



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

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Your Gifts Put Children in PETs in Tanzania!

THANK YOU for lifting kids out of the dirt at Disabled Children's Home

How many persons does it take to send a PET shipment?



In early 2012, MedWish International sends a new partner application to our director of operations. (That's a minimum of 2 persons.)

They repurpose medical supplies and equipment discarded by the healthcare industry. PET Affiliate volunteers from MI, MO, IA, and more send PETs to their warehouse in OH over the last three years. (Are you counting how many persons?)

Anglican Diocese delivered PETs to children in their care (pictured).

These students are on a new path with mobility.

Hospitals in Ghana and Tanzania have also given away PETs received from

MedWish International . Then You the donor do your part in building PETs at the Affiliates or supporting PET International to meet potential partners, assist the Affiliates, and coordinate the shipments around the world. (How many persons did it take? Did you get a total number? I'll guess 100+ are involved in getting PETs to and thru just one distribution partner. Kathy Maynard, Treasurer and Business Administrator)

June email report with the above picture:

"Dear Von: Here are some images of your carts and folks using them at the Anglican Diocese of Tanganyika Disabled Children's Home in KWAMKONO, Tanzania. They just arrived in April. Thanks! Sincerely, Andres Perez-Charneco, Director of Programs"

Special points of interest:

- PET Zambia trucked another load of PETs into Malawi in August. "One of the wonderful things about the PET Zambia outreach is we continue to go into other countries. With the new PET Zambia workshop we are now able to build more PETs each month.... Our goal is to double production to 100 each month." Delbert Groves, Methodist Missionary at New Life Center
- Read our "Top Stories" each month. Sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter on our website's home page.
- We can receive online donations via **PayPal** thru the red donate button on our website. Join others in easy, monthly auto debit donations . Find the form on our website under Help. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mobility Sierra Leone (MSL) Partner Dodges Ebola

Your Gifts Start New PET Refurb Effort to revive 8 year old PETs

Donate today to refurb more PETs – We're hoping it's half as costly as new PET—Many thanks to Marathon Tire for donating towards this refurb effort!

Life is rough in Sierra Leone. Ebola is occurring in the town of Kenema, and Lamin M. our partner at MSL reports they have halted the current PET repair effort until Quarantines are lifted. Many PETs were delivered here 5-10 years ago.

PETs do not last forever, but they go where a wheelchair can't and last MUCH longer than a wheelchair would in these terrains.

We are working with MSL to repair and evaluate the PETs in surrounding areas. MSL has revived both of these 8 year old PETs. Moses and Amadu both now have a refurbished Gift of Mobility, thanks to your gifts! This is a new and significant repair and refurb effort we hope to learn much from.

Hopefully the Ebola outbreak will be contained by the time you read this—if not, join us in prayer for containment and safety for those communities.



Moses' 8 year old PET carcass shown here had been scavenged to keep one or more other PETs running. Now Moses is back at the business of life in the community.



Amadu's PET is barely working as you can see from the wear and tear on the tires.

Rare Opportunity

Come hear how you helped changed Seun Oke's life in Nigeria thru PET.

On October 7 & 8, we invite you to the PET International Annual Meeting and Related Workshop Conference. Our first Affiliate, founding production shop—PET MO-Columbia, is hosting our conference. The main gathering will be held at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center. These are some of the tentative workshops:

- If Your Heart Is As My Heart..... Mel West, PET Co-founder
- Seating & End User Evaluation..... Madison Gartman, currently in Guatemala
- Volunteer Friendly PET Construction..... Bob Gabrielse, lead at PET IN-DeMotte
- Social Media..... Sarah Hill, prior NBC news anchor
- Visit PET MO-Columbia shop.....
- Gary Moreau, Executive Director

Celebration Dinner on October 7 at 6 pm: Seun Oke will be your special guest from Nigeria. She has been a PET user for 9 years. We will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of PET International and the 20th anniversary of the PET Mobility Project thanks to your partnership.

Please go to our website to find the detailed invitation and registration information. You will find a link on our homepage at



Seun came to KY in 2005 for surgery. Dr. Tina Slusher found PET and our partnership began.



Seun pictured here in 2013.

www.petinternational.org.

You Can Help Spread the Word

Tell your US government friends (active and retired) they can give mobility thru their designation to PET International - CFC #38749.



There's Another Way You Can Help

Select PET International Inc. at AmazonSmile Foundation. Once you choose PET, smile.amazon.com remembers for you when entering thru the Smile web page each time. Amazon donates .5% of your purchase of eligible products quarterly.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-1128278>

PET Trailer Loads Continue to Cross the Border

Texans build PETs and Mexicans get new lives

CUPS and PET TX-Rio Grande Valley have worked together for several years now and are located on the Mexican border. CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud) is based in McAllen, TX, and provides assistance to the people of Mexico. They have worked together to transport PETs into Mexico made at various PET shops.

From CUPS' summer e newsletter: *"First Presbyterian Church Kingwood sent a group of 11 college students and 7 adults on a mission trip to the Rio Grande Valley....arranged several different service activities for the week, including constructing PETs in Stan Marley's PET TX-RGV facility in Mission, TX...."* (Stan Marley is pictured at right with a new PET owner.)

Our Distribution Partners are great, reliable organizations that help women, men and children around the world. Along with your support, PETs have been distributed in 100 countries to date to those most in need. PETs are always given away free to the recipient thanks to your donations. We can use your help to find new trustworthy and caring Distribution Partners (small or large: missionary or 501(c)(3)s are some examples). Share our mobility mission story with others. Let's get more PET mobility to those waiting.



Stan drives PETs to their new owners.

Summer: In Honor of Shirley Meinert by Susan Meinert

You Can Put More Kids in PETs—Donate Today

I want to Give the Gift of Mobility. (If your name and address are on your check, 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.)

I would like to receive newsletters thru my email address: _____

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 501(c)(3) organization.