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## *From the Field ~Uses for PETs*

Besides getting people out of the dirt into a life of dignity and hope, ever wonder how some of the PETs are actually used once they get to the field? People may ask how useful the “box” in the back of a PET really is. Here are a few pictures showing just a few ideas of “ingenuity at work”, after users put their PET to work.



Yes, they carry everything from children to Bibles, wheel chairs, crutches, tools, even groceries to sell. Just imagine the difference a PET has made in the life of the fellow (with the red hat) in the picture above? There is more about him in the next article.

## *Volunteer Opportunity*

Nine volunteers went to Guatemala last March to distribute

PETs and do other related work with our PET partner there, Hope Haven International Ministries. Here is a portion of a letter from one of the volunteers:

"We felt the trip was immensely rewarding. It was very interesting to see the expressions on the faces of the people after they received their PETs and drove them around the parking lot of the Red Cross Center. The people came in using crutches, in dilapidated wheelchairs, and some were carried in. But when they left they could move on their own power.

One man who had received a PET a few months earlier drove his PET into the parking lot. He had attached racks along the sides for holding bottles of soft drinks and snacks that he had for sale. The racks were loaded. He also had a canopy over the top to shield him from the sun. Later in the day he came in and the racks were empty. He had sold every-thing. Because of his PET he was able to run a small business and be self sufficient.

Another rewarding experience was setting up water filtering systems for some extremely poor people. Some of those people lived in small shacks with dirt floors, tin roofs, and woven corn stalk walls.

We have gone on a number of short term mission trips, but I think this one was one of the most rewarding. We helped the poorest of the poor and we were able to work directly with them."

There is a continuous need for volunteers to do just what this group has done. If you would like information on future opportunities, call Dick Carpenter or drop a note to us at:

[petnnewsletter@onemain.com](mailto:petnnewsletter@onemain.com).

## *Tragic, but with a happy ending*

This article, and pictures, also came from the same trip to Guatemala. This is Jose before and after surgery and receiving his own PET.

Just a year ago, Jose had an eleven pound tumor on his back, so large and heavy, he could not walk. He was so listless that he was thought to be



mentally disabled also. Jose had open sores on his bottom from dragging himself around on the concrete floor of their house.

World Harvest Church rescued him and paid for the surgery. Then he got his own PET. What a difference in his life! He is very happy and



peddling around like crazy, laughing and joking. There is hope he may walk in the future, but for now, he can get around on his own and enjoy being a six year old.

## Milestones

Another 50 pets (numbers 794 through 843) were loaded by an extremely hard working crew of volunteers and headed overseas.



## Volunteer Spotlight

Our featured volunteer for this issue is a couple, actually much more than a couple – an extremely valuable part of the team. Dave and Carol Rasor (just celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary) met in Cheyenne Wyoming, have 2 daughters and 4 grandsons (17, 14, 13, and 11). Dave is a civil engineer and Carol a teacher. Just before becoming PET volunteers they owned and operated their own company, Yadon Construction Specialists, making doors (including bullet-resistant ones), partitions, and room dividers for commercial businesses, including schools and hospitals, and high-end residential. They just returned from Israel and have travelled to many countries (Belize, Costa Rica, Cook Islands, and Europe) to name a few. They are very involved in their church, and especially with their family. Family outdoor activities include hiking,



canoeing, bicycling, and camping. Carol has even run several marathons. One of Dave's activities has included building his own two-place, amphibious airplane, which he still flies.

Their love for people and desire to help lift others less fortunate out of the dirt and into a life of dignity and hope, make them ideally suited for the PET project. Dave is one of the PET welders and builders and has designed and built the jigs we use in the PET

shop. He also built the steel racks for the tires, boxes, and wood parts. Carol does so many tasks at the PET shop it's hard to know where to start. She has set a record for building PETs, having now completed over 200. She not only packs the boxes of tools sent with each PET, but she also keeps the tool inventory current. They are indeed "can do" people and an essential part of the ministry team.

## Finances

Each month seems to bring what looks like a financial crisis – at least until we take time to listen to God who keeps saying: "Quit worrying and rely on me". As in months past, funds are available for the 50 PETs we are currently building, but, again, we are concerned about funds for the next 50.

## Contact Information

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## Quotes Worth Reading

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.- President Theodore Roosevelt

I have more trouble with myself than with any other person I've ever met. - Dwight L. Moody

## A Challenge

The Word Puzzle on the next page is not as easy to work as it looks. Some of the words overlap but the same letter is used only twice in 2 different words. And yes, there is a "seat" as well as a "seatbelt" and a "brake" and a "breakrod". If you can work the puzzle in less than 30 minutes, let us know and we'll send you a Petit Pet. We're also looking for ideas for more word or crossword puzzles.

# Personal Energy Transportation (PET)

S P R O C K E T W L O W Y P X H Y F Q F  
 S U L R U C K G J H Y H I R F X F A I O  
 I G U W H J R Q W S E N W S Z U R O X O  
 T Q N A I W K M R K G E I R B T A F F T  
 F D I I T A U U Y J H X L V Y N K R I R  
 S N I C R B Q D Y Z V B V F P Q S C T E  
 A J F I S A K U R M R L F Y J I V K G S  
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 R C O L T B Q T I E F Q N K M T V D U I  
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 S J B K V D D M H C T X Z T A F W Q T C  
 G P V D L A K C O T T E R O V Y L I I J  
 L I G A R P Q V D X F J A F O S Z P H L

Bearing	Cotter	Reflector	Tailgate
Bolt	Crank	Seat	Vinyl
Brake	Decal	Seatbelt	Wheel
Brakerod	Footrest	Sprocket	Yoke
Chain	Padding	Staple	

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Cor 9:7

