

## *Nkosinathi*

### PET Mobility Project

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(in southern Africa)  
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When The Luke Commission gave Nkosinathi an orange scarf to go with his new mostly-orange PET cart, he said he "ran short of words to express my happiness."



### ***New PET Will Help Him Be a Carpenter***

Born in Swaziland 23 years ago, Nkosinathi Mdluvo determined at a young age that he was not going to let his weak, undeveloped legs keep him down.

He went to school through grade 6. He wanted to be a finish carpenter, he told everyone. When Jesus came into his life as a young teenager, Nkosinathi started praying for strength to do something meaningful with his life. Eventually a mission paid for him to go into a two-year carpentry program. Now almost done with his second year, Nkosinathi was thinking "How can I find an easier way to get around?"

Nkosinathi's grandmother had been to a Luke Commission outreach earlier this year and seen "a strange-looking box" that had wheels and moved fast. She suggested Nkosinathi "should come to see." This June, Nkosinathi convinced his carpentry instructor and a friend to take him to a Luke Commission outreach at another rural school out in the country where most Swazis live.

Nkosinathi's friend, who also is enrolled in the carpentry program, pushed him along the uneven school grounds in an old wheelchair. All three waited patiently under a tree while TLC medical personnel assessed all the handicapped who had gathered that day.

Yes, Nkosinathi could have one of those boxes with wheels, the trio learned. "I didn't have any idea of such a thing," said the wood instructor. "It just has me in awe."

A couple hours later, when Nkosinathi was lifted into his new PET cart, the instructor continued: "This will help his friend, too. He will have more time to do his job and not spend so much time worrying about getting Nkosinathi around."

As for Nkosinathi, he just grabbed the handles of his new PET car, wrapped his new orange scarf around his neck, and drove around and around in circles—frontwards, then backwards. The crowds gathered to watch. Everyone smiled and nodded their approval.

"I will be able to move as I build tables and chairs! Please say thank you to those people who donated the cart and all the pieces," the grateful young man said.

We will. We will tell all those in Indiana . . . ———by Janet Tuinstra for **The Luke Commission** and with gratitude to **PET**