

## Promises to our donors & volunteers

- We promise to keep you regularly informed as to how the PET Project is investing your donations of money, time, energy and skills to make a difference around the world.
- We promise to seek out God's "least of these" persons and direct your resources to changing their lives.
- We promise to serve the needs of people as a Christian ministry, but without regards to race, religion, sexual preference or other such factors.
- We promise to be true to our mission, that of providing THE GIFT OF MOBILITY to those most in need.



- We promise to be truthful and frank in our fundraising efforts, and not to create a monthly crisis, or otherwise unduly make emotional pleas for your support. We do rely upon your gifts. It is the simple fact that the more you give the more people The PET Project can help.
- We promise financial fidelity. We will work efficiently, making the most of every dollar or other gifts that you provide. Using the gifts of volunteers and networking with cooperating agencies, we will make every effort to get the most possible mission out of every gift you give. Strict accounting will be standard procedure.
- We promise to never sell or share our donor list. All your information will be strictly confidential.
- Everyone working within the PET Project of Tampa is a volunteer!



**P.E.T. Project**  
**P.O. Box 2105**  
**Tampa, FL 33601**



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## Volunteers are good...for nothing!

Volunteers are good, for nothing! That is meant in the best way because they serve from the heart. There is nothing else involved.

- No pay. Our intention is to always have the work done by those who volunteer which means they give freely and sacrificially of themselves to benefit others.
- No benefits expected. Do we have a comfortable work environment? Yes! A restroom and water cooler? Yes! Friendly coordinators with the skill and knowledge of knowing what to do? Yes! This just makes sense that the workshop is a place of fellowship where everyone can feel at ease and that we are all focused in the same unity of what we are there to do.
- No limitations or pressures. Whether someone can come for 30 minutes or six hours to help out, it is all the same. If you can hold a paint brush, count out nuts and bolts, or sweep the floor, you can participate. In fact, everyone can participate, if even with some guidance.



And then there are the blessings:

- Fellowship in sharing the love we have for one another and the least of our brothers and sisters out there in the world, working side by side in something which will make a difference.
- Knowledge and wisdom which crosses the generations as those with great experience of up to 90 years encourage and lift up the youngest of us.



- The recipients, the photos and stories we receive are the real paycheck. The tears of joy due to the gratitude these people have once they have received a P.E.T. wheel chair.

In the four months of June through September the workshop averaged 423 volunteer hours per a month being open only 9 hours a week! Pray for God to continue to bless the P.E.T. Project and all those involved and those who receive.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers and a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Serving in Christ,  
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# What on earth is P.E.T.?

The Personal Energy Transportation (PET) units have been extensively field tested and are designed to be:

- **STURDY** - in order to provide services for the rider for many years;
- **SIMPLE** - to be easily maintained in outpost conditions; and
- **LOW-COST** - so the donor dollar can serve as many as possible - \$250

### DESIGN DETAILS:

- Hand-cranked or lever powered, The hand-cranked model has proven most successful in most field conditions.
- Sturdy tires. The PET uses sturdy and low cost wheelbarrow tires with a solid, foam core. They will never get a flat and last indefinitely.
- Two sizes. PETs are made in both child and adult sizes.
- Adaptability. The PET can be adapted to a wide variety of bed or seat configurations.
- Simple brakes. The PET has a front-wheel brake, with a simple wood-wedge parking brake on a rear wheel.
- Despite this robustness, the PET is not an all-terrain vehicle. It will not go everywhere. Its ability to move is limited to the muscle power of the driver. However, it can go where typical wheelchairs can not!



## P.E.T. Recipient Spotlight

### Viet Nam

Sarah Hill, a reporter with KOMU TV, along with her cameraman, just returned from a PET distribution in Vietnam. She and her cameraman were so excited about the trip, and about PET. Prior to the trip, she had no idea about how popular PETs are and how badly they are needed. "Their getting a PET is like us getting a Jaguar car. They value it so highly."

Most or all of those receiving a PET immediately had plans to use it to support their families because the hauling capacity of the unit is so valuable. In addition, the items packed WITH THE PETS were so treasured and immediately picked up by the people. Women stood there ready to take the cardboard to sell as boxes, and distribute the clothing and shoes since nearly everyone was barefoot. Every item, including even the straps binding the box, was used, such as Styrofoam for fishing floats. But the items most wanted (you'll never guess) was actually the tin cans put in as axle guards. They use them as drinking glasses!

### Liberia



Kula is a 29 year-old woman in Liberia. When she was just one year and four months old, she was attacked by a high fever.

After that, she was no longer able to walk. She became discouraged because she could not live like the other children. She is very glad to receive this PET because she had been always praying and looking for such a gesture as this.

Kadiatu is a 38 year-old woman in Liberia. At the age of 8 she had a nightmare and shouted for help. Her mother came in, woke her up, and then took her to church the following morning. But she had seizures and passed out. Her walking ability was lost after that day and never restored. She has never been comfortable sending others to do her chores because of her disability. She is very glad and appreciative of this PET. "May God bless you all!"



### Uzbekistan



Islombek with his father in Uzbekistan

Islombek is a 10 year old boy in Uzbekistan who was born with a badly developed leg. During several operations to try and help it, he got Gangrene and although they were able to save his legs, he will never walk. As he has gotten older, he has become depressed because he sees other children playing, but he needs someone to carry him around. His parents had run out of ideas on how to help him, and that is when PET came along. He was on this PET and for the first time in his life, he was able to move himself around on his own. His mother said she has not seen this much joy on his face! Both Islombek and his parents were happy and so grateful.

# How you can help

This is a growing but daunting ministry due to the great need. There are many ways to help as the many current volunteers and contributors have learned.

### INDIVIDUALS AND LOCAL CHURCHES

- Pray for the 21 million people in the world who have lost the use of their legs through polio, landmines, war amputations, crocodiles, etc.
- Give/Raise Funds: This is always basic. It takes money to buy metal and parts, to weld, to package, to ship, and to distribute. "Ask...and you shall receive" -- is the message of Scripture. Be creative.
- Find People with welding, metalworking, or woodworking skills who can offer to help build PET parts. Help them with expenses--buy the metal, etc. Help them ship it to Tampa PET in Tampa, FL USA.
- Find Businesses that sell or make "off the shelf" items needed for the PETs. Ask them to donate or sell to you at no profit. Send the items to the The PET Place.
- Talk about the PET Project to others. Say in conversation, "Our church is doing a fascinating mission project..." Tell the story. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

### DONATIONS

To make a donation, please print out our donation form on the website, or use the one below, and send it along with your donation to: PET FLORIDA, P.O. Box 2105, Tampa, FL 33601.

### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Honor your loved ones while helping to provide another person with mobility. Two gifts in one, a Gift From the Heart celebrates a special occasion, in honor of, or in memory of, while supporting the work of The PET Project. A note will be sent to the person being honored. This gift information can be filled out on our donation form.

### ESTATE PLANNING

As you do your estate planning, consider making the PET Project a part of those plans. The need for the GIFT OF MOBILITY is an ongoing need with millions around the world awaiting it.

# Volunteer information

The Tampa P.E.T. workshop is open every Saturday from 9AM-3PM and Thursdays 1:30PM-4:30PM. Volunteers are needed to assist with packing (each P.E.T. includes about 30 pounds of clothing, toys, supplies, etc. that serve as the packing material), sorting, painting, assembly, woodworking and metal work. No prior experience is necessary, training is provided, and volunteers of all ages are welcome. There is a particular need for experienced welders. The oldest volunteer is 90 years old and teenagers can fulfill their community service hours as well!

### For more information, or to donate good used or new clothing, supplies, toiletries, etc., contact:

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### Workshop Location:

1109 E Osborne Ave, Tampa, FL 33603  
East of Nebraska on 12th St and Osborne (just off of I-275 in Tampa at the MLK exit). See map below.

### Workshop times:

Saturday 9AM - 3PM  
Thursday 1:30PM - 4:30PM  
Check the website for holiday hours.

### Website:

<http://www.tampapet.com>



## PET Project Donation Slip

Your donation to the PET ministry will provide someone with a whole new way of life. Help raise a child or adult from the dirt to dignity with your gift.

**The cost of each P.E.T., including materials, assembly and shipment, is \$250.**

Gifts of all amounts are accepted and appreciated! All donations are tax-deductible.

Please detach and return the bottom portion with your contribution.

Please accept my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the P.E.T. Workshop.

(Make checks payable to "P.E.T. Tampa, Florida" and mail to:

P.O. Box 2105, Tampa, FL 33601)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_