



# PET® Mobility Project

SUMMER 2015

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ PET #805 is made and packed!
- ◆ Another 69 PETs are on their way to Swaziland and should arrive by the end of July to be given to the needy through our friend, The Luke Commission
- ◆ Since January more than 130 Donors have given over \$35,000 to build and ship these gifts of mobility
- ◆ The 3rd Shipping Container packed at the PET Shop is now in Swaziland
- ◆ \$300 builds a PET

## Meet New PET Cart Riders (*inside!*) —Thank-you, Friends!

Dear Wonderful Donors,

Great News! You need to read and see the results of your faithful giving! In the last several weeks, pictures and stories have been coming from *The Luke Commission's* staff member, Janet Tuinstra, in Swaziland, Africa. As *The Luke Commission* takes it's mobile medical clinic on the road 3 times each week, they take with them PET carts to be given to people who qualify for them. These people must be able to pedal the carts, and also be incapable of walking more than short distances. The carts are adjusted to fit each rider, and then these folks are given instructions in how to best drive, park, and care for these incredible mobility devices.

Enjoy meeting **Ntombikayise** as she wonders *"Oh if I Could Have . . ."* Then love **Meli**, a precious 15 yr. old boy, through his mother's story *"PET Better Than Food."* Their stories will grab your heart!

## Together, we are the "Hands and Feet of Jesus" !

*The Luke Commission* has grown into an international staff of over 50 people providing a tremendous outreach to the rural and ignored people in Swaziland.



The beginning of a better life!

Our local Indiana PET Shop "employs" more than 55 Volunteers that build 6 PET Mobility Carts each week.



Phyllis Huisman, Bonnie Sanow, and Marge  
Fase paint together on Tuesday mornings.

*But You, our Donors, number over 700 individuals, families, and churches . . .*  
→ **YOU** are the lifeline of our ministry!

We cannot do it alone. We NEED each other.  
Together, we continue the work of Jesus.  
This is what means to serve as the "hands and feet of Jesus"



## ***Ntombikayise***

### **PET Mobility Project**

**PET Ministries, Inc.**  
**Wheatfield, IN**  
with  
**The Luke Commission,**  
**Compassionate Medicine**  
July, 2015



***"Oh, if I could have ..."***

"Oh, if I could have one of those..." said Ntombikayise, glancing longingly at a PET cart being assembled at a Luke Commission outreach.

"I came today, because I have a rash on my body. That's why I want to see the doctor, **but look at that cart. . . .**"

Ntombikayise Noma Matsenjwa could not walk. **She was born with club feet that were never corrected,** although they could have been fixed if Ntombikayise's family had money, or been closer to medical care.

She crawled on her hands and knees. Her father bought her soccer shin guards in Johannesburg to protect her knees, and she wore shoes on her hands. She seldom saw her father—he lived in South Africa.

Ntombikayise lived close to the school where TLC's mobile hospital was being held that day. "I was up early, early this morning to be one of the first people here," she said.

**How did she get there? On her hands and knees, of course.** Was this her first TLC outreach? Yes.

Dr. Harry treated her rash and ordered an x-ray to test for tuberculosis. It was negative. TLC gave her a pair of leather gloves for her hands to replace the worn shoes she used on her hands.

Not married, but the mother of a 16-year-old boy, Ntombikayise shared a homestead with a brother and his three children, and a sister and her two children.

How did Ntombikayise get food and necessities? She shook her head slightly, looked down, and answered: "I buy and sell Nik-Naks (small bags of chips)." But that was for another day, another time.

This day, Ntombikayise received her PET and learned how to drive it. **"Watch me!" she said, as she pedaled the cart with her strong arms and hands.**

When she left the outreach, it was with a grin and a wave, as she called back **"I will go everywhere now!"**

— by Janet Tuinstra for **The Luke Commission**, with gratitude to **Personal Energy Transportation affiliates** in the U.S. and to **all those volunteers who spend their retirement years serving others**—



## *Meli*

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PET Ministries, Inc.  
Wheatfield, IN  
with

The Luke Commission,  
Compassionate Medicine

Swaziland  
(in southern Africa)  
June, 2015



## ***"PET Better than Food" a Mother Says***

**Her boy needed help. She needed help.** Meli's mother had heard The Luke Commission was coming to a school close by her rural community in Swaziland, southern Africa.

**Khanyisile Dlamini would walk with her 15-year-old son Meli on her back.** He was small for someone that age, but Khanyisile was petite too. **Her precious load was heavy.**

"I heard about a special cart from America that The Luke Commission gives," she said later.

Meli was healthy when he was born. But at age 5, he became ill with an infection that apparently caused brain damage. "After it happened," Khanyisile explained, "he could no longer walk or talk."

**Fortunately, Meli was still able to sit up and use his arms and hands.** But his mother was never able to get him a wheelchair.

When Simon, assembled the PET, mother and son watched. **"Thank you very much. Thank you to the people in America for making this for my boy. Now life will be good for him."**

Khanyisile is not married, although she has three other children. Her parents used to assist in the care of her children, but they have died. Meli has never gone to school.

How does Khanyisile feed and clothe her children? She shrugged, when TLC's staff member translated this question into SiSwati. "Anyone willing to help, even my brothers, do." Then she smiled, **"But this cart is better than food."**

After being instructed how to care for her boy's PET cart, how to engage and to release the brake, she began to teach her son. They left to go home—next to each other this time—**she walked, Meli rode.**

—by Janet Tuinstra for The Luke Commission and with gratitude to the PET volunteers and donors in Wheatfield, Indiana —

*A Match made by God – YOU and TLC*

*– both Blessed in this Partnership!*

What an *ideal* partnership! Donors and Volunteers will now be receiving pictures and stories back from the TLC staff because The Luke Commission is committed to honoring your gift of PETs by giving you feedback and evaluating the PET cart ‘in the field.’ We enhance their outreach by making colorful, sturdy carts that bring hope and dignity to each recipient. Also, because of our large shop and dedicated volunteers, we are now able to receive and store supplies for TLC in anticipation of scheduling Container shipments. The **PET Mobility Project** of NW Indiana is a non-profit organization and **it depends on individuals and groups like you** for its support. Acting out of your compassion for others, PET will continue to flourish through those who give of their time and resources to share the *Gift of Mobility!* **\$300** builds and ships a PET Cart to one who can’t walk.



**Please Donate with a Check payable to: PET Ministries, Inc.**

**Our Mission: to reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.**

**Vern Tillema — a Joyful Man . . . with a Servant Heart**



When the word went out that volunteers were needed at a newly formed workshop to build a tricycle-like vehicle that could be pedaled with your hands not your feet, **Vern Tillema said “Huh?”** The concept intrigued him and he got his brother, Rich,

to join him assembling wooden boxes. These guys often showed up very early in the morning so they could get their work done before breakfast or a round of golf. When you would catch them at work, you always left with a smile on your face — these guys were so full of fun! Those boxes were always assembled—they never let us down.

Rich’s older brother, Vern, went to his heavenly home on July 12, 2015. His wife Margaret and their family honored Vern’s life by designating memorial gifts to PET Ministries. These gifts will bring joy and hope to the leg-disabled in Swaziland, Africa.

“THANK-YOU” to the Tillemas!



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