

Mobility Matters



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

The Gift of Mobility, The Gift of Hope.

2 of Our PET Recipients!



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The PET Count:

As of December 12, 2012:

Made and Packed: **226**

Shipped to Partners: **226**

Renosa, Mexico — This town has some very happy sisters. Suffering childhood abuse by family members, their handicaps make them objects of scorn. Meanwhile

the folks of Old Bethel United Methodist Church in Indianapolis have adopted Renosa, Mexico as their mission field, helping some families with rebuilding

homes, collecting household goods for the needy, and placing 10 of our PETs with qualified recipients.

“Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.”

*—Bob Pierce,
World Vision Founder*

Youth Groups Raise Money for PETs !

DeMotte — The Sunday School Director of the Methodist Church challenged its children to raise money over the summer to fund one PET cart. Each time a child collected \$10, he/she was able to put a piece in the poster size puzzle to complete the PET picture. By the end of the summer, enough mon-

ey had been collected to fund 2 PETs!

Roselawn — Meanwhile, at Community Church, 40 teens from Canada and Minnesota spent a week doing service work in the Roselawn area (the program is called SERVE). One evening as part of their devotions, they were introduced to the PETs

along with a video showing the need for these vehicles. Afterwards, the teens tested their ruggedness by using 4 of them in multiple races. Besides providing a fun experience, it was enough to convince them that they wanted to support this ministry financially. These kids took up an unplanned offering on their

last evening and it totaled enough to pay for 2 PETs!

We are humbled and grateful for the contributions of children and teens who also have a compassionate heart for people who are in need.

THANKS, Young People!

Our Distribution Partners

In this issue we highlight **Gleaning for the World**, a Christian organization located in Concord, VA that “gleans” supplies and humanitarian aid materials from U.S. donors to meet critical needs throughout the world. In August of this year their



request for 96 PETs was filled by PET DeMotte; that was exciting as we loaded our first big shipment into a 53’ semi-trailer and prayed for the recipients of these PETs. This organization is especially gifted in shipping aid in an efficient and reliable manner all over the globe. Check out their website at <http://www.gftw.org>

We also received the very exciting news within the last 2 weeks, that **World Vision** has requested its first shipment of 140 PETs from PET International! We were then contacted to provide 70 PETs to the Pittsburgh shipping center, while the Pet Affiliate in Bryan, TX is providing 70 PETs to

the Denver shipping center. So, this week we loaded 9 pallets of PETs to be trucked to Pittsburgh. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization working in nearly 100 countries; it is dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. They anticipate using perhaps 50% child PETs and 50% adult PETS to meet the needs of many of the thousands of the children they serve. Visit them at their website at <http://www.worldvision.org>

PET Recipients — Pictures Tell the Story



PETs on Parade

DeMotte — The PET volunteers took their PETs on the road....literally! The first Saturday in August was a beautiful day for a parade and about 15 volunteers with a few family members pedaled 4 PETs and handed out brochures alongside a large trailer carrying 8 more colorful new PETs. The large signs helped onlookers easily grasp the purpose of these hand cranked carts since they displayed photos of 3 PET recipients. For our first parade experience, we felt it was both fun and it generated town wide exposure. Next year we’ll see what

other parades we may tackle!

Other opportunities this summer and fall included 2 church sponsored Car Shows; presentations for Rotary &



Lions Clubs in Rensselaer and Crown Point, respectively; exposure at the Roselawn BANDFEST; a couple of presentations to Methodist women’s groups; a chapel service at DeMotte Christian School; and a visit to the Munster Jr. Women’s Club.

If your church or organization would like to schedule a presentation, please call 219-789-8617.

We are truly grateful for those individuals and organizations who chose to partner with us in this way and have encouraged us with their financial donations.

The People Who Make Our Workshop Tick



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner —Sept. 25, 2012

PET International — Connections

The PETs made in DeMotte and at the other 21 PET Affiliates are distributed all over the world. PET International is the umbrella organization that ties us all together, and Von Driggs from PET International coordinates with us where we should ship or deliver our PETs. He trains our distribution partners to assemble and deliver the PETs to qualified recipients, fol-

lows up on the quality of the service they provide, and coordinates some of the larger shipments.

On Sept. 14 Arla and Bob, as well as Ken and Ruth DeVries, attended the Indianapolis Medical Mission Summit sponsored for about 40 organizations from Central Indiana. The vision of PET DeMotte was shared there, and we made some good contacts.

On Nov. 8-10, Arla and Bob joined Von at the Global Health Missions Conference in Louisville, KY. It was a wonderful and blessed experience, as we shared the PET vision with several thousand attendees and exhibitors, and fully enjoyed 4 plenary worship sessions—several thousand mission hearted people attended each one. People were fascinated with PETs.

Our Finances — A Dream from the Manager

As we approach the end of 2012 we can look back and see that PET DeMotte has been blessed. Finances have come in “just in time” since we started producing the PET carts at the rate of 5 PETs per week.

This first full year we will have made 250 PETs at an approximate cost of \$62,500; we spent additional funds in setting up the shop, buying equipment, paying utilities, and paying a small amount of rent.

One of my dreams for the PET ministry is for us to locate 500 people or couples in Northwest Indiana (and beyond) to pledge each year they will sponsor the building and shipping of one PET. Do you realize if we achieve that goal of 500 regular annual supporters, our PET volunteers will be building 10 PETs per week—that’s double the number we presently make! Instead of making 250 PETs per year we can bless 500 recipients

with 500 PETs per year!

Yes, that’s my dream—and yes, it will make all of us that much busier, but what a way to be busy—bringing the gift of mobility to 500 people each year! Can it be any better?

The \$250 for each PET is spent roughly as follows:

PET materials	200.
Shop expenses	25.
Shipping to Partners	25.

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Adam and Gary Bristol do us a great service by fabricating 2 chain guards for every PET — so far they have given us 500 perfect chainguards, made at their Steelcraft shop. Thanks guys for your help!



Ron Kolivas has faithfully welded almost all of the steel parts since we started the Shop. He is very good at what he does! Thanks Ron for your dedication,and for being there every week!

These are three more of the faithful volunteers that believe in PET!



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.

A Precious Offering

This story comes from Jeanne Smith who was distributing PETs in Honduras made by PET Kansas:

“Matching 190 PETs to their new owners was meaningful, heart wrenching, and soul-stirring. Many elderly people on their new PETs pulled me down to hug me with tears in their eyes. A younger teenager drove his PET in crazy circles on the church floor shouting with glee and happiness. Several times little children with shy smiles on their beautiful faces cuddled up to their Dads sitting on their new PETs. One very poor father with a very patient daughter (about 10 or 12 years old) cuddled up to each other and waited for well over an hour for her PET.

“The girl was not on the original list so we waited to see if any PETs were left for her. When it looked as if she was “in,” the father stepped out of the church and returned with a bag of fresh cucumbers from his garden. He was so pleased to give them to us and handed them over to us as though they were a precious offering to God. Given their state of poverty, we knew those cucumbers represented another meal for them. It was a humbling experience.”



A Reminder: Look at these 5 PETs; then imagine 5 severely disabled persons sitting side by side on these PETs at our workshopand then imagine 5 more every week!

