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Meet Tom Omondi, Kenyan Dairy Farmer

Tom uses his P.E.T. to supervise his farm and haul feed. He has adapted his P.E.T. so he can rest his leg braces when moving around. Dairy farming is hard work, but Tom's P.E.T. makes it possible for him to do the work he loves. P.E.T. donors made it possible for him to farm!



84 P.E.T.s to MedShare

In February we sent 84 P.E.T.s to MedShare. MedShare has been recovering and redistributing discarded medical equipment and supplies since 1998. They have sent over 1,000 containers full of medical equipment to over 96 countries. Look at their website for more information: medshare.org.

Upcoming Shipments

42 P.E.T.s to Americares in March
84 P.E.T.s to Sierra Leone in early summer

Thanks for all the prayer cards in January. We placed the Recipient cards in packed P.E.T. boxes and the cards for our Volunteers are on a bulletin board in the shop. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

A Sad Goodbye to our Friend Verda Inez Barron

Verda passed away at the age of 95 in November. She helped start our P.E.T. shop in 2009 at the age of 88. Verda worked in the shop and was our first treasurer. She was well known among friends and family as an expert seamstress who could fix almost any garment in a flash. We all miss Verda greatly, but know she is with the Lord and her loved ones.



Our Man of Steel - Tom Mosley

Tom Mosley is the steel guy. He cuts it, makes all the drilling jigs and manages parts for welding in the P.E.T. shop. Tom also creates all the orders for the 13 kinds of steel used. He has been working in the shop since 2011. Tom doesn't believe anyone should be indispensable, but he is a crucial volunteer to the Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project. He works in the shop Monday through Thursday and even on Saturdays when we have groups.



Tom was born in Waco where his mom was a seamstress. After High School he worked as a picture framer. At the age of 21, during the Korean War, Tom joined the Navy. He served on an LST, landing and evacuating Republic of Korea and British troops behind enemy lines. He also served on an AGC, Amphibious Command Ship.

During his career Tom attended basic electronic school and advanced electronic school, eventually becoming an instructor of Atomic, Biological and Chemical Defense in San Diego and, later, Advanced Electronics in San Francisco.

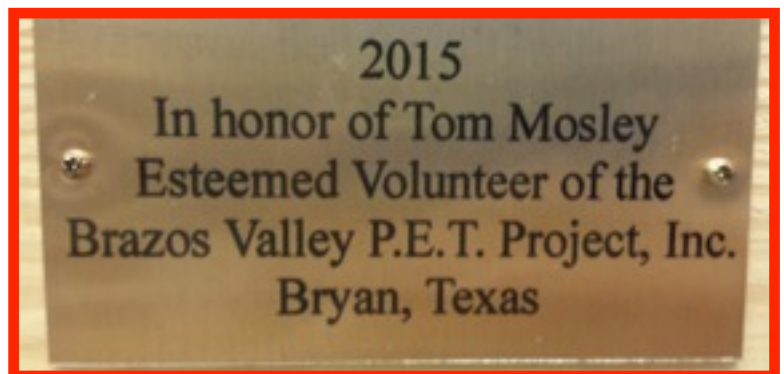
Tom also spent several years on aircraft carriers. He served on the U.S.S. Oriskani, Bonhomme Richard, and Yorktown. Tom served at the communications stations in Kodiak and San Diego. He retired from the Navy in 1972 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

After retirement Tom worked a couple of years writing and editing technical manuals. He then began his second career at Honeywell doing shipboard inspections and lab and field testing for EMI/EMC (electro-magnetic inference and compatibility).

He retired from Honeywell as a Senior Engineer in 1994. Then Tom and his wife, Juanita, moved to Bryan.

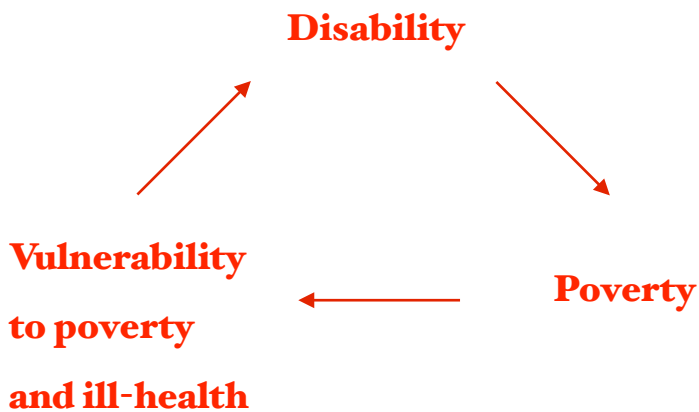
Juanita and Tom met in San Diego where she was working in an aircraft factory. They met in church and married in 1955. They were married almost 57 years before she passed away in 2013. They had a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

Tom has had a very successful career and is one of the smartest people we know. Tom's public education finished in high school. He credits much of his success to his High School English teacher, Louise Gayle. She taught him to write to clearly communicate and read to understand. All the rest was Tom's hard work. We are blessed to have him as our friend and co-worker.



The Terrible Cycle

You have heard of the miraculous “Circle of Life,” but there is a Terrible Cycle also. It is the cycle of poverty and disability. In a 2000 report by the British government’s “Department for International Development” the cycle is described as:



Disability leads to poverty because of the denial of opportunities. Poverty creates vulnerability. The inadequate nutrition and health care of the poor leads to more disabilities. Lack of immunizations and pre-natal care leads to the next generation of children with disabilities.

In addition, the disabled in developing countries face the cost of treatment and lack of access. Their lack of transportation creates a burden on their families. The burden of caring for the disabled most often falls on women: mothers, aunts and sisters. A further burden is placed on families because their disabled family member is often unemployed. Social and cultural stigmas exclude the disabled from their communities, employment and decision-making opportunities.

As the report states, “Poverty is both a cause and consequence of disability.”

Can a P.E.T. help those with mobility disabilities?

Absolutely! Mobility provides opportunities for education and employment. Families are relieved of the burden of transporting their disabled relative and benefit from their employment. Stigmas fade when the disabled person becomes a contributing member of their community.

Happy Birthday General

Joe Hanover

We celebrated the 98th birthday of General Joe Hanvoer. He has been a long time supporter of the P.E.T. shop, so we were happy to help with the celebration at FUMC Bryan. General Joe is sitting our our 2,000 P.E.T.

Happy Birthday General - Thanks for all you have done!



Record Production in 2016

We have built and packed 105 P.E.T.s in just the first 10 weeks of 2016. At this rate we could build 525 P.E.T.s this year. Our only stumbling block is funding. 525 P.E.T.s packed and shipped have a value of \$157,500. You have helped us build over 2,000 P.E.T.s in just 6 years and have changed the lives of 2,000 people by providing them a means of mobility. Please help us keep up our production rate and to continue to help the mobility impaired.

Monthly Giving the Easy Way

Want to make a monthly donation to P.E.T.? The easy way is to have your bank mail us a check!

Log in to your Online Bank Accountant

Select Bill Pay

Choose New Payee

The P.E.T. shop will not appear as an existing Payee, but there will be a way to add:

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Choose the amount and day you want the bank to send us the check.

Thank you for changing a life!

Next Month - Guatemalan Distribution

Look for an interview in the next newsletter with our friend Ben Winkle. Ben traveled to Honduras for a P.E.T distribution the first week of March. We will hear about his experiences and the people who received new P.E.T.s.

Your Gift of Mobility!

_____ \$25 buys 1 tire _____ \$50 buys 2 tires _____ \$300 for one P.E.T. _____ \$other amount

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Street _____

City _____ State and Zip _____

In _____ Honor or _____ Memory of _____

Please send card to _____

Street _____

City _____ State and Zip _____

Please tear off and Mail to : Brazos Valley P.E.T. Project, Inc. 506 E. 28th St. Bryan, TX 77803

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