhl, Ed & Myra Kail, Fayette Rotary Club, Winifred Scott, Chris & Ron Houser, Ardith & Marc Kirchhoff

Mel & Barbara West by Stan Grebing, Barbara Herlong, Shirley & Paul Baer, Gladys Campbell, LaVonne Patterson, Moine & Mabel & Martin & Aaron West, Charlotte Stradford

- Tom & Mary Buhrkuhl by Janet Jones
- Wayne & Karen Disegna by United Methodist Church of Ludington
- Pastor Marilyn Dorst's birthday by Altamont Methodist Church
- Tina Graue's 90th birthday by Bellflower United Methodist Church
- Ralph Heidenreich by Marcia Heidenreich
- Dr. Roger Hofmeister by Kenneth Bloem & Royce Ragland
- Ron & Chris Houser by Julie Houser & Rosella Kruschek
- Clarence Howard & Leslie Keith Armontrout by Maple Grove Church
- Dan, Cam & Lindsey Korrekt, Dr. Angela Webb by Jeanette Korrekt
- Lindsey Myers by Auxvasse City Presbyterian Church
- LaVonne & Gordon Patterson by Dave Patterson
- Sid & June Powell & June's birthday by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Janine Perlman by Lucy Sauer
- Rory & Cate Schaefer and Ian Westerberg by Carol & Rich Oliver
- Mr. & Mrs. William Stairwalt's 58th anniversary by Elizabeth Marshall
- Doris & Glendall Stout's 60th anniversary by Pat Haller
- Bill & Annette Watts' 20th Wedding Anniversary
- Arthur Witt Jr.'s birthday by Judy Witt-Croswhite
- Judy Witt-Croswhite & Bruce Pack by Ruth Witt
- The Upper Room Bible Study by Kathryn Green
- Elaine Thompson & Anne Miller by Kay Wallace
- 16 Grandchildren by Lloyd & Diana Rudloff
- Shirley Russo's birthday by Charlotte Carey
- Lucy Sauer by Charles Sauer
- Jane Smith by Michael Smith

- Lawrence Garvin by James & Janice Cha, Karen Garvin
- Glensted UMC by Beverly Underwood
- Stan Grebing by Karen & Jerry Salmon
- Jack Harbison by Dawn Harbison
- Art Haseltine by Paul & Patty Brown
- Sarah Hill by Marc & Ardith Kirchhoff
- Loren & Vernice Jung by Charles & Kathryn Kinder
- The Kernell Family by Barbara Kernell
- Glen & Paulette Matheny by Judy Matheny
- LaVonne Patterson by Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Sarah Kurre
- Anne Miller by Elaine Thompson
- Joe & Kathy Perks by Kathy & Andy Maynard
- Robert & Francine Popeck by Charles Popeck
- Dennis Potter by Kathryn Potter
- Don Randall by C. J. Pittman, Dennis Carter
- Vital Signs Musical Performance Group by Aley United Methodist Women
- John Willenberg by David & Joyce Johnson
- Glenn Rolf's birthday by Adam & Rachel Rolf
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kimberly Rudloff
- Mr. & Mrs. Craig Wagner by Donna Wagner
- James Wall, Jr.'s birthday by James Wall
- Aaron West by Moine & Mabel West
- Susan West by Moine West

## PET PROJECT DONATION SLIP

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

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