



# Mobility Matters



... from **PET IN - DeMotte, Inc.**

*The Gift of Mobility, The Gift of Hope.*

## Our First PET Recipient!

**Renosa, Mexico** — This man, who has no legs, is sitting on his brand new PET! . . . and it's about to change his life!

Our PET was placed with **FAME**, a medical missions outreach organization located in Indianapolis, IN, and passed on to Faith Ministry in McAllen, TX who identified this man's need, assembled the PET, and distributed it to him after giving him instructions.

Several hours later the folks who were part of the distribution team found him riding a mile from his home with a contented smile on his face (and fresh mud on the tires). He accepted a truck ride back home with his PET because he was tired out; the volunteers



*This man's life has been changed!*

found his home to only be a makeshift shed with see-through walls, behind the shack that his extended family called home.

One DeMotte volunteer who saw another picture of this man pointed out to fellow volunteers at the

DeMotte workshop, "Look at the thick mud on his tires! That is so cool that now he can ride through the mud instead of crawling through the mud!" This "gift of mobility" will change his life —all for about \$250.

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### The PET Count:

As of April 19, 2012:

Made and Packed: **57**

Shipped to Partners: **22**

## Newspaper Highlights Our Workshop

A reporter and a photographer from the **Post Tribune** visited the PET Workshop in February and did an excellent article for their paper, even giving it front page coverage. The

real blessing was when calls started coming in from people who had read the article and wanted to become involved. Several new people have come on board as volun-

teers from the Crown Point area. We want to thank this newspaper reporter and staff for their accurate and professional reporting.

*"If we have the ability to respond, then we have respond-sibility."*

*- Mel West  
(PET - Columbia, MO)*



## Our Distribution Partners

We have been blessed with a tremendous array of Distribution Partners who receive our PETs and actually place them in the hands of some of the neediest persons in the world! We do our part by manufacturing the PETs, paying for all the parts, and shipping them to these partners. Almost all of the PET distribution partner organizations share the same commitment we have—to love others because Christ loved us first!

In this issue we highlight the Fellowship of Associates of Medical

**Evangelism** known as **FAME**, a medical missions outreach located in Indianapolis, IN. Each time one of us goes through Indianapolis, we drop off 4 PETs at their facility. This organization specializes in equipping hospitals operated by Christian organizations throughout the world with hospital equipment, beds, medicine, bandages, etc., carefully packing it in huge shipping containers, and sending it to its destination. They also send medical mission teams around the world to person-

ally assist in administering mercy, using medical care and the message of the gospel.

Two adult PETs (from our shop) and two child PETs (from PET-Holland, MI) are packed in each shipping container. Check out their extensive work at [FAMEworld.org](http://FAMEworld.org). We are thankful that we can partner with them to help them accomplish their goal of reaching out to meet the medical and spiritual needs of the world's poor.

## PET Recipients — Pictures Tell the Story



## Our Workshop

We have reached a significant landmark! In January we experimented with the first packing of the PETs--large boxes were ordered, a heavy duty air stapler was purchased, together with a strapping system--and we developed our packing workstation as the final part of the process. On February 6 a consensus was reached by our shop team leaders that each department was ready to focus on a production goal of 5 PETs per week, so on

Thursday, February 17, 2012 we packed 5 PETs as part of this new goal. Since that time the Lord has continued to bless our efforts, and we have packed 5 more PETs each Thursday. Each PET is assigned a Serial Number for identification, and our numbering system started with DM-0001. At present we have **3 Shop PETs** for our visitors to see and drive, and we have made and boxed DM-0001 through DM-0057 which translates into **57 completed PETs** for 57

severely disabled individuals who cannot walk!



A PET during final assembly



## The People Who Make Our Workshop Tick

Many people work together to make this workshop tick! One of these work teams is the Wood-Cutting Crew headed by **John Van Keppel**, who works with **Joe Zellon** and **Ron Anliker** to cut 19 different boards



for each PET, sand all of them, shape them for the part needed, drill required holes, and stock them in the

work stations where they are assembled. Their contribution also includes assembling seats, seat-backs, and box-backs.

Then there are **Rich Tillema** and **Vern Tillema**, and they comprise the Box Assembly Crew; they are totally responsible for building the boxes that comprise the body of the PET. Between them and the wood-cutting crew, 82 wood screws are put in the wooden parts of each PET! After they assemble the wood box it is painted by the paint crews, then returned to Rich and Vern to have the freshly painted black steel frame bolted to the base of the brightly painted box with 16



carriage bolts.

The result is a very well-built beautiful PET that waits for wheels, a steering and pedal assembly, and other finishing details.

The woodshop guys usually work about 6 hours per week and are much appreciated because the flow of wood products from their department never ceases.

## PET International — Our connections to other PET Producers

The PETs made in DeMotte, and at the other 21 PET Affiliates are distributed all over the world. To do that PET International is the umbrella organization that ties us all together, and handles the ordering and placement of PETs with all of our distribution partners. We receive calls from Von Driggs at PET Inter-

national and he coordinates with us where we should ship or deliver our PETs. He trains our distribution partners to deliver the PETs to qualified recipients, follows up on the quality of the service they provide, and coordinates some of the larger shipments. Occasionally a large shipment is made by the U.S. Navy

on its Navy vessels under ***Operation Handclasp***. Right now 910 PETs are being assembled in Norfolk, VA for this free Navy shipping to 3 African countries—Ghana (30 pallets), Nigeria (60 pallets) and Benin (40 pallets). On the internet type in CBN Operation Handclasp PET for a video on a delivery by the Navy !

## Our Finances

Our DeMotte PET Affiliate was organized on May 2, 2011. The first nine months brought lots of interest and excitement. The generosity of individuals together with a few churches was evident and we received funds to set up the workshop and purchase a substantial amount of materials — what a blessing! Now, as we approach the anniver-

sary of our first year, we celebrate God's blessing on our efforts.

But the funds are being steadily used as we move forward. We have to plan now for ordering material for the future PETs that we plan to build and donate for the rest of this year. Many of you have told us how you appreciate this ministry; so if you would like to help, now would be a

good time for the PET shop to have your financial assistance. Each donation of \$250 will result in one more PET being built by our faithful volunteers!

**The \$250. for each PET is spent roughly as follows:**  
**PET materials      150.**  
**Shop expenses      50.**  
**Shipping to Partners      50.**

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## Our Mission Statement

*PET (Personal Energy Transportation) seeks to reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.*

## Packing the PETs

This is one of the sights we enjoy the most each week — 5 gleaming and colorful PETs lined up at the shop waiting to be packed for shipment to some of the most needy people in the world!

Each Thursday our Packing Crew comes in the afternoon, and they have the privilege of checking each PET carefully to make sure it is 100% complete, and then packing it for shipping.

### Try this for a moment:



Look at these 5 PETs; then imagine 5 severely disabled persons sitting side by side on these PETs at our workshop .....and then .... imagine 5 more every week!

