

P.E.T. NEWS



PET MI-Saline Newsletter

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Personal Energy Transportation ® (PET) seeks to provide mobility to leg-handicapped persons in developing countries by donating hand-cranked 3 wheeled vehicles to persons in need. PET MI-Saline is one of two dozen locations in the US where PET vehicles are made.

2013 was a success!

In June, we sent 14 PETs to Global Aid Network for distribution. 20 more were sent to MedWish in October. These organizations partner with us and handle overseas shipping and distribution.

2014 Plans

We have incorporated as PET MI-Saline and are in the process of becoming a 501c3 non-profit, tax exempt charity. This allows us to fundraise and provide donors with a tax deduction. Help us continue sending PETs to those in need! We welcome volunteer workers and financial donors to become part of this worthy cause.

"There are in excess of 20 million people in developing countries unable to walk . All Affiliates, partners, makers, financial supporters, distribution partners and others engaged in the ministry of the PET Project are asked to consider, prayerfully and earnestly, the extent to which they can contribute ..."



This is a PET made by PET MI-Saline

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Hobibullo, a PET recipient in Uzbekistan, 2006

Uzbekistan

The following is an excerpt of a report from a volunteer part maker who went on a PET distribution in Uzbekistan in April 2006.

This Uzbek man had been recruited into the Russian Army when the Russians ran the country prior to the collapse of the USSR. His name is Hobibullo, which he says means "last slave of God". He was sent to fight in Afghanistan. While there he was caught in an explosion and lost both legs above the knees. This was 22 years ago. He came in riding on a glorified skateboard. It was a small platform complete with a seat belt and small wheels and he had a couple handles with rubber bases that he used to pull himself around to protect his hands.

Give the Gift of Mobility!

Help send PETs to those in need. Your \$250 donation will build and send a PET to an adult in desperate need of mobility.

Donate by filling out the form below and mail with your check to PET MI-Saline, 375 Mills Rd., Saline MI 48176

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Yes! Please email my receipt and updates about PET MI-Saline to me.

Email Address: _____

PET History – the beginning

In 1995, Reverend Larry Hills, missionary in Zaire (now Congo), Africa, told Reverend Mel West of the great need for three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Mel contacted Earl Miner, product designer and long-time friend and mission partner; and the process of the prototype design began. Mel began making PETs in his garage, and now 24 Affiliate locations produce PETs. Over 40,000 PETs have been distributed to people in 100 countries.

How PETs are distributed

The units are donated to partnering field organizations or individuals who handle the importation costs, assessment of beneficiaries, and the distribution of the carts to the disabled. There is no expense to the distribution partner for the carts themselves, they are gladly donated. Following the distribution, the partner is asked to supply a report with photographs regarding the outcomes of the project.

PETs go to 100 Countries

We ship completed PETs by motor freight to partners such as Global Aid Network, MedWish, and others. Our partners have distribution networks all over the world.

We don't always know where the PETs we've made go. Some have gone to Kenya, Haiti, Zimbabwe, and Peru.

Wherever our PETs go, they will help people gain mobility, enabling trips to earn a living, go to school, to market, to church, and to get up out of the dirt they crawl in.

PET MI-Saline's workshop is located in nearby Milan, Michigan



Volunteers Will Minnette, Lilly Minnette, and Vern Campbell prepare PETs for shipping.

PET #100 Produced!



Volunteers Will Minnette, B. Melendez, and Ish Naik finish the 100th PET made by PET MI-Saline.



George Bhabho, Zimbabwe

P.E.T.s help in Zimbabwe

George Bhabho, 10, from Zengeza, a high-density suburb in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, lost both parents to AIDS not more than 2 years ago. He's now under the care of his grandmother. He has arthrogryphosis, a rare congenital disorder that is characterized by multiple joint contractures and can include muscle weakness and fibrosis. It is a non-progressive disease. He is one of the beneficiaries of the PET carts, which will help him greatly in his mobility.

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