



Brazos Valley



P. E. T. News

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Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project has new distribution partners

The PET International Director of Operations, Von Driggs has developed a new distribution affiliate that is located in Texas. **Mercy Ships** (<http://www.mercyships.org>), has a warehouse / distribution center located in Lindale, TX. Ten units were delivered to their warehouse in June, with the anticipation that as these are sent to the ships and medical facilities operated by Mercy Ships, additional units will be needed.

Lake Pointe Church in Rowlett, TX has received six adult PETs from the Brazos Valley shop, and two childrens PETs from the PET shop in Michigan. These units are scheduled to be taken to Mexico by the Lake Pointe mission group later this summer. In working with their team in Mexico they have already identified several individuals that are in need of these units.

Volunteers at Work

Lewisville FUMC Youth returns to BV PET for another successful week.



The end of the school year and the return of the FUMC Lewisville youth to the BV PET shop are two things that are great about June. During the week the four teams assembled 18 units, cut wood for six more and assembled metal parts for even more units. The youth were able to use many tools for the first time and receive safety instructions.

The combination of gaining new experiences and putting that to use in building PETs to provide mobility for those without the ability to walk is a great combination and we thank them for their dedication.

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Lions International

The support of the Lions Clubs in Central Texas is instrumental in keeping our operation moving forward. We would like to thank the Welborn Lions Club for a financial contribution this quarter.

The Lions "Tail Twister" made by Chester Jones-



The Lion Tail Twister plans are still available. Information regarding building a Tail Twister Lion may be obtained from Chester Jones at the P.E.T. shop in Bryan.

PET PRODUCTION

1ST Quarter 94 units
2nd Quarter 100 units

Units Shipped

1st Quarter 10 Sierra Leone
2 El Salvador
2nd Quarter 84 Nigeria
10 Mercy Ships
6 Mexico (Lake Pointe Church)

ELLA Buys and Builds a PET



During her school break this spring, Ella -Dick Witherite's granddaughter – contributed \$250 to BV PET and then worked in the shop to build a PET. Dick is a frequent volunteer in the shop and a member of the BV PET Board of Directors

Any group, church, or organization that would like to have a presentation done, please contact us and let us tell you of the fulfilling experience to give the gift of mobility to those in third world countries that presently are incapacitated.

P.E.T. Distribution

In the past year we have distributed PETS to 6 countries through the efforts of PET International Operations Director Von Driggs. These shipments have been through funding by international organizations and functions such as "Operation Handclasp" by the US Navy.

Help Wanted

We are always looking for volunteers to work in the shop. Presently, we are in need of an interested volunteer to assist with administrative duties, such as helping with the production of Newsletters , Web site design, and communications with donors.



On the Horizon

A youth team from Kyle, TX FUMC will be in the shop August 1 – 4. We always look forward to working with these groups so that, as one notable person stated “we combine the knowledge of the elderly with the energy of the young to accomplish a service to those in need”. (We are not admitting to having any elderly persons here.)

September 14 and 15 we will be hosting the PET International Conference at FUMC, in Bryan. On Friday we will have sessions involving: Possible changes to the design and materials used in PET’s, shop safety, strategic planning for the future and working with service clubs in support of our operations. That evening there will be a tour of the Bryan shop for those wanting to see where our PETs are made.

On Saturday the 15th the meetings will center around administrative functions of the international and local organizations, a session on using information technology to communicate with each other and especially with those supporting our work. A report from distribution partners and report from Zanzibar about the recent distribution of PETs will highlight the afternoon session. The evening will wrap up with a Bar-B-Q meal for attendees, celebrating another year of production and distribution of PET’s to those in need.

The LaSalle Hotel in downtown Bryan, has been selected as the host hotel for the conference, and has extended special rates for those attending the conference.

Notes from the Board of Directors

The board of directors for the Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project, Inc. has been holding monthly meeting to plan for the International Conference in September. In addition the Board also has been communicating with organizations and groups that wish to assist in providing funding, fund raising and volunteer help at the shop and with administrative functions.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank those Churches and organizations that have made, and continue to provide financial support to the P.E.T. project. A special thanks goes out to those individuals and groups that fund PETs and then come to the shop to build them.

You may communicate with us at: petbrazosvalley@petbrazosvalley.org, or visit our website www.petbrazosvalley.org

Notes from PET International

PET MO-Columbia set new shipment record last week!

June 25th "Last week was the biggest week of shipping on record. On Monday we shipped 40 PETs and 23 sewing machines to Mozambique. Wednesday we shipped a container of 212 PETs to Swaziland." PET MO-Columbia has a resolution to build 2012 PETs in 2012 which translates to 1000 built to date. The actual total to date is 1012!

PET International Representative in Zimbabwe

On April 18, 2012 the Board of Trustees of PET International voted unanimously in favor of a proposal for Morgan Matsiga to serve as their mission representative headquartered in Harare, Zimbabwe. Morgan is a citizen of Zimbabwe

If you wish to donate 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 website www.petbrazosvalley.org

Yes, I want to help!!!

\$ _____ for _____ P.E.T.'s @ \$250.00

\$ _____ toward purchase of a P.E.T.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____



NEW SHIPPING OPPORTUNITY

July 5, 2012

The Brazos Valley P.E.T. shop has been asked to send a 40 foot container of PETs to Dakar, Senegal.



We currently have 140 units available to be shipped. The distributing mission would like 200 units, or the number that we are able to get into a 40' shipping container.

Unlike most shipments where our responsibility is only to ship the units to the shipping port, in this instance we are being asked to pay for the shipping of the units from Bryan to Dakar, Senegal. We have today received the price quote from the shipping company. The cost will be approximately \$5,400.

We have some funds available to pay for this shipping; however any additional donations to help defray this cost would be appreciated.

The second item regarding this is physical assistance. Without paying additional shipping charges we are restricted as to the number of hours we may have the container on site to load it. At this time we do not have a day specified for loading the container, however we do anticipate that it will be late August. If there are any individuals or a group that might be interested in assisting, please contact us at our e-mail address. Each of the boxes weighs approximately 125 pounds, and they would like us to load the container within a 2 hour time period. It is quite likely that we will not be able to have them on pallets as shown in the pictures, but rather stacked individually in the container.