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In 2005 we began working with the American Leprosy Missions in South Carolina. They work in Angola to help those affected by leprosy. Last time we sent equipment to build PETs on site. In February 2009 we loaded 45 completed PETs and supplies to build 100 more.

“Dear Mel, Your email requesting information about the PET shipment has reached me, and it really is time you got some news. The Shipment finally arrived in Angola, in Lobito, and the custom process was terminated after many hours of discussions. We requested the goods to be duty free and had the Luanda Port authority to approve the tax exemption. However in Lobito the Customs were adamant that only medicines could be exempted. Finally the container was released on 18 August 2009 and was offloaded in Lobito. In September I went and saw that all the parts had arrived. Immediate distribution was started. 6 PET tricycles were sent to the Rehabilitation centre and 8 will be sent to the rehabilitation Center in Lubango. The rest will be transported to Luanda at FUNDA where the workshop is under rehabilitation. Already 2 loads of parts have reached Luanda.

On 14th September, FUNDA was invited at an exposition of the Scientific and Technology Ministry to demonstrate and expose the PET tricycle for 2 days in the central Park in Luanda 1st of May square. The PET got Media attention and was praised for being so practical and assembled, made in FUNDA Workshop. It was clearly emphasized that the idea came from the Rural Methodist Fellowship in USA, and was the result of retired workers sharing their time and skill. This has been applauded as a wonderful example of solidarity.....In anticipation of the report let me transmit the joy and thanks of the people of Angola, and the appreciation of the Scientific and Technology Ministry of Angola. I trust this will encourage you to continue praying for the Angola Leprosy work and disabled people of Angola. With deep and heart felt thanks.
Yours Sincerely, Dr. Jean Pierre Brechet”



PETs received from Columbia, MO, and reassembled.

Right: PET made in LUANDA workshop.

