



## Swaziland Paycheck

The pay our volunteers receive is in form of reports from the field, telling how their work has made a life-changing difference in the lives of some of God's "least of these." This past spring a container of PETs from the Columbia, Missouri PET workshop was sent to The Luke Commission in Swaziland, Africa. The container arrived in July and at that time the workshop received a grateful e-mail. Recently, the workshop also received the following e-mail:

*"We just cannot say in words what the PETs have done to this ministry and the country of Swaziland. It has been absolutely amazing to see how God has used them. So many people say they will be able to go to church now. We want you to know how thankful we are. The PULL PETs are almost all gone now. You cannot imagine how many children and teenagers with cerebral palsy we are fitting into the PULL PETs. They have been confined to their homes and never taken out because the grandmothers — who traditionally do all the care for the family — are too weak to carry them on their backs after a certain age.*

*The traditional PETs are so amazing and people are thankful for their independence. One elderly man this week that was fitted surprised us. After evaluating the patients, which may take several hours to decide who qualifies, we put this older man in a PULL because he was very elderly and seemed weak. We were so excited when he begged for a crank PET. We loved his desire to be independent.*



*Just a few minutes later a very old granny was brought to us on a blanket. You see, God provided her with a PULL PET, the one the older man had not taken. So amazing it is to see how God works! It is like putting these patients on a throne. You can see their self worth grow in leaps and bounds when they mount their PET.*

*We are wondering what might be a schedule for another container of PETs. We would like to start planning; we probably need to request that half the container be PULLs. We praise God daily and thank Him for the piece of the puzzle you have played in delivering effective physical and spiritual assistance to the people of Swaziland." ■*



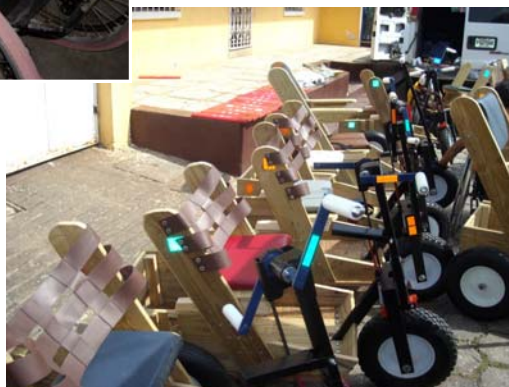
*Above, a Swaziland man receives a hand-cranked PET.  
At left, a Swaziland woman receives a PULL PET.*

# Guatemala Report

The team in Guatemala finished distributing the last PET's in the Antigua warehouse, which included giving away 30 PETs in Esquintla. They did a little brainstorming to come up with a way to make the PET back more adjustable and safe. Anyone who has given away many PETs knows of the trouble with the crank and brake hitting the knees of the users and how the hard back is not very comfortable. The team asked Paulina in their upholstery shop to sew up some strips of leather to make a back that can be screwed on for a custom fit. This back easily gives us 3 to 4 more inches of leg room.



*Above, Paulina sews together leather straps as new backs for the PETs. At right, Paulina's hard work is displayed. At far right, the new leather backs give the PET recipient more leg room and comfort for their back.*



*The new leather backs give more comfort and leg room to the PET.*

Of their 14 workers with disabilities in Guatemala, two are dealing with pressure sores that they have had from previously working for Hope Haven Guatemala. One man, Freddie, is now in the hospital with this life threatening pressure sore and is planning to have a colostomy to aid in the healing of the sore. Another man, Heriberto, has a pressure sore on the bottom of his foot. Ten years ago he had his right foot amputated because of a similar pressure sore. Now there is concern that he could lose his left foot. Please be in prayer for these two men. ■

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## P.E.T. International Activity Highlights, Sept. 2009

- Following the **Lions International Convention** four contacts are in process as new distribution partners. Two of them are in Nigeria, one in India, and one in Honduras.
- **Red Cross in Honduras** and the local NGO **Arms of Mercy** have been distributing carts in Honduras for a couple of years. The Red Cross has active programs in over 200 villages and helps identify PET beneficiaries while Arms of Mercy imports and distributes the carts through this network.
- The **ADHU El Salvador** shipment was loaded at the Columbia, Missouri workshop and included 200 carts, 24 sewing machines and 54 crutches.
- **Lions District 322B1 Kolkata, India** asked for a second container of 70 PETs for distribution in January 2010.
- The first shipment of 27 PETs was delivered to **Project Hope** by the Murfreesboro, Tennessee workshop. Project Hope took a second consignment of 160 carts from the South West Missouri workshop, which also contained units from the Luling, Texas workshop and the Moundridge, Kansas workshop.
- 117 carts were shipped from the Penney Farms, Florida workshop to **Medshare**. The first 5 units have already left Medshare for Panama.



*A boy in Jinja, Uganda that received a PET from the Kelly Green Evangelistic Association team trip.*

# News Flash

## New website: [www.pettampa.org](http://www.pettampa.org)

We have a new website! Check out our new look and the information available online. **Please note:** workshop sign ups for individual and groups is now done on our website. Due to overwhelming demand for group volunteer activities such as PET, and the increased costs for production, we request groups to make a contribution (financial or supplies) as part of their participation. Please let us know if you wish to donate supplies such as paint (latex house paint or spray paint), wood, milk jugs (rinsed and dried), cardboard, parts, etc. A complete list is provided on our website.

## Give the Gift of PET

If you would like to sponsor a PET wheelchair in the amount of \$250 as a memorial, an honorarium, or a gift for a special occasion, we will gladly send a letter of recognition to that individual. It's the perfect gift for those that already have everything they need, and it's a gift that will change a life.

## 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.

## How You Can Help

- 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: It takes money to buy metal and parts, to weld, to package, to ship, and to distribute.
- 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.
- 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 PET Place.
- Talk about the PET Project to others.
- Ask your company if it provides matching funds for donations, volunteer service, or group projects. Ask them if they would be interested in bringing a group to work at the PET workshop.

# Volunteer information

The Tampa PET workshop is open every Saturday from 9 AM - 3 PM and Thursdays 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to assist with packing, 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 92 years old, and teenagers can fulfill their community service hours as well! Please note that anyone under age 15 requires adult supervision.

## For more information, visit our website or contact:

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## Workshop Location:

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

## Workshop times:

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

Website: [www.pettampa.org](http://www.pettampa.org)

**Mailing address:**  
**P.O. Box 2688**  
**Riverview, FL**  
**33568-2688**



# PET Project Donation Slip

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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 PET, including materials, assembly and packing, is \$250.**

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

Please detach and return this form with your contribution.

Please accept my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the PET Workshop.

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

P.O. Box 2688, Riverview, FL 33568-2688)

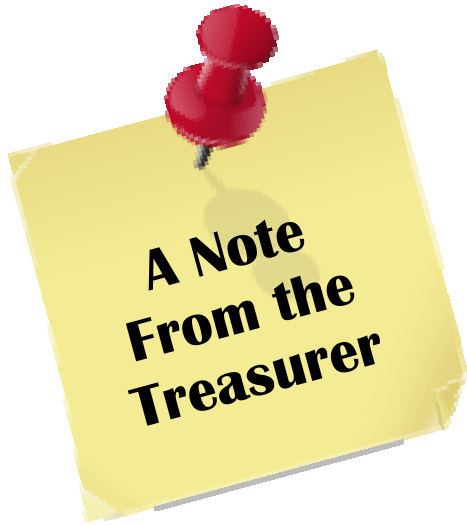
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## Prayer & Praise

- Continued blessings of protection for workshop volunteers, financial support and new relationships with those in need that the P.E.T. can assist with mobility.
- Prayer for leadership and workshop coordinators to multiply.
- Praise as we head toward our 800<sup>th</sup> unit; we should make it by the end of the year.
- Praise for the P.E.T. International annual conference and the work accomplished there.



Even amidst this economic downturn, PET has been able to continue production at the same pace as before. The Lord continues to keep his hand over us by providing funds and materials every time we are in need. Recently we received a very large shipment of hardware from a generous donor who anticipated a need before we even knew of it! I am thankful for all of your financial support and volunteer manpower that has enabled us to continue to give mobility to the very needy around the world. Let us continue to keep our focus on others rather than ourselves.

Thank you and God Bless!

April Sukup  
Treasurer



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