

March 2013

PET Distributions to Mexico

41 P.E.T.'s were taken to Mission Texas, where with the help of Stan Marley of the Rio Grande Valley PET shop, they were delivered to the Lions of the Rio Bravo Lions Club, for distribution in Northern Mexico.



A U-Haul truck was rented and loaded with the PETs. A car trailer was used to tow a car that was used for the drive home. We hope to do this again this fall. We hope to take 70 PETs and spend some time visiting the distribution partners in Northern Mexico.

8 P.E.T.s were taken to Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, TX, for inclusion with their spring mission trip to Mexico. This is the second time Lake Pointe Church has taken some of our P.E.T.s with them. We look forward to continued partnership with them in aiding their mission work, and give them a BIG THANK YOU for their donation to our shop.



BRAZOS VALLEY BUILDS PET NUMBER 1000

With a little more than three years in operation the Brazos Valley PET shop has now built over 1,000 P.E.TS. The 1,000th unit to "roll off our production line" is being used as a "stabled PET"



We will use the "stabled PET" during presentations to churches and clubs in our area to promote interest and support of the PET project.

GIFTS 101

As we continue to produce PETs in the Brazos Valley and as we continue to make those in our community aware of the PET, the use of the PET as a Christmas present was done on several instances this past Christmas. PETs have also been given as birthday contributions and on other special occasions. In one instance we created a VERDA-BAKER PET that was giver in honor of Verda Baron by her family. Verda was the first Treasurer for the BrazosValleyPET Project, and is still very active in our group. "Her" PET is currently stabled in Beaumont, Texas so people in that area may become informed and hopefully interested in the PET Project.

AS WE START 2013

Thank you to all that continue to support our PET shop, here in the Brazos Valley. The Board of Directors has some changes with the start of 2013.

Kaye Schroeppel has been appointed to the board, and is the project treasurer.

Joan Joanosky is our newest member and has assumed the very important job of maintaining contact with donors and acknowledging donations.

We are still awaiting a new appointment from Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. We are also looking for a member-at-large from the area that would be interested in serving. With these two additional positions we will have a full complement of board members.

Dick Witherite was elected the board President for the year 2013, and he and Mike Beal are the co-chairs of our promotions committee. They have made some presentations, but are anxious to do more. Please contact us to make arrangements.

MORE PHOTOS FROM GUATEMALA



The mission team in Guatemala is not sure of the age of this PET, however after 5+ years the tires have been worn smooth. This is an example of how long one of the PETs may be used and how important they are to those that receive them.

BOOKS FOR TONGA

Although not strictly a PET project operation, during the PET International Conference last year in Bryan, TX contacts were made that allowed the Bethel Lions Club in Alaska to rescue some school books that were to be thrown in a land fill. These scholastic books are for teaching English as a second language for grades one through six. Walt Hayes of Anchorage, AK, a Lion and special advisor to the PET International Board of Directors, worked with a group of Lions to get the books shipped to Texas. He was able to secure shipment of the books to Tonga via the US Navy Project Handclasp. The College Station Noon Lions Club provided the shipping of the two pallets of books from Texas to the Naval Station in San Diego, CA. The books will help to replace books lost in a tsunami several years ago.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Who knew? April 21 – 27 is National Volunteer Week. As the volunteers that come to shop and work, and those that work to support the operation and shipping of the PETs continue to volunteer, none of it would be possible without OUR SUPPORTERS that keep our operation funded. In many instances the volunteer would not have the opportunity to serve, if not for the tremendous support given. THANK YOU!

If you wish to donate please fill out the form below. We encourage you to add your address / e-mail address so we may keep you informed through newsletters, e-mails and our website <u>www.petbrazosvalley.org</u>. You may email us at <u>petbrazosvalley.org</u>, or you may donate through paypal on our website.

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