



Brazos Valley

P. E. T. News

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P.E.T. Distributions

This quarter has had two major distributions and one of 6 units to Kenya.

SHIPMENT TO INDIA

We were contacted in May by the Lions of Lions District 324 B4 31, Tuticorin, Tamilnadu, India, with a request for a shipment of 15 Child P.E.T.s and 149 adult P.E.T.s. The ability to be granted an import certificate was delayed for several months until the Lions of District 322 B 1, of Kolkata, India stepped up and assisted in obtaining the necessary documentation. The shipment was finally accomplished in September with an expected delivery in Kolkata on the 8th of November. At that time the P.E.T.s will be shipped overland to Tuticorin, a distance of over 2,600 KM (1,615 miles). The San Antonio, Austin and Columbia, MO shops contributed 76 units to this shipment with the remainder from our shop. Due to additional transportation costs needed to move this shipment to its final destination the India Lions have asked if we could assist in the shipping charges. The India Lions are hopeful that Lions in Texas will help with the added shipping costs of \$2,000. An article asking for donations was placed in the Texas Lions magazine. Donations made to help with the shipping may be made to the Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop with the donation designated to be applied to the India Lions P.E.T.



MEDICAL BRIDGES

The Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop has a new distribution partner, Medical Bridges. Medical Bridges has received their first shipment of 58 units from us, and has expressed a desire to have shipments of 30 to 60 units per month. We are currently working with P.E.T. International to insure that their needs will be met.

Medical Bridges is based in Houston, TX and provides medical support to medical missions around the world. We look forward to expanding this partnership.

Mexico, Central America

The continuation of current partnerships with Lake Pointe Church and Lions Clubs in Mexico are an important component of our distributions. Shipments to them are anticipated this year.

A Celebrity in the House.



Our shop foreman, Chester Jones, was nominated for a 2013 Jefferson Award in Brazos County. Although he was not selected as one of the recipients, he was interviewed by KBTX TV, in Bryan and was the featured person during their *Names and Faces* segment of their news program. (www.KBTX.com then go to *Names and Faces*). It is because of Chester and his drive that the shop has continued to thrive and expand in the community. A tireless worker, he celebrated a birthday just before his interview

Shop Visits



Are you looking for an activity for a youth group, a Sunday School Class, or do you want to participate in mission work, but do not want to travel. We can help with this and more. We already have one youth group scheduled for next summer, but we would like to see more. Every year we have groups that spend time with us building P.E.T.s and in many instances learning to use tools that they would not otherwise be using in their daily activities.

If you are a part of a group or organization that would like to schedule work days in the shop, contact us. We have one group from LaGrange, TX that drives in one day a month and they bring their wood parts with them and assemble several pets that day

Although we are normally open from 7:30 AM – 11 AM, Monday – Thursday, we do open the shop on evenings and weekends to accommodate others. Call (979) 821-2222 or e-mail us at petbrazosvalley@petbrazosvalley.org.



Volunteer groups have also found time to visit the G.H.W. Bush Presidential Library located on the Texas A&M campus.

We look forward to seeing you.

P.E.T. International Conference

Board President, Dick Witherite, along with board members Margot Newcomb and Ken Graalum attended the annual PET conference on September 27 & 28th. The host shop this year was PET Memphis, who provided an excellent setting for our meeting.

Highlights of the conference included recommended changes to be made in seating material that will help alleviate the occurrence of pressure sores as a result of being on a hard seat for long periods of time. Other changes in construction of the basic unit were discussed. We were privileged to hear from partners that are doing distributions in many areas of the world, and are very happy that Brazos Valley P.E.T. and P.E.T. International are now a working partner with D.O.V.E., an organization that provides aid and assistance to the people of Viet Nam.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Brazos Valley P.E.T. Shop needs your help, financially and as a volunteer at the shop. Because of our recent successes, we have been asked to provide more P.E.T.s in the coming year.

The shipment to Senegal last year has resulted in a request for additional P.E.T.s. The government of Senegal has given P.E.T. a waiver of import fees until 2015. This is an opportunity to give more people a chance to get up out of the dirt, or out of their beds in Senegal. We anticipate a shipment of 180 P.E.T.s to Senegal by July 2014.

As a result of several meetings, the Brazos Valley shop would like to build and send a container of P.E.T.s to Viet Nam, via The D.O.V.E. Fund group. People are still being injured as a result of land mines and other ordinance that was left after the war. There is a very good presentation on the PET International web site showing some of the people there receiving their P.E.T.s in Viet Nam. Let's try to help The D.O.V.E. Fund and the people of Viet Nam. With Senegal and The D.O.V.E. Fund we will need to build about 270 P.E.T.s. In addition we still have our other commitments to the Lions Club in Rio Bravo, Mexico, to Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, TX and to Medical Bridges.

The cost of a P.E.T. has increased to \$300 per unit. This does include funds for assisting in the shipping of the units to their destination. We would like to make 2014 a banner year and move up from the 300 units that we have been averaging each year to producing 400 in 2014. We will need an additional \$30,000 to do this, or a goal of \$10,000 per month to fund this goal. Can you help us reach a new mile stone?

P.E.T. INTERNATIONAL NOW PART OF CFC

P.E.T. International has been accepted by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a participating fund recipient. The CFC, which is similar to the United Way fund drive, will give designated funds to P.E.T. International. If you or someone you know participates in CFC, contributions may be directed to P.E.T. International by designating funds to P.E.T., CFC #38749.

If you wish to donate **to the Brazos Valley P.E.T.** please fill out the form below. We encourage you to add your address / e-mail address so we may keep you informed through newsletters, e-mails and our web site www.petbrazosvalley.org. You may email us at petbrazosvalley@petbrazosvalley.org, or you may donate through pay-pal on our website.

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