

## Karla's Story



Karla Ondina Ortega Barahona gets a new lease on life with her PET.

Karla Ondina Ortega Barahona struggled up the steps to her sewing class not expecting to receive a PET. There she saw Ashley Williams, coordinator of PET-Kansas' trips to Honduras. Karla told him her story: She was riding a cargo train when it lurched forward and threw her under the train. Her leg was amputated instantly.

Karla teaches a children's Sunday School class. She is studying to become a lawyer to help the underprivileged in Honduras. With some financial help from Ashley, she made repairs on her prosthetic leg so she could use her new PET efficiently.

Karla says her new PET is just as important as her books or anything else in her life. Before she received her PET, she used a walker that took a lot of time. In the back of her PET she carries books, supplies, and her walker to classes. She drives her PET to a store to work in the afternoons. The independence she received from the PET has done wonders for her confidence. She knows she can never afford a car but says driving a PET must be the feeling people have when they drive a car. She says she would not trade her PET for *any* car.

Karla's mobility is truly inspiring! The PET works well for Karla. With it she teaches children in her church and will eventually help the poor in Honduras with affordable legal help. No matter what life has thrown at her, she keeps smiling and never quits.  
-- by Ashley Williams

**Give the gift of mobility to God's children in need! PETs change lives!**



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# PET-KANSAS NEWSLETTER

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## Alaska Volunteers Join 2010 PET Distribution



Four volunteers from Alaska traveled with Kirby and Christine Goering at PET-Kansas to distribute PETs in Honduras this year. The group is considering a PET-Alaska shop. They learned to plan a trip, assemble PETs, adjust PETs to recipients and plan a distribution.

**Row 1, l. to r. (kneeling):** Beto Vargas and a host pastor from the Church of Christ  
**Row 2:** Damili Dinkins, Melinda DeBruhl, Patricia Kennish, Sherylyn Goering, Christine Goering, Anel Vargas  
**Row 3:** Walter Dinkins, Ashley Williams, Matt Goering, and Kirby Goering. **Not pictured:** Greg Regier.  
Thanks to our Alaska helpers and PET-Missouri for supplying us with children's Pull PETs and sewing machines.

## "Curb Service" or "Kirb Service"?

Herbeto Arturo Vargas, a 29 year-old double amputee, came to the church for a PET in the very best of his clothes and the worst wheelchair I have seen in a while. The first thing I noticed was that he was wearing a Rolex watch that seemed expensive for Honduras. Of course, it was a fake. I asked him where he got it.

Arturo's father did clock repairs. Arturo learned the business from him. Now he has a small shop of his own where he repairs watches, clocks, and anything people bring to him. I asked Arturo, "What would be the best benefit if you had a new wheelchair?" He explained that his shop is off the main street, and he would like to bring some of his work to main street to sell during busier times of the day.

Arturo had brought some money with him, hoping to move up on the list and buy a PET. He was fortunate because several did not show up. Arturo got his new "Mobile Watch Repair Shop."

I jokingly told him he should call his business "Curb Service" (a pun on "Kirby Goering's muffler business - "Kirb Service"), but something was lost in translation. The last time I checked on Arturo, he was using his PET to go to school. His greatest benefit? Now he can move without help from class to class with books and supplies. The PET has improved his life more than he can describe.

We already have 75 confirmed names for PETs on next year's list. In November I will travel to Honduras to make arrangements for our upcoming PET-Kansas trip next year.  
-- by Ashley Williams



Arturo runs a watch repair shop from his PET.

***New Addition Provides PET Assembly, Painting, and Storage Area***

After years of operating PET-Kansas out of Kirby's muffler shop, a larger area was needed for building PETs. For many years generous people provided space to store finished PETs in barns, garages, etc. Recently, Keith Timmermeyer of Peabody gave us a building to enlarge the shop. We also purchased a container at very reasonable cost to store the PETs before shipment.

Thanks to many of you who have generously been part of this exciting endeavor. Our desire is to serve Jesus Christ by providing mobility to many of God's needy children. If you can help with costs of the PET-Kansas' facility and its mission, it will be very much appreciated.



A donated building recently doubled the work area of the PET-Kansas shop. This much-needed space gives us more room to organize production.



Chris poses with a PET on the porch of the new PET-Kansas addition.



Workers assembled the outer structure of the arch on the new steel building.



The straight sidewall and pitched roof design has the shape of a traditional gable. Here the work crew poses with Kirby and Chris (front right).

Insulation was sprayed inside for warmth. No interior beams were needed, allowing more space for sawing, welding, assembling and painting PETs. The new facility has an office (the door on left) for visitors to view videos and discuss PET-Kansas' missions.

Note the line of PET bodies propped against the right wall. The space is truly a God-send.



Each PET-Kansas delivery to Honduras involves building at least 193 PETs. These are given to PET recipients.

At left Kirby is beside Ashley Williams, coordinator of our trips to Honduras.

New board members, Lois and Gerald Neher (left), toured the facility with Kirby and Chris while it was under construction. The Nehers were missionaries in Nigeria for many years and bring a special understanding of the needs of PET recipients in developing countries.



We also needed a place to store PETs until their shipping date each April. Kirby found a good price on a 53' x 102" container. This will save time so we can build more PETs. We already have 121 PETs stored in it for our next mission. When full, the container will hold about 193 PETs, plus sewing machines and Bibles.

***To help with the PET-Kansas ministry which builds and delivers PETs to the 'least of these,' please consider giving to this worthy tax-exempt charity.***

**PET-Kansas Calendar ... Spread the Word!**  
**Nov. 6, 2010, 9-12:00 – Alternative Christmas Gift Market**  
 Location: The Cedars Wellness Center, McPherson

**Miracles in Motion**



These men came early to claim their PETs. PETs restore hope for Honduras's disabled.



Born with two feet on each hip, this man in San Pedro Sula is grateful for his PET.



PETs empower the disabled to become self sufficient.

**Children are the Most Vulnerable**



The Push Pull PET is a God-send for this boy and his loving family.



Little Mainov rolls away, happy on his new PET.



This child in Santa Barbara is overjoyed at her new Push PET.

**In Gratitude**

Thanks to Patsy Magelssen and *Trash to Treasures* in McPherson for sewing 84 backpacks for our PETs. The bags fit nicely over the backs of PETs. These will be distributed with PETs in April 2011.

*PETs are free gifts of love given in the name of Jesus Christ. They are given by more than 100 volunteers and donors who help to build PETs in Moundridge, KS.*

Check out our new PET-Kansas website: <http://petkansas.org>



This man uses hand pads to scuffle along the ground. PET-Kansas outfitted him with a PET.

**We Get Letters**

The Push/Pull PET from PET-Kansas that we took to Peru was a huge hit with the young girl that received it. The workmanship on your units is awesome! The girl's details are: Name – Gris Joeli Vasquez, 9 years old, born without legs and no left arm. She does attend school but it isn't always easy or possible without mobility. Her mother won't have to carry her everywhere she goes from now on. The woman in the red shirt is her mom. Thank you for making it possible.

Jeff & April, PET-Florida  
 Riverside, Florida



Gris Joeli Vasquez was born without legs and with only one arm. PET-KS outfitted her with the first Push/Pull PET in Peru.

**PET-Kansas Needs ...**

- a volunteer to send PET-Kansas information to PET-International's webmaster, who will set up a web site for us;
- \$3,000 for PET tires and immediate needs;
- funds and offerings for PET parts, chain, tires, and wood;
- garage sales, special dinners or other fundraisers to purchase supplies for PETs.

Please remember PET-Kansas in your estate plans and wills.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

To contact the Goerings, call 620-345-2394 or email [petkansas@hotmail.com](mailto:petkansas@hotmail.com)

**Support PET-Kansas**

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**THANK YOU**