

Hallelujah Moment from Zambia

A Welcome PET

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Leonard Kafemba with his PET. Photo courtesy of Delbert Groves.

"Has the PET really made a difference in your life?" I asked Leonard. Leonard replied enthusiastically: "I now have a new life! I am able to help others and myself for the first time in a long time. *And* it led me to Jesus!"

A childhood bout with polio left Henry unable to use his legs, and so it was impossible for him to travel the mile and a half to reach school. Now sixteen years old with his own PET (Personal Energy Transportation), Henry just finished primary school and is excited for the opportunity to attend secondary school.

Polio, cerebral malaria, landmines, war, birth defects, and life's accidents have created a great need for PETs. The PET Project is a growing ministry of the New Life Center in Zambia. Today, the majority of the gifts of mobility have been the three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs now affectionately called "PETs". The PET is designed to be:

- STURDY, in order to provide services for the rider for many years
- SIMPLE, in order to be easily maintained in outpost conditions
- And LOW COST, in order to provide more PETS to more people.

PET is quickly becoming a global operation with hundreds of individuals across the USA building parts for the PET. These PETs are then shipped all over the world. But there are still 100,000 people on the waiting list to receive their own PET.

Bishops in Angola and Southern D. R. Congo agree, "The PET is desperately needed and welcomed throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and the Copper Belt regions." It is said, "The only Jesus some will ever see has three wheels!"

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