



Brazos Valley



P. E. T. News

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P.E.T. Distributions

September found us shipping 48 units to MedShare in Georgia for inclusion in their medical shipment to their sites.

In October we shipped 139 P.E.T.s to Vietnam. They will arrive in time for distribution during the time that members of D.O.V.E. (Development of Vietnam Endeavors) will be there in January 2015.



We also supplied 8 PETS to Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, TX for distribution through their missions programs.

Another 6 PETs went to First United Methodist Church in Duncanville, TX. These PETs will be included in a container that has been built as a medical clinic and is being sent to Panama.

The San Antonio PET shop arranged for a shipment of PETs to Honduras in November, and the Brazos Valley supplied 21 units toward this shipment.

We are looking forward to receiving pictures and stories from future distributions.



SEUN OKE VISIT IN OCTOBER

Seun Oke, a resident of Nigeria, spent a day with us in Bryan. This was one of several visits to P.E.T. shops. We wish to thank everyone that helped make her visit memorable, and we hope that all that attended were as thrilled as we were to see this young lady and hear her story. Thank you to all that helped publicize this visit and her story widely known in the Brazos Valley.



Featured Donor:

First United Methodist Church
United Methodist Men
La Grange, TX

Here is a riddle, who built P.E.T.s with the Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop tools before the volunteers in Bryan/College Station? The answer would be the United Methodist Men of FUMC La Grange. The next riddle would be, how was that possible? The UMM of La Grange first began working in the Luling P.E.T. shop in 2005. After hearing a presentation by the Luling volunteers, the UMM of La Grange made a commitment to visit the shop and build P.E.T.s once a month. In 2009, due to the health concerns of the Luling volunteers, the Luling shop moved to Bryan and became the Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop. The men of La Grange simply changed directions and continued their mission in the new Bryan shop. The UMM of La Grange have been working almost ten years providing mobility for people in need in developing countries.

The volunteers from La Grange do much more than volunteer once a month. Since 2007 they began purchasing 2 bundles of wood from the Bryan Lowes twice a year. They cut the wood to length, rip the necessary boards and shape them all before they arrive in Bryan. The UMM bring the cut lumber with them, use a few of our jigs to drill some hole, round over a few edges with the router and then assemble 6 P.E.T. s each month. From 2007 through 2013 they have provided the lumber and built 471 P.E.T.s!

The P.E.T. shop mission of the La Grange volunteers is funded by the United Methodist Men of FUMC La Grange. Twice a year they operate a commercial kitchen at the Blue Hills venue of the Round Top Antique Fair. For 15 days, twice a year, they serve BBQ plates, sandwiches, salads, wraps, baked potatoes, desserts and cold drinks to the visitors of the Antique Fair. This massive fund raiser, run by the Methodist men and community volunteers, provides funds for many of the UMM programs, including the lumber for the P.E.T.s

We recently received another gift from the UMM of La Grange. The Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop decided to purchase a very expensive new Saw Stop, a safety table saw that contains a cartridge that will automatically grab a moving blade and jerk it down below the table if the blade comes in contact with flesh. The men of La Grange graciously paid for one half of the saw, thus making the purchase possible.

The Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop is very grateful to the men of La Grange. The financial gifts, volunteer hours and great company are a blessing to us. Charlie Learned, Dr. Charles Ebel, Jim Kahlden, Orvel Hill, David Jenkins and Don Meek are an invaluable part of the Brazos Valley P.E.T. s

Featured Distributor

Arms of Mercy

Honduras

The Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop is currently building 50 P.E.T.s to be shipped to Honduras by our esteemed partner Arms of Mercy. Arms of Mercy began in 2005 in the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula. Two programs are the founding base of Arms of Mercy. The Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) trains doctors, nurses and parents to help prevent the high death and illness rates among the Honduran children under 5. The Medical Ambassador's Community Health Education program helps communities identify and develop solutions within their communities. The program has over 1,000 training modules on issues such as health, nutrition, sanitation and microenterprises.

In 2006 Arms of Mercy began two new programs. The Moringa Nutrition Programs distributes a vitamin/mineral developed from the leaves of the Moringa tree. The leaves are reported to improve health and reduce illness.

Also in 2006 Arms of Mercy became a revered partner of the P.E.T. Project. Over 325,000 mobility impaired people live in Honduras. Arms of Mercy distributes P.E.T.s to even the remotest of villages. The P.E.T. helps Arms of Mercy to fulfill their mission: *Make a difference on a world in need through the seamless combination of disease prevention, education, and community development.*

Our Arms of Mercy contact person is Rick Schommer. More information and donations can be made at their website: armsofmercy@gmail.com. Rick can be reached at (305)671-3340 – a U.S. number that rings in Honduras.

Shop Visits

During the past summer we were fortunate to have youth groups from as far away as San Antonio and Wichita Falls spend a week with us.



Although we are normally open from 7:30 AM – 11 AM, Monday – Thursday, we plan on being open the first three Saturdays of each month, starting in February 2015. We will make every attempt to be open at other times accommodate others groups. Call (979) 821-2222 or e-mail us at petbrazosvalley@petbrazosvalley.org.

In February we will be mailing out requests for groups wishing to spend time at our shop during the summer of 2015 to make arrangements as early as possible so we may be able to accommodate the request.

Brazos Valley P.E.T. is now a part of Amazon Smiles

Do you shop Amazon?

If you do - Do you SMILE?

Remember, start at smile.amazon.com to support Brazos Valley Pet Inc. Amazon donates a portion of eligible purchases made at AmazonSmile to the charity of your choice.

Whenever you shop Amazon, think of us at the Brazos Valley Pet Inc. (Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project)

Every time you make a purchase at Amazon Smiles a portion of the purchase cost is given to the P.E.T. Shop.

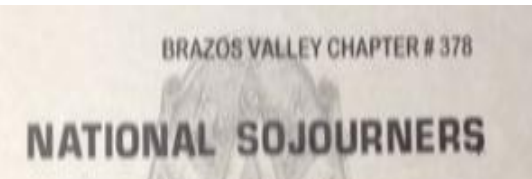
It is easy to do - Whenever you log into your Amazon account, just go the the Amazon command line and select Amazon Smiles. Then you will be asked for your choice of charitable organizations.

We would like you to select Brazos Valley Pet Inc.

This assists us in raising the funds necessary to continue to build and ship P.E.T.s

ALL donations, large or small are valuable to us. Our goal in 2014 was to produce over 325 P.E.T.s. We have several shipments that we are considering, and we will need at least 325 P.E.T.s to fill these containers for shipments in 2015.

We were fortunate this past year to have the Law firm of Eberstein & Witherite, Dallas, TX underwrite our shipment to Vietnam, along with several organizations that contributed to the P.E.T.s



If you wish to donate **to the Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project** 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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