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**PET® MO-Columbia**

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**GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY**



## **TOBIAS GETS TO SCHOOL ON HIS PET IN KENYA**

**THANKS TO YOUR GIFT, HE CAN GET TO SCHOOL AND JOIN IN GAMES**

“Tobias Mogesi is happy young boy. He is using his CHILD PET CART; Columbia MO 2014 (production tag information). He is 12 years old and attending school. The picture below is of Tobias at his home.

I met Tobias in a company of his friends from school going for lunch. He is very happy! He enjoys the company of his friends and plays with them during games not like before receiving PET. Below is Tobias and friends.

I'll arrange to visit Tobias in school and interview him and also hear from his teachers about PET cart. The mobility has helped him access his education.

Blessings

ALBERT MATARA, KENYA RELIEF™ DISTRIBUTION PARTNER SINCE 2013 AND BASED IN AL.

# VOLUNTEER SEARCHES FOR PET RECIPIENT IN INDIA

## PET VOLUNTEER GOES ON VACATION, BUT ALSO FINDS AND INTERVIEWS MR. VICTOR

Mary Frantz, local PET volunteer & retired occupational therapist, was recently in India and sought out a PET owner for follow up feedback. Mary said, “Our communication went very well because our driver was a great translator.”

Here’s an excerpt from Mary’s trip notes: “Before I left, I had checked the files at the PET office, looking for possible PETs in the Bengaluru area whom I could visit and interview for feedback for our organization. (PET had sent me to Guatemala several years before to do the same thing.) I found several names and addresses; but when I got to this area, I located only one PET recipient.

Through many phone calls by Kiran and Subramani, who speak the language, we found that a Mr. Victor still had his PET, after 5 years, and lived not far from the Villa. Finally on one of my last days here, a man at the Prayer House (a Pentecostal church in a large slum area) gave us permission to come visit Mr. Victor. We drove to the Prayer House to find Mr. Victor waiting. He is a 35 year old man with dwarfism who received his PET through St. John's Hospital after a hip surgery. He was very shy at first; but as Subramani translated for us and he realized our reason for the visit, he warmed up and I was able to capture some beautiful warm smiles from this kind man.

He and his mother live nearby and he drives his PET to the Prayer House daily. The PET is really worn out, especially the tires. I drove it myself, took many pictures and interviewed Mr. Victor about his use of it and what he would improve. It was very productive, and this information will help us at the PET office.” (Since that trip, Mary has been seeking out a way to get a new PET to him. Use and conditions per PET vary, but with some maintenance and new tires, many PETs can last 10 years or more.)

In 2015 we sent 254 PETs to India thru two different groups. More may have gone thru our distribution partners who ship worldwide from their warehouses.

Would you like to provide mobility for another person in India? Please donate at our website: [www.giftofmobility.org](http://www.giftofmobility.org) or send a gift to our shop.





# GARY'S COLUMN:

## “SUMMER IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING”

Summer 2016 brings a generous offer from our long time parts makers in Washington State. **Help us receive a \$20,000 challenge gift.** We are looking for new donors, past donors not giving in 2015, and gifts that exceed your donation in 2015.

To build a PET is costing about \$300.00 and for that price we can ship to a U.S.A. warehouse. We are on track to make 1,600 or more in 2016, averaging 32 per week. Even though we have built 57,000 during our life, the World Health Organization estimates maybe 70 million are still leg disabled. Wow, difficult to imagine for those of us in the United States.

I experienced this first hand in Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire) last February when I gave away 82 PETs. Imagine needing to gather firewood every day and you can only crawl. Your daily task is to crawl to the well, down the trail, and to gain just enough water to cook some rice for the day. It was evident to the villages that I visited that mobility is a necessity and being carried or relegated to being left behind should not be a way of life.

**Each day in Doropo your dollars allowed me to assemble PET carts and give away to many that needed a hand up. A smile of joy is irreplaceable. I only wish each of you that support this ministry could experience that personally.**

So your next best solution is to give of your resources and support us who build 32 per week right here in Columbia.

Next you might consider recognizing PET Missouri-Columbia, Inc. in your will as a percentage of your estate. We recently sent out a request on how that can be done. Please notify us when you do include us in your legacy. Many of your heirs already have enough material items, consider helping those leg handicapped people around the world.

**Truly Summer is a Giving Season!!!**

**- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

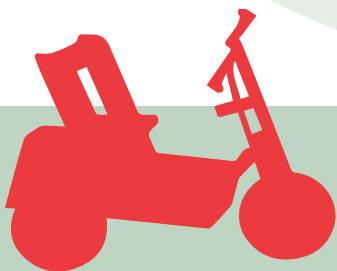


## HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

PET MO-Columbia received the GuideStar Nonprofit Profile Gold level logo, a leading symbol of transparency and accountability provided by GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on nonprofits. The logo demonstrates PET MO-Columbia's deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.

In order to be awarded the Gold logo, PET MO-Columbia had to fill out every required field of our nonprofit profile on [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) for that level of participation.

We hope you will check us out and tell us what you think:  
<http://www.guidestar.org/profile/20-5640563>



**“Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.”**

**- Horace Mann**



# MEL'S COLUMN:

## “EMPATHY + COMPASSION = ACTION”

EMPATHY - “the capacity to identify with another person or object.” (Oxford Dictionary)

The scriptures report that Jesus “had compassion on them,” and that compassion was always followed by action. I think that empathy and compassion were both cut from the same piece of cloth. The old term “walk a mile in the other person’s shoes”, also applies.

Empathy, compassion, and the ability to walk in another’s shoes are all necessary attributes if we are to be fully human beings and share in the human family. We have to work at it. I have a friend named Binicio in Nicaragua. Many years ago he lost both legs at the buttocks to a landmine. He has had to wear a colostomy bag. We correspond a bit. He has remained in dire poverty, lying on a pallet and getting bedsores. A year ago he received a PET and it has changed his life dramatically. Once in a while I ponder his situation. How does it feel to live with a colostomy bag day after day? How does he keep his spirit? How has his life been changed from looking at the ceiling from a pallet, to looking at the world from a PET? I ponder, hopefully “with compassion.”

There are so many other situations we might ponder, seeking empathy.

- How does it feel for a black mother to see her teen-age son walk out the door, knowing what may lie ahead for him?
- How does it feel to be a Muslim in the USA, knowing the feelings that many hold?
- How does it feel to be a single mother with three children, working two jobs, and with a sick child and rent due you do not have?
- How does it feel to be a homeless person, living in a crude tent in a secluded area of a city?
- How does it feel to be a teen-age young woman who has finally admitted to herself that she is homo-sexual, but has told no one, and knows that her parents and her church will dis-own her?

Try asking yourself those questions, truly seeking empathy and compassion. Remember, when Jesus felt compassion toward an individual he always followed with action.

**- MEL WEST, DIRECTOR EMERITUS**



(Before and after pictures provided by Bringing Hope To La Palma in El Salvador)

We appreciate all the donors and families who have chosen PET to honor or remember someone. These gifts will be put to good use building and shipping mobility to others in need.

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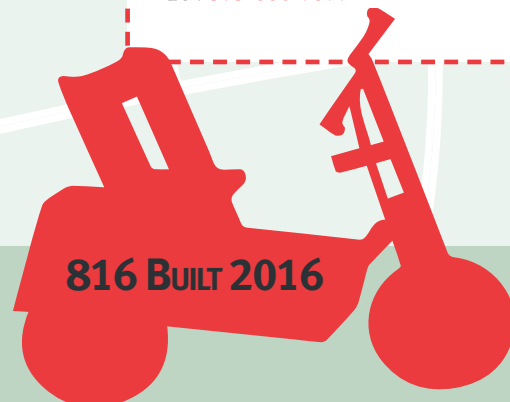
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**“To ease another’s heartache is to forget one’s own.”**

**- Abraham Lincoln**



## **MAN SEARCHES FOR PET** **HAITIAN MAN BROKE HIS BACK AND NOW** **DRIVES A PET**

Email Apr 4, 2016: “Dear Gary, I received this email today and knew you would appreciate it. We had just shipped PETs to Sandra.

**KAREN MANGELS, TRANSPORTATION  
COORDINATOR, ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN, INC.**

We are so grateful to these mission partners who help you and PET deliver mobility in Haiti.

“Karen:

We just had a tap tap (taxi) come to Santo with a man in terrible condition. He is 32 years old. In 2014 he was in a big truck in Jacmel and it had a bad accident and he was thrown through the windshield and broke his back.

He was told he would never walk again and had these leg braces on both legs and up his back. He was able to get into the PET and quickly learned to drive all over.

I asked him how he knew to come here for a PET. He said he saw a man in Marin who was riding all over, he told him to come to Help For Haiti in Santo.

So thank you for the last shipment; so we had a PET to give him.”

**SANDRA KOCH | HELP FOR HAITI INC.**

