

### Our Mission:

PET International seeks to reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.

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## Did You Know There are 3 Different PET Models?

In 1994 the basic PET came into being as an adult size with cargo space. It was made with a hand cranking system for the leg handicapped for rough, rural areas as its prime location intent. About 2000 the child crank PET came into production to serve smaller children. It has also gone to small adults. Then field requests came for something to go a step further for those who didn't have the upper body coordination or strength—i.e. children with cerebral palsy and the elderly. Around 2006 the development of the Pull PET began.



Currently three Affiliate production shops make a Pull version, three make the child crank, while most shops produce the adult crank. We begin showing pictures of these versions with a report received in October from **Ghana**

showing bigger children getting adult crank PETs. Thanks to everyone who helps make these reports possible from donors to volunteers to supply vendors to distribution partners.

*"Here are some people I have given some of the PET carts to and they are very happy. Kwame"*



**Objectives:** The **promotion** of PET vehicles for individuals with disabilities who have no appropriate means of mobility; to **coordinate PET work sites** where PETs are constructed; to assist in the **dissemination of vehicles** to international agencies/sponsors.

### **PET Affiliates**

PET MO—Columbia  
PET FL—Penney Farms  
PET TX—Brazos Valley  
PET TN—Murfreesboro  
PET FL—Tampa  
PET Southwest MO  
PET NY—East Jewett  
PET WA—Spokane  
PET KS—Moundridge  
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PET ME—Waterboro  
PET FL—Jacksonville  
PET TX—Austin  
PET MI—Holland  
PET TX—Rio Grande Valley  
PET MI—East MI  
PET TN—Memphis  
PET IA—Leighton  
PET MN—Twin Cities  
PET IN—DeMotte  
PET UT—Northern Utah  
PET Zambia

The above story came from one of our new partners Water for Christ, an extension project for the Baptist Missionary Association of America. A second shipment of PETs is on the way to them.

**PET Distribution Trip Opportunity: Guatemala April 5 - 12, 2014:** Volunteers at PET MO-Columbia are coordinating this trip. Trips to our partner in Guatemala usually include a variety of mission work besides mobility. Write to us if you would like more information on travel, costs, etc.

Picture of child PET recipient at right in **Honduras**.

**Swaziland** man below left receives an adult crank.

**Swaziland** Granny receives a Pull PET below right. It has a long handle like a wagon. She was carried to the PET on a blanket and then she celebrated.



### Vision Statement:

**PET International envisions a ten-fold increase in PET production and distribution by 2015.**

### **Special points of interest:**

- We have been approved as CFC #38749, see article on page 5.
- 28 PETs head to Burundi in Africa for the first time. 100th country to receive PETs. PET MN-Twin Cities is sending the shipment.
- Remember to sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter on our website's home page.
- We can receive online, charge card donations through **PayPal**. Go to our website and click the yellow donate button. (Checks can be sent to the address below. Form on page 5.) Auto debit donations are available. Find the form on our website. Thanks for your consideration.

### Please send gifts to:

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### **Ernest the little old man.....**

Children are not supposed to look like old men, are they? My heart ached when I saw little Ernest from Ghana. Seeing Ernest reminded me of PET Co-Founder Mel West first telling me about Bob Pierce. Bob founded both World Vision and later Samaritan's Purse and wrote "*Let my heart be broken with the*

*things that break the heart of God.*" Ernest can use his "cane" occasionally to get around some but still sits and crawls in the dirt much of the time. Ernest broke the heart of a staff person at Medical Ministry International (MMI) who contacted PET International for help. PI connected MMI to our nearby partner Point Hope and Ernest received a PET MI-Holland Child PET. Ernest's life on the PET is much brighter as you can see from his smile.



Thank You to all involved in getting Ernest out of the dirt, off his cane, and up on a PET. Today I especially want to thank all the donors that "made" Ernest's smile happen—it's the end of the year and I ask you to **invest** in PET and **please GIVE** the Gift of Mobility. May your heart be broken by all the little Ernests out there.

– Ed McDonald, Executive Director

### **Update from PET Maine Lions**

The PET Maine Lions' workshop in Waterboro celebrated the completion of PET number 90 during the month of July. The PET Affiliate started in 2007 when the idea was launched into a full-fledged manufacturing facility. A small group of dedicated individuals who were part of the Maine Lions Clubs saw the need for this type of personal transportation for individuals who do not have the use of their legs. John Kustron, Fred Frodyma and Bruce Gile of Massabesic Lions are pictured. Kustron and Gile are the leads and came to our annual conference in New York in 2007 to



learn about becoming a production shop.

The PET Program was approved at the 1st Cabinet meeting in 2008 as a District Lions program; so many clubs are involved. The small group meets weekly to fabricate, paint, assemble and pack.

### Other Tidbits

Special Gift: This summer a donor gave \$3,000 as a tithe on her new car purchase. That is tremendous! Believe it or not, that was not the first time I have seen that kind of gift in my fourteen years of doing accounting and recordkeeping for PET. We appreciate creativity and care by our donors/partners to help the leg handicapped thru PET. Thank you, Kathy Maynard, Treasurer

### Other Affiliate News

PET TX-Bravos Valley announced in their July newsletter that they had built over 1,000 PETs in the last three years. They acquired a 40' high cube container to add much needed storage space for the completed and boxed PETs awaiting shipment. In September they worked with two other Texas Affiliates to complete a shipment of #164 PETs to Lions District 324 B4 in **India**.

### Annual Conference Participants Help Load Container for Dominican Republic

PET TN-Memphis hosted our 9th PET Mobility Project annual conference September 27 & 28. This year we had almost twice as many attendees than the 2 previous years. One of the highlights for the 114 participants was a tour of the PET workshop, including assisting and watching the loading of an overseas shipping container with PETs for the **Dominican Republic**. Three Affiliate shops provided the three PET versions.

We were also blessed by four of our distribution partners who came to tell about PET as a part of their mission work in Tanzania, Nigeria, Vietnam and around the world.

We appreciate PET TN-Memphis, Ellendale Baptist Church and Ellendale Methodist Church's great job of hosting us in many ways.

Next year PET MO-Columbia will be hosting our conference October 7 & 8, 2014.



**In Honor of** Don Varner by Linda Varner; Jo Ellen Hetherington by Bonnie Alberts;  
David Andrews by Henry & Emily Andrews

**In Memory of** Robert Dean Williams by Tom & Ruth Harkin; Clifford Furness by Dean Tobey

## Support PET International

I want to Give the Gift of Mobility. (If your information is printed on the reverse, you need not fill in here.)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my gift of:** \$25\_\_\_\_\$50\_\_\_\_\$100\_\_\_\_\$250\_\_\_\_Other amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_Memorial or \_\_\_\_Honorarium on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

(If a name & address are provided, an acknowledgement card will be sent.)

**Please send this form above with your gift to 503 E. Nifong Blvd. #186, Columbia, MO 65201.  
A receipt will be sent. PET International is a 501c(3) organization.**

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## Your Gifts Are Put to Good Use

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2013: our CPA firm completed our audit. Program expenses: Affiliate support, shipping, & more were 88%; admin expenses: equipment, supplies, phone, audit & more were 12%.

## We Need Your Help



PET International has been accepted as an authorized charity for the upcoming 2013 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is similar to the United Way in that all US Governmental employees (civilian and military, current or retired) can easily make contributions designated to specific charities or shared across all charities listed in the CFC.

Please forward this news to your Federal Governmental friends and ask they consider designating PET International (CFC #38749) as one of their charities of choice.

## PET Helps Persons Make a Living

The D.O.V.E. Fund: Report and pictures showed a cell phone repairman who was able to get to his storefront on his PET in **Vietnam**.

Hands of Mercy: At right, Stephen uses the PET to deliver chairs he made to customers in **South Sudan**.





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## PETs go to Children in Kenya

*"These are all abandoned children. These were taken by Dr. Doris Phillips at Kisoto where all the children have mobility disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Hydrocephalus and convulsive disorders. In addition to the carts we left them with medications to prevent seizures and worms. This is in a tiny remote area. There is another school for older children with similar mobility issues.*

*Emely Silver, Executive Director, American Friends of Kenya" August email*

(They are one of our newest partners, and we are grateful for that. Two light blue child PETs in the center.)

