You have helped get PETs back on the road in Sierra Leone!

Volunteer Spotlight

Beth and Tom Haas assemble 3 Pull PETs per week. They think it is unfair that anyone in this world should crawl on the ground. They make time in their full retirement lifestyle to help others.

Volunteers are needed to cut, rout, and drill wood parts for PETs in the Columbia shop. We need to fill a Friday assembly shift and/or a assembler that can float between shifts. Can you help us?

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PAPARazzi

Recently a shipment of donated Personal Energy Transportation parts were received in West Africa by our partner, Mobility Sierra Leone. They have begun to repair PET carts in the city of Bo, Sierra Leone that have been out of service due to wear and tear.

Here a technician carts a segment of indemnity grade chain to replace what was worn out. The PET cart being repaired will also receive a new set of solid rubber replacement tires. Those shown in the photos have been worn out due to use in the rural environment.

PET International is hoping that this initiative will help get many disabled PET cart repaired and back in service for the disabled throughout the country. Further repairs will take place in the town of Waterloo in the near future.

PET CART REPAIR PROJECT BEGINS IN BO, SIERRA LEONE

You are not having today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” - John Bunyan

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: MISSION TRIP

Barbara and Jeff Moran have organized a PET distribution trip to Guatemala the week of January 11 - 17, 2015. It would be an opportunity to spend a week in a medical paradise doing good work during the middle of winter. The cost, based on previous experiences, would be around $1000 plus airfare. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Barb (megamoran@yahoo.com) or Jeff (scimusic@tranquility.net). Thanks.

PET is now officially registered with 51 other non profits in the COMOGives Community Foundation. New donors are welcome to participate in the town of Waterloo in the near future.

“Your Support gave New Life for Two Disabled Women

These two ladies are from a village called Reyanka which is about 5 miles from Lunsar, Sierra Leone. They heard about the PET cart distribution from their local councillor. They crawled from their village to the main road between Makeni and Lunsar. They heard that this was about three miles from their home village, before they got on a poda poda van which brought them to Lunsar. Notice the change when they got their PET carts.

ISRAELI BARGAKA

“Working for and with Persons with Disabilities and their organizations”
... AND A FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA

In a nearby home, we visited a family that has received some aid from Global Aid Network. This one, 17-year-old Boonlert, had been paralyzed as a small child. He is not able to go anywhere outside of the home. Global Aid Network provided a PET cart for him. He said, "I am happy and no one is making fun of me today." The family has four. The dad is physically disabled as well. So they do not have much money or means to earn a living. Tina Waldram, DONOR LIAISON, Global Aid Network said, "One day I thought of visiting him at the school where I was told of this Girl child who has been helped by PET. We presented this PET cart to 57 year old polio survivor Boonlert Nitchampoo on July 5th. His upper body strength remains intact but his legs are so weak he is unable to even stand. He moves around by dragging his limbs. Because of YOU, Boonlert is able to move around more freely. He is able to go anywhere outside of the home. Global Aid Network provided a PET cart for him. He stands. He moves around by dragging his limbs. Because of YOU, Boonlert is able to move around more freely. He is able to go anywhere outside of the home. Global Aid Network provided a PET cart for him.

We want to share a report with you that came in this month from our good partner TINA WALDRAM | DONOR LIAISON

Thank you for partnering with PET and our distribution partners to help one another.

PETS were shipped this summer:
- 28 Florida Mission Warehouse, Kansas City
- 50 Philippine Bases, Philippines
- 60 Orphan Grain Train, Nebraska
- 26 Franciscan Mission Warehouse, Kansas City
- 80 Pettit Learning Center, Winston-Salem, NC
- 4 World Vision, CO
- 4 Cuba
- 48 Madison, CA
- 150 Givekiting for the World, VA

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY

Mel’s Column: - Mel West, Director Emeritus

“PET Volunteers Receive Very High Pay”

There is no pot-give between PET volunteers. We all receive exactly the same and we all pay as high. As far as we are concerned, there are only two things that matter.

We have the knowledge that we have changed the lives of some of Jesus’ least of these in dramatic and lasting ways. People who have been created as persons on the ground for many as 40 years, often as beggars, arrive to a new life filled with hope, confidence and productivity. Kenton County has said that not only men travel through life without nags ever again.

We know that we have also assisted the family of the handicapped and the community in which they live.

Can you help Children in Malawi receive mobility?

We do not waste our latter years. George Bernard Shaw said: “This is the true joy of life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and的说法。”

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