

PET REPORT FLORIDA-PENNEY FARMS

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for 35 members. Steven Samura allocates their use. They carry water, go to market shopping and transport trading goods. Steven praises the PETs for the stability they provide over crutches and their strong boards that survive the weather for years.

Dismos Koromo oversees the blacksmith and welding workshops in the Handicapped Action Movement Community which recently expanded to



THE PET "500"

Mercy Ships PET recipients in Sierra Leone saying "we are no longer outcasts but full participating members of the community, thanks to our PETs."

The winner at left with arms the size and strength of most peoples legs, developed through years of walking on his hands and now maintained by pedaling.

manufacturing steel gates, doors and windows. He proudly boasts that he is the owner of one of the first PETs distributed five years ago. Every day he travels on it from his home to work usually carrying tools and scavenged scrap metal.

Thirteen year old Ibrahim Kanu received his PET four years ago. Up until then he had not been able to go to school but with the PET he did and is now in grade four. He likes mathematics and wants to be an accountant.

EXCERPTS FROM A JAN, 2005 MERCY SHIPS-SIERRA LEONE REPORT

PETs have transformed the lives of over 200 individuals. At the POHDA handicapped community in Waterloo there are now ten PETs for 75 people. They are used to buy provisions, fetch wood or carry materials and tools for work. Thomas Bendu uses a PET to travel to nurses training. Hassan Conte travels half a mile every day to tailoring training.

In the Grafton polio community there are four PETs



