



Mandla

PET Mobility Project

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"I Want to Show My Family Who Has Helped Me"

We know PET-DeMotte volunteers put a great deal of effort into building and contributing PET carts, but sometimes we might not realize that Swazis put a great deal of effort into receiving one.

Take Mandla Tsabedze, age 51; he is a teacher in a Swazi school. But diabetes has taken its toll on his body; **three months ago doctors needed to remove his right foot**, just above the ankle. Would he be able to teach again, or would walking be too hard for him with only one foot?

He had heard that The Luke Commission had a special cart that might enable him to continue teaching, but the TLC medical team had just left his rural area of Swaziland while he was in the hospital getting his foot amputated.

So he kept his radio on as much as he could, until he heard about another TLC outreach that he could "reach" in a kombi (a public transport). "I listened to the radio, until I heard about this one."

Mandla was thrilled to receive the PET cart and the Kragt family was thrilled to be able to help him get one! Two children, Katelyn and Matthew, with their parents, helped their grandfather assemble the cart in Wheatfield, Indiana to be sent to Swaziland for someone special.

"I want to still be a teacher, but the school has many steps and many stones," he said, as he sat smiling in his new purple cart assembled and presented at TLC's September 14, 2015 medical outreach. "I had to come far today. I am now happy."

TLC staff took a photo of Mandla holding the photos the Kragt family sent in the PET box. He was given the photos to take home with his new cart. **"I want to show my family who has helped me."** His smile said it all!

"I would like to say thank you very much for what you are doing. **How did you think of such a wonderful way for me to get around?**" he asked. He was blessed!

Mandla teaches grades 3 through 7, and speaks English. He and his wife have four children, three boys and a girl, ages 10 to 20 years.

Now there are 2 smiling families: Mandla's family and the Kragt family—connected by love! [J. Tuinstra]

