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**The Latest News from
 Judy Laidler**



Happy Birthday to us!!
 And we have just packed #843! Can you believe it was just 2 years ago on July 9th that we were up and running with the PET Project?

We have done the following tours since last newsletter: Graafschap CRC Senior Group, Kandou, Grand Ledge United Methodist Church, Red Hat Ladies, and Rosewood Reformed Church from Jenison. We have made presentations at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Lake Odessa, Casco United Methodist Women from South Haven, workshops at the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and a program for the Rosewood Reformed Church's VBS in Jenison. We also had displays at the Blessing of the Bikes in Holland, and the Allegan



Motor-cycle Show. (The "Little Harley" makeover

was taken to these events. It is currently on display in the lobby of the PET shop). The week of Tulip Time a PET display was set up at First United Methodist Church where close to 1,000 people from all over the US were fed. We were invited again this year to have a display at the Fulfilling Life Ministries Picnic at Doug VerHoven's farm south of Holland.

We have done more shipping since last newsletter. On April 19, 2011, 50 PETs went to MedShare in San Leander, CA. From there they will be on containers headed for Peru, Ukrain, Guiena, West Africa, Tonga and Ecudor.

On May 25 we sent 48 to Global Aid Network in Saint Joy, PA, which is an arm of Crusade for Christ.

They are one of our shipping partners.

On June 21 we sent 50 PETs



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to World Medical Missions in Boone, NC. This is an arm of Samaritan's Purse which is run by Billy Graham's son, Franklin. They will be our shipping partner for these 50. All of these partners may be looked up online to see where PET fits into their mission work.

We also visited the Fennville Children's Museum where we left a PET for the children to ride and to learn about other children around the world without the use of their legs. If you have never taken children there let's just say that Al and Dan and I had a lot of laughs during our 'get acquainted' visit to the museum. Make sure and go to their website to check for hours.

We have had several PETs given in honor or memory of loved ones. What a meaningful remembrance this is to change a life of a child. Our website will help you out with more information on this program.

And finally I must plead with you who are receiving the Newsletter by U.S. mail, to email us at PET@petmiholland.org with your email address if you have one. Mailing is getting expensive and if the address is not correct, we have to pay to get the letter back. PLEASE help us out with this task. Also, if you are on our mailing list and no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, let us know and we will remove your name. However, we LOVE getting the word out to all we can and we are assuming you are helping us do that too.

Until next time ...

Director of Development

Dan Fitzpatrick

Summer is going by quickly and we are turning our thinking to back-to-school. New



clothes, books, notepads, computers and other supplies are being purchased. Once outfitted, most children will catch the bus or have Mom or Dad drop them off. Older students might drive themselves to and from school ... maybe even in their own car.

Now, imagine that you live in a small village in Nigeria and there is no transportation. In fact, since you cannot walk and your family cannot afford a wheelchair, you rarely even leave the house. There are no government agencies to turn to for help.

Then a miracle happens. A group of Christians are in the village surveying the needs and your family tells them about you. A bright child, you would love to go to school like some of the other children in your village. And you are chosen to receive a Personal Energy Transportation device ... for free!

A True Story ...

Suen Oke, a village girl in Nigeria, had polio as child and crawled on the ground for 15 years. The PET she received allowed her to attend school. Suen now rides her PET to college classes.

It was made possible because generous donors and volunteers gave of their time and talents to help "one of the least of us".

PET Holland has built and shipped over 800 PETs which were given to those in need. We have accomplished this with a completely volunteer staff in a space donated by a generous supporter. Virtually every dollar donated goes directly into the purchase of materials and shipping costs of the finished PET.

Please help us help them with financial support of our ministry. For just \$250 you can literally change a life like Suen's. Remember, for each \$250 donation, we will create and attach a plaque to a PET to honor or remember someone. What a special gift for both the recipient of the PET

and the friend or loved one that you designate.

Thank you so much!

President's Corner

Keith Laidler

There are twelve volunteers from Pet Affiliates in Honduras this week helping with two distributions of PETs. Arms of Mercy, distribution partner, has a very effective ministry in that



country. They are particularly good at getting pictures and stories of those receiving PETs. Just last week there were 13 posted on the internet; a color photo and a brief paragraph about their life and how they became handicapped. I will not try to duplicate it here but will instead send you to www.petinternational.org. where you may dial down to stories from Honduras. It is truly inspiring.

The next time a call goes out for volunteers to help on a distribution I will post it in my blog for your consideration. Go

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to www.petmiholland.org. and click on 'blogging by Keith.' I haven't given up on getting a Holland team to Haiti, as soon as it can be arranged, with Rays of Hope for Haiti in Grand Rapids. They are our partners for children's PETs to Haiti.

The next thing to share with you is a repeat for some of you. The WANT AD was published in the United Methodist newsletter for West Michigan and was also sent to our list of volunteers.

Wanted:
Persons who will volunteer
*to be **PET** Ambassadors.*

I now have five on the list besides our regular Presenters of Programs. The "JOB" is to represent PET at some of the Festivals, Parades, Special Week End Events, etc. in the cities and towns of West Michigan. Example: We signed up for the Holland St. Patrick's Day Parade. We decorated the car with green, hooked on the little PET trailer, and made our way down 8th Street with the

parade. We recruited two children to drive PETs behind the trailer and four adults walking with them handed out cards to the parade watchers. It was FUN! Why don't you

go to www.puremichigan.com and pick out a place you'd like to go to represent PET.

Some of you know that I've been 'grounded' for about the last three months. The pain in my back has been the problem and injections for pain management wasn't solving it. So July 11th I had back surgery. I'm beginning the 4th week of a 6 week recovery period and then will start physical therapy. I just got my car keys back so I can get out some now. It will be a while before I can hook up the trailer or go to do PET presentations. Others are covering the ongoing tours and presentations very well and "I thank you very much". I'm looking forward to getting back into it and am really hoping that many of you will answer the WANT AD and join in the Fun.

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