

# P.E.T. NEWS



PET MI-Saline Newsletter

Fall 2014

## PET MI-Saline needs you!

Personal Energy Transportation® (PET) seeks to provide mobility to leg-handicapped persons in developing countries by donating hand-cranked 3 wheeled vehicles to persons in need. PET MI-Saline is one of two dozen locations in the US where PET vehicles are made. We began operating in 2008. You too can become part of this awesome project!

### 2014 Activities

We have have received tax exempt status as a 501c3 non-profit charity. This allows us to fundraise and provide donors with a tax deduction. Help us continue sending PETs to those in need! We welcome volunteer workers and financial donors to become part of this worthy cause. **We need YOU!**

The cold winter slowed our production efforts, and froze the water meter at our shop. Over the summer, production increased, and we transitioned to the new adjustable padded seat design. Recently we packed the 143rd PET we've produced! Come and help us paint, assemble, and pack PETs!

*“There are in excess of 20 million people in developing countries unable to walk . All Affiliates, parts-makers, financial supporters, distribution partners and others engaged in the ministry of the PET Project are asked to consider, prayerfully and earnestly, the extent to which they can contribute ...”*



This is a PET made by PET MI-Saline

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A PET recipient

## PET History – the beginning

In 1995, Reverend Larry Hills, missionary in Zaire (now Congo), Africa, told Reverend Mel West of the great need for three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Mel contacted Earl Miner, product designer and long-time friend and mission partner, and the process of the prototype design began. Mel began making PETs in his garage, and now 24 Affiliate locations produce PETs. Over 47,000 PETs have been distributed to people in 100 countries.

## Give the Gift of Mobility!

Help send PETs to those in need! Your donation will build and send PETs to adults in desperate need of mobility. Your gift is tax deductible.

Donate by filling out the form below and mail with your check to PET MI-Saline, 375 Mills Rd., Saline MI 48176

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ PETs @ \$250 each

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward production of a PET

Yes! Please email my receipt and updates about PET MI-Saline.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## How PETs are distributed

The units are donated to partnering field organizations or individuals who handle the importation costs, assessment of beneficiaries, and the distribution of the carts to the disabled. There is no expense to the distribution partner for the carts themselves, they are gladly donated. Following the distribution, the partner is asked to supply a report with photographs regarding the outcomes of the project.



## PETs go to 100 Countries

We ship completed PETs by motor freight to partners such as Global Aid Network, MedWish, and others. Our partners have distribution networks all over the world.

We don't always know where the PETs we've made go. Some have gone to Kenya, Haiti, Zimbabwe, and Peru.

Wherever our PETs go, they will help people gain mobility, enabling trips to earn a living, go to school, to market, to church, and to get up out of the dirt they crawl in.

You are needed by The PET Project! You can make a difference in someone's life by giving them mobility.

PET MI-Saline's workshop is located in nearby Milan, MI.



Volunteers Will Minnette and Lilly Minnette prepare PETs for shipping.



Volunteer Ish Naik puts finishing touches on the front wheel assembly.



George Bhubho, Zimbabwe

Your support gave mobility to this boy in Zimbabwe!

**George Bhubho**, 10, from Zengeza, a high-density suburb in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, lost both parents to AIDS not more than 2 years ago. He's now under the care of his grandmother. He has arthrogryphosis, a rare congenital disorder that is characterized by multiple joint contractures and can include muscle weakness and fibrosis. It is a non-progressive disease. He is one of the beneficiaries of the PET carts, which will help him greatly in his mobility.

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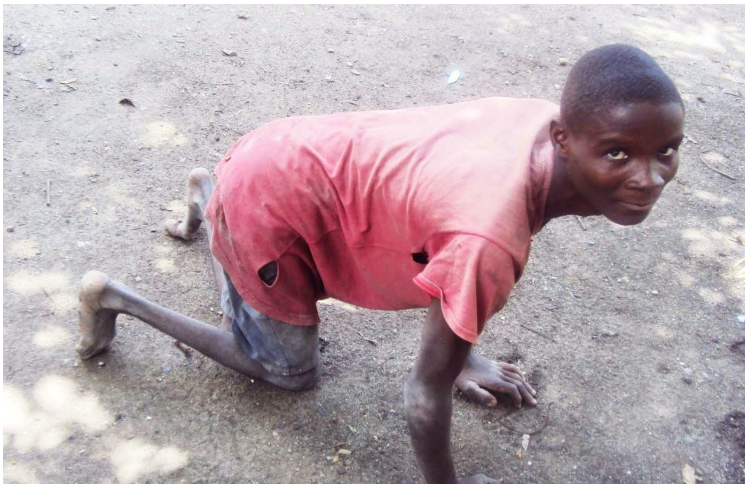
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In many countries, people who cannot walk must crawl in the mud. This young man was given a PET, a life-changing event for him.



***Give the Gift of Mobility today! Send your check to PET MI-Saline.***