

Mobility Matters



The Gift of Mobility, The Gift of Hope.

Fall, 2014



Happiness Is . . . Having a PET Change Your Life!

Brezo, Romania — The following email was received on June 12, 2014. It was written by a priest who received 2 PET carts made by our shop.

"Hello, My name is Daniel. I'm priest in a small community in Romania. Today I make a great surprise for 2 person because off youbecause I take 2 PET from a organization and I make happy 2 persons. They was very happy and I want to feel you the same....for that I send some foto. Daniel Serban"

Word spread quickly when the PET Shop opened up that morning and volunteers gathered around the com-

puter monitor to see pictures of some of our PETs given to their new owners! Some had to check our map to find out exactly where Romania is located (eastern Europe).

"This is Payday!" and "This is what it is all about!" exclaimed several of the volunteers as they headed back to their work stations with new purpose and great satisfaction.

Upon closer inspection of the 2 pictures, it was determined that the cart with the man seated on it was actually put together incorrectly and this could result in the top box board cracking since the side seatback

boards were not bolted into both the top and bottom box side panels (see arrow).

With the help of a Romanian friend here in the States, a message was sent back to Daniel to immediately correct this problem. Two days later Daniel emailed back saying he had made the proper changes and that he would get us pictures of both PET carts put together properly.

Other details about these pictures:

- the cart on the right is not completely assembled
- it has a serial number of DM0342 (see arrow) which means it was made here in

The PET Count

As of Sept. 16, 2014:

- Made/Packed here: **554**
- Shipped to Partners: **502**
- Worldwide Need: **15 mil.**
- Other Affiliates in US: **22**

DeMotte and it is the 342nd PET assembled and shipped

- the man's PET is totally one color green and since our shop mixes colors on every PET we send out, these 2 recipients must have traded parts!

- the organization who delivered these carts is World Vision Romania.

Thanks to all of you who have sponsored a PET or given generously to provide this gift of mobility to people just like these 2 recipients!

Hoboken, NJ—The Mustard Seed School (an inner city Christian school) blessed our PET Ministry with enough money for these 10 PETs! Principal Tom Postema wrote the following:

"The children at our school contributed to your ministry during the season of Lent, filling offering cans with coins they had earned by doing jobs around the house or from their allowances. Children ages 3 in Pre-K to 14-year-olds in 8th grade joyfully gave to make this project a success. Children from families with means and children from families with very little contributed to this project. We are grateful for the opportunity to give and for the lives that will be touched by the vehicles that you construct."

What's the connection to Hoboken, NJ? Volunteer Jon Huisman invited fellow Illiana teacher, Mary Boerman Lagerway, to visit our workshop and it's her sister's husband who is the principal of the Mustard Seed School. The Joy of Networking!





School children watch their 27 yr. old classmate as he tries out his new PET.



Zambia—Lwando Chola is 27 years old and in Grade 7 at Needs Care Community School. His disease has stunted his growth. He has trouble walking long distances and can only walk slowly. Here is his quote:

“Thank you so much for this wheel chair, this is a break through into my life, the wheel chair will take me a long way, I have been longing for one for the past 5 years now.... My life is beginning to change, You have contributed so much to my education with this wheel chair, last year I was supposed to write my Grade 7 final examinations, but due to my health it was not easy for me to attend school regularly as I could not go to school most times, as a result I missed my exams, but for now I promise you, I will write my exams and make sure to do better as I will always be coming to school using this wonderful wheel chair.”

Report by Mkandawire Esther, World Vision Partner in Zambia

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“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who cannot repay you.”

John Bunyan

Our Mission Statement

PET (Personal Energy Transportation) seeks to reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.



Standing with Bob from left to right: Al Kindig from PET Holland, MI; Ray Truhn, steel parts maker for many affiliates and Board Member of PET International; and Larry Hills, missionary from the Congo, who 20 years ago alerted his friends to the need for hand-cranked wheelchairs for rough terrain and they made the first prototype of our PETs. Al, Ray, and their wives were well treated by our volunteers, but Larry & his wife Laura were the real celebrities!

A Word about Finances

Our Building is completely paid for! Praise GOD! Now we can concentrate totally on manufacturing and shipping PET carts.

To provide **Sustainability**, we are introducing the **PET 300 Club**

with the hope that **300 donors** would each donate \$250 per year for 1 PET, so our workshop would be able to continue making 5 PET carts per week. This would allow this ministry to be sustainable—then any additional funding would allow us to produce even more PETs!

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