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From the Field ~Giving Children and Adults new Dignity and Hope



Pham Tghi Nim Ngan had polio as a baby. She is now ten and can go to school and will likely be the "belle of the ball" in her PET.



"I am the father of Regina Iglesia. She suffers from Pseudoarthritis (false joint). She now has a tri-wheel PET, a paralympic doll, and a walking stick with four legs. These are all very helpful aids for my daughter's 'gifted' situation. The PET is used every Sunday in

going to mass. People are amazed and look with wonders when they see the transport. Also, now she can roam around the neighborhood and visit relatives and friends. Regina is fondly called Ejing and is in her first year of high school. I can gladly say with humility (I am a proud father) that she is at the top of her class. She was offered the Metrobank and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Scholarship."

May the Lord bless you and may your tribe increase!! Noly T. Iglesia, Philippines



One of Romana's neighbors in Reynosa Mexico worked to buy her a wheelchair but due to the mud, she couldn't get around very well. Romana fell from a tree when she was 7 years old and could not receive medical help because there was no money. She lost the use of her legs from the knees down and as an adult, got around by "walking" on her knees. After she got her new Rainbow PET, she was trying to figure out how she would be able to carry her new baby in the back of the cart and take her to the market when she goes to sell sausage. As you can see, she is one happy lady.



As a p.s. to Romana's story, she had a baby girl last January 1. She said they mistreated her at the hospital because she was handicapped and soon after birth, a lady came by and offered to buy her baby. Needless to say she loves carrying her new baby girl in her new Rainbow PET. She is one happy momma.

From Our Founder

What follows is paraphrased from “The Director’s Column” in Mel West’s (PET founder) quarterly newsletter.

What would you show someone who wanted to see evidences of the Holy Spirit at work? Would you start with the inside of a church, or even take them to a worship service, or maybe a Bible study?

Mel would start with the PET shop on a morning when PETs were under construction and volunteers were busily enjoying their tasks, their fellowship with other volunteers, and their sense of knowing their work would lift someone off the ground from a life of poverty and rejection into a life of dignity, hope, and productivity. He would show them the bookkeeper at work processing checks from donors who will probably see extreme poverty only in pictures, but know they are helping lift people into a new life of mobility, hope, dignity, pride, comfort, and productivity. He would show them pictures on the walls of people who have crawled in the dirt all of their lives but have now started a business which provides for needs of their family since they can now move freely without having to depend on others for transportation.

Mel says the faithfulness and generosity of PET volunteers and financial donors inspire him when he realizes again that nobody is so low in society that God does not love them.

Yes, we in the Spokane PET shop believe Mel is 100% on track and, although there are a multitude of other similar humanitarian works, PET is one of the few which can give them instant, and long term, help for the lowest of the low in developing countries with what we, with your help, can provide for them.

Milestones

Fifty more Rainbow PETs (numbers 893 through 943) are on their way over-seas to help lift 50 more



people out of the dirt into a life of dignity and hope. This is the hard working crew just before enjoying pizza.

Volunteer Spotlight

Have you ever tried to take a picture of someone so busy they wouldn’t stand still long enough to get a good shot of them? You may even have to use a “formal” picture to get him to look up. Our spotlight is on just that sort of person, and he’s 89 years old too. Our 28th president was a family friend and he was named for this president. His middle name (Kirksey) came from his great-grandfather’s doctor’s first name.

Besides North Carolina, where he was born, he has lived in Texas, Florida, Arizona, California, Washington, and (maybe a bit of a stretch) but North Africa where his B-17 was shot down. His WW-II experience included being a flight engineer, fighter pilot, and teaching fighter plane gunnery. After flying 50 missions, he won 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After spending an eventful week in the Sahara Desert, his service was document-

ted in Ernie Pyle’s book “The Longest Day”. Never to spend any time just sitting, he has worked at driving a school bus, harvesting tobacco, clerking in grocery, dry goods, and meat markets, reading water meters,



flying as a flight mechanic, an aero-space engineer, a safety engineer, a division manager, and an assistant to the vice president of a large aero-space company. His aerospace background qualified him for designing parts for aircraft, analyzing “what if” scenarios for airplanes, and as a systems analyst. All of this expertise allowed him to work on the F-86, F-100, X-15, XB-70, B-1, Space Shuttle, hover-craft designs, the International Space



Station, extended space travel, and other futuristic projects. (Busy?-whew!!)

Woody and his wife, Alice, have three children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Even at 89 he is still bowling, doing home remodeling projects, and now painting for the PET project. We are indeed fortunate to have Woodrow (Woody) Kirksey Thames involved in helping the lowest of the low, gain a life of dignity and hope.

Zimbabwe Rainbows

Delivered just two months ago—October 2011



No matter where you live or how you say it, it's still:

A Gift of Mobility

- 'N geskenk van mobiliteit – Afrikaans;
- Дар Мабільнасць – Belausian;
- Дарът на мобилността – Bulgarian;
- 的流动性的礼物 – Chinese;
- Poklon mobilnosti – Croatian;
- Dárkové mobility – Czech
- Isang Regalong ng Mobility – Filipino;
- Un agasallo da Mobilidade – Galician;
- Το δώρο της κινητικότητας – Greek;
- Yon kado nan Mobilite – Hatian Creole;
- A Gift na Soghluaisteachta – Irish;
- モビリティのギフト – Japanese;
- 이동성의 선물 – Korean;
- Dāvanu mobilitātes – Latvian;
- Дар на мобилност – Macedonian;
- A Hadiah daripada Mobiliti – Malay;
- A Gift tal-Mobilità – Maltese;
- Um presente da Mobilidade – Portuguese;
- Un cadou de mobilitate – Romanian;
- Дар Мобильность – Russian;
- Поклон за мобилност – Serbian;
- Darčkové mobility – Slovak;
- Karama ya Uhamaji – Swahili;
- மொபைலிட்டி ஒரு பரிசு – Tamil;
- ของขวัญที่ระลึกจากโมบิลิตี้ – Thai;
- Hareketlilik Armağan – Turkish;
- Rhodd o Symudedd – Welsh

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deductable donations may be sent to WCPC PET Project and mailed to 15123 N Little Spokane River Dr, Spokane WA 99208.

Quotes Worth Remembering

- “Nature, time, and patience are the great physicians.”
- “Listen to what they say of the others and you will know what they say about you.”
- “The difference between school and life? In school you’re given a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.” Tom Bodett



Never refuse help to your neighbor, when you can render it; never say to him, "Go, and come again, I will have it tomorrow for you" - when you have it beside you! Prov 3:27-28 *Moffatt*

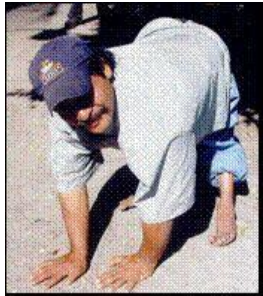
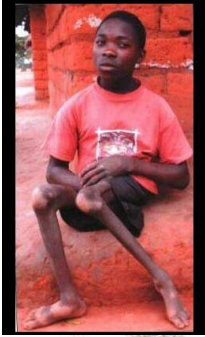
Something New:

For those who have a Smart Phone, and a scanning app (like Red Laser, Quick Mark, AT&T Code Scanner, or hundreds of others), just scan this QR Tag to go directly to the Greater North-West PET Project web site.





Do any of these pictures touch you? Some have stepped on a landmine someone else planted. Some are polio victims, birth defects, diseases, accidents, animal bites, war, and probably diabetes. They all have several things in common. First, they are not able to walk without assistance. Second, they are all from third world countries where their families and society in



general shun them – most believing their disease to be caused by demons. The adults usually cannot get employment, and children are kept out of school. Most of the handicapped



children are kept in an out-of-sight room since their parents are too ashamed of them to let them be seen in public. Their stories are ever bit as touching as the pictures. These people are at the bottom



rung of society, enduring hardships we, in developed countries, can only imagine.

What can anyone do to help? In 1994 a retired missionary saw this desperate need and over the years designed a rugged three-wheeled, hand cranked, cart called a PET, short for a Personal Energy Transporter. This cart is now built in 23 locations in the



US by approximately 600 volunteers. Since 1994 about 27,000 PETs have been sent to nearly 100 countries. But this number only meets about one-one thousandth of the total need.



What can you do to help? Besides volunteering to help build PETs, donated funds are desperately needed. Some of the individual parts of each PET are donated, but there are expenses to buy the solid wheels, metal parts, and other components. Shipping expenses add to the cost. Using all volunteer help, each

PET costs approximately \$250 to build and get to its destination. Please help us lift these people out of the dirt into a life of dignity and hope.

The Inland NorthWest PET Project DONATION SLIP

Yes! I want to give the GIFT OF MOBILITY to a person whose legs do not function. My check is enclosed for:

\$ _____ for _____ PET's at \$250.00 each.

\$ _____ toward the purchase of a PET.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Organization (if any) _____

Make check payable to: WCPC PET Project & mail to:

15123 Little Spokane River Dr
Spokane WA 99208

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Rainbow PETs in Zimbabwe:



'Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?' (Matthew 25:44).

We can no longer serve our Lord as they did in the days of his flesh, when they ministered to him of their substance. But he has left behind his representatives, and whatever we do for them he takes as to himself. Therefore we are debtors to all men; to every unit of the human family we must pay back a proportion of our infinite debt to the Son of Man (Romans 1:14).

The dividing line hereafter will not be a *Credal* one - not 'How much do you believe?' Nor even a *Devotional* one - 'How much did you pray?' But a *Practical* one - 'What did you do?' The apostle James shows that our faith is evidenced by our works (James 2:14-20). It is not enough to say 'Lord, Lord!' We must show the same spirit as our Master in love for our fellows, or we shall be rejected at the last.

The Lord's brethren are spread widely through the world. Whenever we meet the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the homeless, the sick or imprisoned soul, we encounter one whom he calls 'Brother' or 'Sister', and to help any such is to send a thrill of joy through the soul of our Redeemer. We must have the quick eyes of love to penetrate the many disguises that our Lord assumes. It is said that when St Francis was riding across a plain, he saw a leper standing by the roadside, asking for alms. Dismounting, he not only gave to him, but kissed him on the cheek. As he was riding away, he looked back, and saw Christ himself standing where the beggar had been, and he knew that he had been permitted to kiss his Lord.

Notice that the saints do not generally realise that they have done anything *directly for Christ*: 'Lord, when saw we thee?' The beauty of goodness is its modesty and unobtrusiveness, as the charm of childhood is its unconsciousness. Notice, also, that in Christ's eyes, it is a crime *not to do*. Moses says that it is wrong to do wrong; Jesus that it is wrong not to do right. Some were cast away, as men reject weeds, not because they had violated the Ten Commandments, but because they failed to fulfil the Law of Love.

Let us consecrate ourselves to the service of men, women and children for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us.

Prayer: Help us, dear Lord, to minister to the needs of others, to care for the poor and needy, the destitute and outcast, to show our love to thee by our sympathy and help to the least of thy brethren. Amen.

