

Save the Date! PET-Recipient from Nigeria to Visit PET-Kansas

In early November 2014 PET-International will bring Suen Oke, a PET recipient from Nigeria (at right), to the U.S. We are waiting for confirmation of her visit to PET-Kansas. Stay tuned for this very special event when she will tell her story.



Suen Oke

“PET Partners Work Together”

On one of PET-Kansas recent trips with Hope Haven International, the Goerings found a man lying down with bed sores. They procured an air mattress for him and provided bandages from Hope Haven. Another woman, who had been shot, was found in Guatemala City. Last year, the Goerings were told she would not live another year. Amazingly, she survived. One of her sores has healed now.

There are 23 PET affiliates in the United States, plus another in Zambia, Africa. PET-Kansas is its own non-profit with PET-International as the umbrella organization for all 23 PET shops in the world. Zambia is where the need for a PET was first envisioned by missionary Larry Hills. Kirby and he worked together in the same mission while Kirby served in Mennonite Volunteer Service.



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PET Partners Collaborate to Improve PETs



Lineup of recent PET recipients in Guatemala

The assembly of a PET involves an amazing mirage of hands and hearts working together. Since 2004 when PET-KS began, the Goerings have had 10 years experience building these ‘missions of mercy.’

Many partners collaborate with PET-Kansas. Volunteers and businesses donate materials. Others transport parts and provide needed services. Still others give generously of their resources to provide PETs for people in developing countries. “We’re grateful for our partners,” say the Goerings. “We couldn’t do this ministry without them.”

The PETs’ tires come from **Marathon Industries**. “Another volunteer fabricates handle bars for us, and, also, welds them together,” Kirby says. “They do between 300 and 350 per year for us here in Moundridge.”

“**Full Vision** in Newton lazer cuts the metal and fabricates fork parts for us. They, also, make our upper and lower chain guards at no cost to us. Also, inmates at Ellsworth Prison cut and weld forks, brake handles, brake shoes, and pedal posts for each PET. A group from Marlo, Oklahoma, raises funds to buy wood for the PET, cut out parts, producing 50 units at a time every couple months. Yet another PET-Kansas volunteer, a retired veterinarian, goes to Oklahoma, every couple months to pick up the wood and bring it back to PET-Kansas. He, also, purchases tools for each PET’s tool kit.

“**BMG** of Hesston, also, provides fork parts and lazer cuts a wrench for us. **Bradbury Company** in Moundridge provides metal for the PET parts. Local businesses, also, give discounts on hardware and supplies. The partners who work with PET-Kansas use the wisdom of volunteers and local businesses. Many give generously of their skills and resources to make PET-Kansas successful.” Anyone wishing to help, volunteer, or donate to PET-Kansas, feel free to call PET-Kansas (620) 345-2394.

Volunteers Needed

Currently, PET-Kansas still fabricates some parts, in-shop, and volunteers are always needed to cut metal and wood for seats, paint, etc. Kirby could use additional help welding, as well.

He adds, “We want to thank our donors and volunteers for making this ministry possible. We have a working relationship with 23 PET affiliates around the United States, and in Zambia, Africa, where the PET ministry began.”

Since PET-Kansas started, their shop has built 2,000 PETs including Push-Pull PETs.

PETs Delivered in Guatemala



Left: PET-International goes to all lengths to deliver PETs. Here they delivered PETs strapped to the roof of a bus in Coatepeque, Guatemala.

Center: This young man will have a more productive life with his new PET.

Right: Emilio, a polio victim and double amputee, begged on the streets of Xenocoj, Guatemala. He appreciated the PET's new orthopedic seat.

MONETARY DONATIONS: Please make checks payable to PET-Kansas.

Mail to: PET-Kansas, 320 W. Ruth St., Moundridge, KS 67107. **THANK YOU!**

NEEDED: Cut firewood for the winter for our outside wood burning stove. Anyone willing to help cut wood or donate, please let us know. Also needed 15 ½" drill press.

DONATE USED INK CARTRIDGES, with proceeds helping to build PETs.

YOU-TUBE VIDEO – Our 2014 PET Distribution in Guatemala.

See on www.petkansas.org.

PETs Delivered in Ethiopia 5th Consecutive Year

In April McPherson College students returned to Ethiopia to deliver four PETs to pre-identified people living in a tukul hut village.

Since 2007, PET-Kansas has provided 17 PETs for people living in tukul huts near Lalibela and in Addis Ababa's city dump.

“Students come home ecstatic,” says Herb Smith, McPherson College Religion professor. “Our students go to the PET-Kansas shop to learn to assemble the PETs. In a culture that believes people get what they deserve, receiving a PET is exhilarating because it enhances their self-worth.”



McPherson College students share their experiences delivering PETs with Patriarch Mathias of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.



First PET in Ethiopia Wearing Well

Shown with Sinku Dubale Kassa, the first PET recipient in Ethiopia, are Herb and Jeanne Smith of McPherson College. Sinku's PET is well-worn, but it serves him well. He has enhanced it with a canopy to protect him in rainy weather.

McPherson College students visit him each year when they travel to Ethiopia. Sinku would like to have a motorized chair since his right arm is paralyzed now. The Smiths are looking into possibilities.

