



## **Honduras**

February 2012 We received this report from Walt Hays, our volunteer promoter in AK. He does and is many things including being a Lions Club member. Sometimes he is able to put the two together – Lions and PET. That can include donations and building more PETs to distribution of glasses and PETs. This PET delivery was a direct result of Walt meeting Barbara and spending 15 minutes with her at the Lions USA/Canada Forum held in Anchorage this past September. We work with many organizations and individuals to get mobility to those most in need. Everyone is an important part. We are looking for more partners from donors, volunteers to distributors.

Maritza Hernandez, 14 year old girl from El Guante, Honduras receives her PET from the VOSH-Ohio team during their eye care mission into Cedros and Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Maritza was stricken with polio and unable to walk. She had attended school for 6 years; however, she was unable to go to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade school. With this PET, she will now be able to return to school. El Guante is a little town in the north of the capital city. She was bussed to Cedros to receive her PET and was able to immediately drive the PET through the eye care clinic to have her eyes examined. Many people here did not leave with dry eyes. A life changing gift. Two members in the top left corner are pastors in Honduras with the rest being team members.

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