



PET® Mobility Project

WINTER 2014

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ PET No. #600 packed in November!
- ◆ 203 PETs shipped out in 2014
- ◆ Many Countries receiving our PETs, including **Haiti, Honduras, Cuba, Romania, North Korea, and Guatemala**
- ◆ Bob Gabrielse appointed to **PET International Board** and heads up its **Design & Standardization Committee**

Another Changed Life — Thanks To Folks Like YOU!!

Haiti - Lame from birth, Matino was abandoned by his mother and shortly after that his father died. He was taken in by his aunt and uncle who raised him in a small shack. The first 9 years of his young life he crawled in the dirt. Then things changed!



Matino travels with his well-used PET



Matino grew up spending most of his time on the ground.

Thanks to a medical mission group, Matino was given his first wheelchair in 2007. After two wheelchairs proved incapable of handling the rough terrain where

Matino lives, he was given his first PET cart in 2010 thanks to *Love a Child in Haiti* and *Missionary Flights International*.

When Matino needed help repairing his PET cart, Jim Scheller of *Haiti Outreach* was there to rebuild the mechanical

parts several times. This past September Matino traded his



Matino's smile says it all!

well-used PET cart for a brand new PET provided by *MTI-Advantage Program Haiti*. It is truly a blessing to see this young man up out of the dirt and enjoying the gift of mobility — *thanks to folks like you!*

7 Year Old Already Has A Heart For Helping Others

Indiana—Dakota is a 7 year old boy who has a beautiful, giving heart. One day his grandpa took him to see the PET workshop in Wheatfield where he works as a volunteer. Dakota got excited about the PETs and told his grandpa that he wanted to buy one for someone who needed it.

Over the next year Dakota

worked hard and was able to raise money by doing small jobs for his parents and grandparents. Finally the day came when he accompanied his grandpa to the shop with his hard earned \$250. He was so excited because he was able to choose exactly all the colors he wanted on this special PET — and this is what he picked! His PET was assembled on the spot, then

boxed, to be Dakota's special gift for someone he didn't know — but still cared about!

When his cart was packed for its shipment to Haiti, it included a picture of Dakota and his story. We pray that we will be able to share with Dakota, our Volunteers, and our Donors, a picture of that very special person that received that very special PET cart for which Dakota worked so hard!



Dakota's gift



Will YOU Help Meet the Need in Malawi?

Salima, Malawi - George Chimpiko is a Malawian who works with the disabled in his community — he is disabled himself. George is the founder of KODO, an organization dedicated solely to assist those with disabilities. KODO means “disabled” in the local language. He was looking for a type of mobility chair that he could give to those he worked with, but he needed something sturdier and more durable than a regular wheelchair. In his search, he heard about ‘PETs’, and eventually made contact with PET Zambia, one of our PET Affiliates in Zambia. It was exactly what he needed!

In August, 2014, George received his third load of PETs in Salima, Malawi. That special day began with unloading all 50 PETs from the truck, after which there was a time of praise, singing, and prayer in the church. Then, the real fun began as the recipients (26 that day) were able to crawl out of the church, and select their brand new PET! The sight of seeing these precious individuals pick and try out something that would change their lives instantly was incredible! They were nervous, but excited, as they hoisted themselves into their PETs and then up on the seats. **It was quiet as they timidly tried to comprehend what was really happening, but within a few minutes, they were wheeling themselves around—big smiles on their faces, chattering excitedly with each other and their families.** Before they left, prayers for each of the new recipients were lifted up -- prayers that the Lord would bless them and continue to provide for them and their families, that He would strengthen their arms and hands as they used their PET, that He would open doors for them and show His plans for them, and that they would know how loved and precious each one is.

The sister of one young woman who received a PET that day watched as her sister tried out her new PET; she was glowing with happiness as she witnessed the thrilled look on her sister’s face. She related that she carried her sister for years on her back every time she needed to go anywhere, but now she no longer needed to. She said they were believers and her sister had prayed and fasted for a couple of weeks that she would get something that would allow her to get around . . . and the Lord provided her with this unbelievable gift of mobility—a PET!

“There are discussions in progress to ship our PET carts to KODO in Malawi. The need is great in this country and PET Zambia is unable to produce enough to meet all the needs in this area. Please watch the video online of the distribution of PETs from Zambia through the KODO organization.”

Bob Gabrielse
PET Ministries, Inc.

Here is the link to the website for the video:

www.newlifezambia.com/Update-PET_Malawi_2014.html

A Life is Honored:

Marvin Fase
1943—2014



In October 2014, all of us at our PET Shop were saddened to lose one of our long-time volunteers, Marvin Fase. He packed the spare parts, assembly hardware, and assembly instructions. We always knew Marvin was happy to be there because we would hear him throwing friendly verbal insults at those around him! His love and dedication to the PET ministry were evident; he was faithfully with us every week since we opened the doors in 2012! We thank his wife, Marge (another faithful volunteer), for sharing him with us! We received many wonderful donations to honor Marvin’s life. These donations will not only benefit many PET recipients, but they also honor Marv’s family.

Your gift given “in memory of” or “in honor of” a special person or event in your life will show them that you care enough to make a lasting impact in someone else’s life. A note acknowledging your gift will be sent to the family if requested.

Kathy Zellon & Marge Milbourn



Why do these ladies look so happy? It's because of that industrial sewing machine that was recently donated to our workshop. Marge Milbourn

from *Marge's Upholstery* was gracious enough to teach Kathy Zellon how to use this older but very sturdy machine. In the past, Marge sewed our seatbelts for us at her shop in Wheatfield, but now she is our consultant for everything having to do with sewing. Kathy's comment to anyone who stops to watch her work says, "It's all OK ... my sewing machine and I are friends...now! (*It took some getting used to working with a*

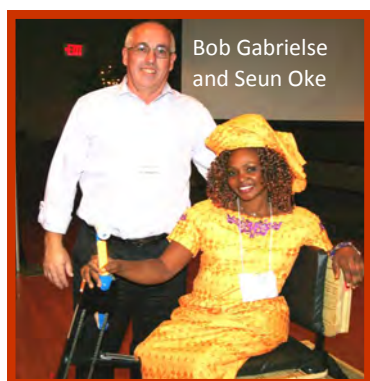
touchy pedal and no reverse).

Kathy is hard at work because she knows she can't leave for Florida this winter until she has enough seat belts made for the Shop for the time she will be away — about 100 total!



Dave, our general Go-To Guy

Nigerian Woman Comes to US and Tells Her Story



Bob Gabrielse and Seun Oke

Seun Oke, a PET owner for 12 years, was a guest at the PET International Conference in Missouri in October. Able to be a student because of her PET, she got a degree in computer science. Now working in a government

office, she splits her commute by riding her PET cart on a busy road to her bus stop, and then riding the public bus with her PET cart strapped to the back.

Seun easily maneuvers her PET and tells how she even taught her little twin sisters how to walk by letting them hold on to the back of the cart while she pedaled slowly for their little stumbling steps. Audiences loved Seun's story of how a young man was so impressed by seeing a disabled woman with the courage to be independent and hard-working that they became engaged. Unfortunately, his par-

ents do not want him to marry her simply because of her disability. Spending 3 weeks in the US, Seun visited PET sites in MO, KS, TX, & FL. She impressed on all of us that there are many, many more people in need of PET carts in her region of Nigeria.

Please help us continue to build more PETs, so more people waiting for the gift of mobility will receive a PET that will change their lives.

Check out this 3 1/2 min. video of Seun: <http://giftofmobility.wordpress.com/2014/10/07/seun-oke-celebrates-9-years-with-the-gift-of-mobility/>

"I am strong because of my PET cart and I want people to know I am a hard worker

.... I am a bold lady! "

Seun Oke

Volunteers Needed:



— Vacuuming



Grinding —

Wood Painting —



Some of our help is heading south for the winter.

PET # 600!



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**Christmas Shopping Ideas
(3 Ideas You Might Like)**

- 1) You can honor a friend, family member or loved one by making a donation in their name this holiday season. Your gift not only celebrates those who are special to you, but is a meaningful way to observe the Christmas season while giving the “gift of mobility” to those so desperately in need.
- 2) You can become a member of the **PET 300 CLUB** and help us bring long term sustainability to our ministry—this is what is needed! See the enclosed envelope or email us at PET: petdemotte@gmail.com
- 3) You can make it easy for you, and for PET; the options for giving now include check, automatic debit, or credit card. See these options on the enclosed envelope.

Thank you!

Our Mission: *to reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.*

“Dios es mi Guia”

—musings by the PET staff

Realito, Mexico — I don’t know what you would have done, but I had to find what this man had put on the front of the canopy above his PET cart. Was it his name? . . . Was it an organization that got him the PET? . . . Was he advertising something? I figured it must be something important since it was the only signage on his cart.

Google translated his Spanish phrase for me:

“God is my Guide”

I mused over how these words got on that canopy, and why;

. . . was it this man who put these words on his canopy?

. . . if so, was this a reflection that he had a new “carritos PET” (PET cart)? After all, his world did just expand from his tiny crawl-able world measured in meters, to a real world measured in

kilometers — where he can go further from home than he has ever previously been able to go — and he may need more courage and a Guide to explore this much bigger world.



. . . or was he now boldly proclaiming God as being his ever-present, dependable Guide for his life, not just for his ride?

Sometimes we have a tendency to look at the people who need to receive these ‘gifts of mobility’ and feel pity for them, and then we give only out of pity. Maybe this is a time for you and I to step back a bit, observe the world from a disabled person’s perspective, sense what they see and feel, and (just maybe) learn from this brother in the Lord, that indeed, God can be YOUR Guide as well as his!

We are to give freely **because we love this man as our brother in need, . . . not just for pity’s sake.**

***Does he feel our pity?
. . . or experience our love?***

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