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**Grandpa and Quduriape**

The following are excerpts from Jeanne Smith of Moundridge Kansas who went to Honduras to help assemble and distribute PETs. “Before we left Tegucigalpa, I was struck by a frail grandfather sitting quietly with his little granddaughter propped obediently at his side. The child, Quduriape Perez, only 6, was crippled by polio. Her left leg was permanently bent to the right, and her right leg, a shortened stub, curled under her skirt with a deformed foot peeking out from the hem. Since her name was not on the list for a PET, they waited patiently to see if there might be one left if someone failed to show up. While we assembled dozens, it seemed all of them



**Quduriape on her new PET**

were being claimed. I felt so bad about the child so innocent and charming. The grandfather's sublime disposition gave an air of humble confidence. I continued my chores and looked over at one point to see Quduriape sitting alone. Her grandfather had disappeared. I wondered why he left her alone when she needed him most. Some minutes later Grandpa came rushing back, with a large bag of cucumbers. He handed them to me in gratitude. I felt awkward receiving them, knowing they represented an important part of their diet. Yet theirs was a gift of love, a heartfelt thank-you that I could not refuse to receive. Fortunately there was an unclaimed PET.”

### *In Memory of a Beloved Pet-Kin*

During each week of PET work, Dick Carpenter and Bob Jones would share a cup of tea in the Jones' living room with the wood stove



**Bob and Kobi**

blazing. It was a time of sharing ideas and problems in regards to the PET Project. He was totally committed to the world wide PET ministries and understood the significance of each PET to each recipient. Bob helped us see issues from different perspectives which he drew from his intense interest in international issues. Those will remain treasured memories for all of us and will be sorely missed.

Bob supported PET using his skills in metal working, machining, photography, electronics and computer technology. He left us a legacy to emulate and with God's help we will do our ultimate best to continue to lift children, women and men out of the dirt into a life of dignity one Rainbow PET at a time.

Memorial gifts are still coming in and will be listed in the next newsletter.

### *Words Worth Reading*

Anyone can count the seeds in a single apple, but only God knows the number of apples that come from a single seed.

People will forget what you said and people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

### *Handles and Sox*

Those crank handles which each PET user holds to be able to propel and steer PETs to their intended destination are not quite as simple



as the finished product appears. They need to not only be durable, weatherproof, and long lasting, but also comfortable to hold. We start with 5 foot rods of 1 ¼ inch acrylite which are first cut to proper length using a fine tooth blade on a radial arm saw. The edges are then rounded using a bench grinder dedicated for this use to keep metal chips from being imbedded in the acrylite. Ends are drilled (from both ends since the handle is too long for just one pass). One end is then counter-sunk so the nut will be partially hidden. The Sox? To keep those important soft handles

from being damaged during shipment they are covered with donated socks (also used later by the PET recipient).

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Want to see some of our Rainbow PETs in actual use in Mexico? Go to: <http://www.liftingburdens.org/P.E.T.PersonalEnergyTransport.htm>

### *Another Milestone*



PETs built, packed, and shipped (as of April 28) now total 582.

### *Needs*

Dick Carpenter reports that funds are in house to purchase parts for the next batch of 50 PETs. However, at least two of our faithful parts providers are having potential business issues because of the current economy. Please pray for them, such that business will recover allowing them to continue their gracious and faithful support of the project.

A second great need is for a person who knows the ins and outs of grant writing. We are aware there are foundations and other organizations who are looking for humanitarian type groups to partner with in order to help restore hope to those in desperate need. We have the knowledge and experience to help lift people out of the dirt into a life of dignity and hope. We need more of those willing to pray, to give toward our end goals, and to spread the word to foundations who are financially able to help.