

**"In Remembrance of His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej."**



**On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, passed away after 70 years on the throne.**

**RIP King Bhumibol Adulyadej.**

Gift of Happiness Foundation Founder, Edward Haworth, the entire Board of Trustees and all regular volunteers widely revere and respect the memory of His Majesty and have humbly dedicated every project since October 2016 in his name.

Quote; King Bhumibol Adulyadej:

***"A good person can make another person good; it means that goodness will elicit goodness in the society; other persons will also be good".***

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## Gift of Happiness Foundation annual projects report for 2016.



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**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world".  
"Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."**

*(Margaret Mead)*

### **About Gift of Happiness Foundation.**

We are a non-profit, non-religious organization and have no affiliation with any political parties or extremist groups. Gift of Happiness Foundation maintains strong child protection policies and procedures.

The founder, our properly regulated and registered Committee of Trustees and all volunteers are screened to ensure that they meet the legal and ethical requirements for engaging with vulnerable people in Thailand, and our organisation strives to provide a safe, secure environment for all the people we serve.

The founder, our Committee of Trustees, administrators and all volunteers are totally unpaid and receive no other financial or in-kind benefits held by the charity. Transparent audited accounts and legal documentation are maintained by SAS Legal Group, Bangkok.

The idea of starting this charity was born in 1992 by British and Swedish born Circus performers, Mr and Mrs Eddie & Charlotte Haworth when they were proprietors of a small Circus company producing traditional "Slapstick Comedy" shows and providing Circus skill training programmes at the University of Liverpool, Everyman Theatre, Liverpool's, Toxteth Leisure Centre and at schools for disadvantaged children in Merseyside and Manchester, England.

Unhappily, the pressures of work in the entertainment industry and some of Eddie's personal issues eventually led to the breakdown of Eddie and Charlotte's long and happy marriage in 1995. Eddie suffered a period of bereavement and depression, but still forced himself to redevelop his comedy acting career as a "Classic Sad Clown" solo performer. This new career led him to spend several very successful years performing in Theatres, Circus, TV shows, Galas and Festivals all over Europe, USA, Scandinavia, China and the Middle East.

In the year 2000, Eddie was delighted to be invited to Bangkok for a charity performance which was being held at the British Embassy. When it became clear that the invitation was to entertain some orphans from a Bangkok city slum, he couldn't resist the offer. It didn't take long for him to decide that this may be the right place to continue doing what he does best, which is making people laugh. He also soon realized that this was probably the right place to put the past behind him and re-start his life by devoting himself to bringing a little laughter and some positive memories to people whose lives often lack these important pleasures.

These life changing times in the life of this Clown have now become a perfect replacement for the love he lost all those years ago. Eddie now considers himself to be one of the happiest Clowns around since he became totally committed to the charity that has become his never ending life partner and eternal true love.

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### **Sponsors in 2016:**

There have been so many fantastic people giving us so many wonderful goods in 2016. We cannot possibly name everyone, but here's just a few links to some contributors.

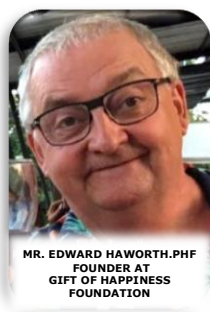
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## Founders message for 2016/17.



Thank you to all the amazing volunteers and sponsors who have made it possible for my little charity to give so much happiness to so many needy people in the wonderful land of smiles I call my home!

Since its initial inception around 2002, Gift of Happiness Foundation has been instrumental in bringing an immense amount of unconditional joy and happiness into the lives of many thousands of very poor children, parents, teachers and carers of handicapped, abandoned or orphaned people in Thailand.

During 2016 the charity has received record levels of support from individuals, ex-pat loyal societies, small businesses and even corporate sponsors.

In short. We have achieved so many of our aims and goals and above all fulfilled our primary goal to...  
**GIVE HAPPINESS!**

### Eddie Haworth describes why he's so passionate about this little charity?

***"I learned to give not because I have so much, but because I know exactly what it feels like to have nothing".***

I was born in the industrial, filthy, polluted North West of England in 1952 where I spent my childhood learning how to survive the rigors of living in one of Britain's most deprived areas. This was during a time when children like me were often left to get-on with the business of growing up virtually alone while our parents went out to work for 12 hours a day in the dark satanic mills, factory or coal mines.

However, I think I was still quite a happy child living the same life as all my friends and family who knew very little about how green the grass may be in more affluent parts of the world.

I was happy at least until the age of six, but that's when my innocence and childhood was ripped away from me by the first of many evil men who's selfish aim was to steal the very soul of any child, alone and vulnerable enough to be drawn into their grasp.

It wasn't until I reached my early 40's, when faced with a life threatening trauma that I realised I'd never really had a happy childhood or even a stable adult life. I reached that realization following some expertly administered therapy that I needed to help recover from years of mental instability, alcoholism, depression and attempted suicide. Through the therapy, I learned to face up-to the mistakes I had made and the pain I suffered. Then in my early 50's I started to discover the mistakes have made me smarter and the pain has made me stronger.

**"That's when I stopped being a victim and started being a survivor."**

More importantly I learned to spot damaged or lost innocence in those who may not yet know how their own childhood is being, or has already been stolen from them. So now I use my training and experience in delivering empathy and pathos via the art of performance, as a tool to help fix so many broken young souls I choose not to ignore. Even better, I enjoy giving the little things that I'm able to give, knowing that the special people who receive those little gifts, may one day look back and realize they turned-out to be some of the big things in their lives.

**"The beautiful thing about giving happiness is that nobody can take it away from those who receive it".**

- I believe the body heals with play, so I unconditionally give them toys.
- The mind heals with laughter, so I give them happy memories that no-one can ever steal from them.
- And the spirit heals with inspirational positive thought, so I insist on giving them the self-confidence to engage in child-centred, simple comedy acting!

Positive experiences like having a good old-fashioned laugh helps children living in difficult circumstances to cope and gives them a positive memory that will always belong to them. Seeing and interacting in educational comedy helps children to use their senses and minds to explore then make sense of what they see, feel and experience in the world around them.

These simple lessons on how to think "out of the box" have been shown to help children find new and positive ways to turn a bad situation into a good one. Lessons on how to be happy also help develop positive dispositions and attitudes towards learning many other life skills needed to overcome some of the difficult tasks ahead.

### And Finally...

When I am on my deathbed, what others think of me is going to be a long way from my mind. How wonderful it will be to let go knowing that I may not have wasted my re-born years wallowing in selfish thoughts or deeds. I may even get a revengeful crinkly lip when I think of how I survived the evilness of those cowards who tried to control my innocence. I conquered them all and learned how to turn the bad, sad years into something wholesome and good to pass-onto other innocent souls.

**"Now my passion is to continue GIVING HAPPINESS until the final curtain closes my Clown Parade".**

## Start of Gift of Happiness Foundation (GoHF) Annual Project Report for 2016.

### JANUARY 2016.

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - networking - administration - I.T. marketing & performances.

**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

#### Project 1

### FROM LONDON, MANCHESTER, SCOTLAND & WALES to THAILAND WITH LOVE

**Project Dates; 11/01/16 to 16/01/16.**

**Aid and show giving:** For poor students and families at schools and impoverished communities in and around Mae Sot, Tak province, Thailand.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Ian Thom - Martin Kneath - Ailsa Kneath - Laura Leonard.

**Paid staff:** Khun Amarin Nissasoka - Khun Natphimook Youngsuwan - Khun Ko Klaw Htoo.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
12-01-16	Naw Has Eh Has Thoo Lei Learning Centre 644 Samaksapphakarn Road Maesot Tak 63110	2 shows and ice cream clothes, toys, educational supplies and candies	43122
12-01-16	Saw Eh Kwee Bwe K'Lar Learning Centre School	2 shows and goods clothes, toys, educational supplies and candies	60640
13-01-16	Bay Mu Naung Bo Deng	2 shows, clothes, toys, educational supplies and candies	70000
13-01-16	Saw Eh Soe Moo Mya Li Ak Hta Kanasu	2 shows, 10 bags of clothes, educational supplies, toys and candies	70000
14-01-16	Naw Wili Then Agape Orphanage 786 Moo 1 Hta Sai Lourd Mae Tao, Mae Sot	New clothes, bedding, towels, new shoes, educational supplies, used clothes, new sportswear, toiletries, 2 shows	75000
14-01-16	Aung Phy Mao Tao Clinic PO Box 67 Tak 63110 Mae Sot Tak	Clothing, adult and child equipment	20000
14-01-16	Dr Htin Saw Social Action for Women (SAW) 201/20 Sripiaanich, Mae Sot Tak 63110	Food and clothes	5000

(Total value of goods given and received in January: page number 9)

### Project report:

Following our very successful Christmas Special aid and show-giving project in December 2015, we were off again to the border city of Mae Sot in north Thailand. This time we had much more essential supplies to give-out to 6 schools and the medical centre that we visit almost every month, Mae Tao Clinic.

We also had an extra special entertainer (Gingernutt) who flew-in all the way from London to freely give his time and professionally honed skills to some kids who would never have a chance to see such a great comedy actor as this! We were so excited to have Gingernutt along on this tour and we know the kids simply loved all that he did to 'make-em-laugh' their little heads off!

### "Just what the doctor ordered!"



#### Gingernutt the Clown:

Just take a look at some of the places this world-class entertainer has performed;

UK TV programmes:

The Morecambe and Wise TV specials - Orme and Cheep -

The Dave Allen Show - Many Spitting Image specials and adverts.

He also worked with The Muppets on Fraggle Rock and on several television specials.

Film work includes:

Labyrinth - Little Shop of Horrors - The Adventures of Baron

Munchausen - The Muppet Xmas Carol - The Muppet

Treasure Island - Muppets Most Wanted

Of course we also had Bangkok's 'Clown Eckie' along as well to make doubly sure the kids got the biggest belly full of laughs to help their ice-creams go down well. The ice creams and much more were provided by three great volunteers from the St. David's Society in Bangkok, all of whom travelled and stayed with us for the weeklong aid and show-giving project aimed at helping some of the poorest children in Thailand.



## **Gift of Happiness - Or - Our lives put into perspective.**

Project report by volunteer, Mrs. Ailsa Kneath.



GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION - SIMPLY GIVING MORE JOY TO HUNDREDS MORE YOUNG PEOPLE

### **Day 1 - Monday 11/01/16.**

At 0830 with our Satnav (otherwise known as Doris) turned on, we arrived at the Gift of Happiness Foundation warehouse in Bangkok to be greeted by GoHF Founder/Director Eddie Haworth and his old friend Ian Thom who came out from London to give freely of his time to make the children happy in his professional role as Gingernutt the Clown. Our friend, International Schoolteacher Laura from Scotland who happily offered to become our fellow volunteer during this very special week of Happiness giving, also greeted us.

Then last but certainly not least we were introduced to the regular driver and transport director, Khun Amarin, who soon became our very own Khun A. After completing the packing of GoHF's lovely new truck and two cars, which had begun the previous day – giving you an idea of how much donated goods were being transport, we hit the road. The entire journey took over 7 hours but the fun had begun.

Driving in convoy (tiring) stopping at a number of pee/coffee pull-ins (interesting) and capped by the visit en-route to an amazing remote mountain pass roadside Market where the views were breath-taking. We arrived at our haven, Poonagunn Hotel in Mae Sot, a small but immaculate hotel offering wonderful accommodation with dedicated staff. Quick shower and off for a quiet meal before a good night's sleep ready for action the following day.

### **Day 2 - Tuesday 12/01/16.**

0900 The first show was at Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee (BMWEC). Here we discovered a place of excellence. Although struggling against the odds, a student greeted us with impeccable English, who had her life mapped out, graduation then a scholarship to Yangon University. To see such confidence in a young lady can only have come from the way this community had instilled in her the self-worth and self-belief that yes she can do it. What a credit to them. The school was also efficiently worked with genuine excellent standards worthy of any educational establishment, achieved with very little, but dedicated and forward thinking staff.





Whilst Eddie, Ian and Amarin set up, Laura went on the 'ice-cream run', the 'après' show treat, Martin, the dedicated photographer, captured the professional set up and contained excitement and anticipation from the children. The two shows were quite different in their delivery. Ian is a methodical calm clown, who does most of his show through mime, a great medium for all languages and an excellent way to warm up the reticent children who are not sure about showing their emotions or if joining in is acceptable. Eddie (AKA Clown Eckie) comes on with a more noisy show, which they respond to immediately without reserve. It's a wonder to see the way they can confidently show their excitement and sheer fun loving side once confronted by the clowns. They quickly learn to anticipate and predict joining in with innocence and laughter. After the show the great ice-cream treat was served, organised by the older children in a calm and unhurried way; however, it was fantastic to see that they still had the ability to work out that if they joined the back of the line they would get ice-cream too, which child would not?

After a quick lunch stop at a roadside bamboo eatery, we were off to the afternoon show, located about 30 kilometres off the beaten track where we eventually arrived at the 'Bwe K Lar Migrant Learning Centre', quite a different contrast, more rural and more visible poverty. No power, so no music available for the show, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the children.

Whilst the show was being set up in a much smaller venue. Laura and I entertained the children with the simple fun of bubbles; however, even bubbles can burst or run out of puff! So we then invented an entertainment to occupy them before the real show - singing songs with plenty of action. This began to evaporate their inhibitions and taught them some English as an added bonus. Eddie liked this so much, he asked us to do this before every show from then on - 'X-Factor' eat your heart out!

We were also able to donate many bags of clothes, toiletries, educational supplies and much needed toys here. To see the gentle joy upon their faces when looking at these things was very humbling. There was no grabbing or pushing, but sheer pleasure at being able to assess and pick out what they would like to have.

At the end of a hot and exhausting day, we all came away with a feeling of contentment and happiness at having achieved a great deal and having brought light into a day, which could have been dark. As we ate our dinner and chewed over the events of the day, I think I can safely say, that we all enjoyed one of the most enriching days of our lives.



### **Day 3 - Wednesday 13/01/16.**

The third show was to be given at Naung Boe Deng Migrant Learning Centre, located right out in the outback..."the best way to describe the journey to find it". The dirt tracks cut across hills and fields of sugar cane. We felt like intrepid explorers of foreign correspondents. After wrong turns and clouds and clouds of red dust, we arrived at our destination, bamboo huts and classrooms, no power and no indoor room to erect the show, so the road show was put up instead. Having observed and quickly learned, we all sprang into action and everything was soon erected behind the truck. Actually, when finished it looked fabulous. (Less is more and KISS comes to mind!). Although it had to be performed whilst the children sat in the dust and in direct sunlight, the performance was received with great enthusiasm and excitement. The children joined in and had the greatest of times. Shining faces of

pure innocence and joy wiped away the guarded look that many of them had, even if it was for only an hour or two. No ice creams here as it was so far from civilisation, but we were able to treat them to drinks and snacks as well as the many bags of clothes, educational books/supplies, toiletries, toys and sweets, once again accepted with humble gratitude. Another well run school with a teacher for every grade and they were taught in English and Thai. We can all learn from these situations about how much can be done with so little.

The school we visited in the afternoon called Nya Li Ah Hta Migrant Learning Centre was even less well equipped if that is at all possible, just one large bamboo hall construction in the middle of nowhere, which was sectioned into class space – no equipment. The floor was bamboo poles laid with largish gaps between them, which Laura and I felt sure would give way as we sang and danced (large foreign dancing ladies, it was not built for). Road Show 2 was set up, as close to tree shade as possible. It did not deter the joy, fun and laughter of the children and adults alike. Workers on their way home from a long day in the fields stopped and joined in. So the whole community was galvanised by the professional show put on by Eddie and Ian. The amazing show is so far removed from their everyday drudgery, that it was able to transport all ages to a land of laughter and fun and give themselves something to talk about other than daily struggles, bringing a smile to their faces and sparkle to their eyes. Again we were able to donate sweets, many clothes, educational supplies and toys for them to share. The overriding emotions shown when these donations are given is amazement and gratitude, never is there a sign of greed or avarice but always signs of great respect.

Each evening as we convened for food and chat, we agreed both the children and we had had a full day of fun. We were able to reflect upon our thoughts and each other's. We all know where we were when the death of David Bowie was announced and had the honour of being in the presence of someone, namely Ian, who had worked with him.

#### **Day 4 - Thursday 14/01/16.**

Last Day dawned another cool breakfast – outside. This time we are off to Mae Tao Clinic to donate bedding and clothes etc. Whilst Eddie sorted that out, we were given a grand tour of the clinic. To say they are doing an amazing job in a dire situation is an understatement. A 5-star Hospital in Bangkok it is not, but they still have as many departments, covering every medical department even offering acupuncture! They deal with 104703 case-loads a year, 2681 live births, 241 malarial cases and 1900 eye surgery patients, not to mention their education, training and community projects, especially the Child Protection Policy. They now have the great reward of having a brand new clinic to be opened in 2017 which means they will move from their muddy site and collection of 'needs must' buildings to a site their own and will have autonomy over for the 526 volunteer staff.

Following that visit we went straight to the bustling Mae Sot fresh food market to buy high protein foods and rice to add to the bags of clothes, bedding and medical supplies to be delivered to the Safe Home for women and children with HIV/AIDS run by Dr. Htu Zaw. This was Eddie's second visit in as many weeks and followed his big Christmas Day of cooking for the 120 abandoned or orphaned children who live just up the road in their own safe house also run by the good Doctor Zaw.

The last show was at the AGAPE Orphanage and Learning Centre. Here we actually saw a little boy jump for joy when he arrived home from school and saw the Road Show set up. A huge treat for us here, as they were going to give us a show! The confidence and happiness of the children just oozed out of them. After a wonderful singing show presented by all the orphans who were proudly wearing their orange coloured Gift of Happiness uniforms, the final clown shows were performed. Packed full of fantastic fun, a little fear of giant balloons, raw enjoyment and huge applause as one of their own joined in the final trick. There was also a huge donation of bedding, towels, many brand new and used clothes, sportswear, toys, musical instruments, educational equipment and more sweets which were all most gratefully received. Final pack up and back for a fast shower and dinner at an amazing restaurant, where we felt we had landed in the Hobbit set or that of the Flintstones when we were sat surrounded by trees and flowers from the jungle.



As we reflected we all agreed that we had learned and gained as much from this awesome week as the children had. Thank you Eddie for giving us all the chance to help you and for giving us an awesome experience. It is true, **we all laugh in the same language.**



**JANUARY 2016**

*Project 2:*

**Gift of Happiness Foundation visit Ban Kru Noi Orphanage, Bangkok.**

**Project date:** Sunday 31st January 2016.

**Aid and show giving:** For poor children and orphans at Ban Kru Noi orphanage, Bangkok, Thailand.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mrs. Gale Bailey MBE - Ian Thom. Martin Kneath. Ailsa Kneath. Laura Leonard. Laura Smith. Martin Smith. Bill Hammerton

**Paid staff:** Khun Amarin Nissasoka. Khun Natphimook Youngsuwan. Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
31-0116	Miss Nualnoi Timkul., Bann Kru Noi for poor children 319 Mi Foi Rasburana 26 BKK 10140. Thailand.	2 Professional performances, toys, underwear, cash ice cream	52,800
<b>Total value of aid given January 2016</b>			<b>396,562.THB</b>

**Project report:**

This was our second Aid and Show Giving Project of 2016 and it was our annual visit to Ban Kru Noi Orphanage, located just over the Chao Phraya River in downtown Bangkok. There are around 100 orphans and street kids being cared for by an amazing lady, Khun Noi and just a hand full of dedicated staff who all live in what's not much more than a regular town house in a fairly run-down urban suburb of the City.

Gift of Happiness Foundation has been serving these children and Khun Noi since around 2005 and we try to give much needed fun and essential goodies to the poor children here at least once every year. This time we gave brand new underwear for all the children and they also received lots more goodies that have been donated to Gift of Happiness Foundation by the Bangkok British Women's Group.



The children and staff will also see two professionally arranged Clown shows given by our special visiting entertainer, Gingernutt the Clown who's come all the way from London to inject the children with a fantastic dose of laughter and joy that he normally shares with worldwide audiences who've seen his work on the Muppet Show, Labyrinth the movie and many more places. The second show is given by the old professor of buffoonery and mayhem, our own Clown Eckie (Eddie Haworth).



## **FEBRUARY 2016.**

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - networking - administration - I.T. marketing & performances.

**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### *Project 1:*

## **Bangkok International School children Happy to Give! Gift of Happiness Foundation goes back to school again!**

**Project dates:** Friday 12/02/16 & Saturday 13/02/16

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation.

**Paid staff:** Khun Amarin Nissasoka. Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:** Aid to be given to the poor during upcoming Gift of Happiness Foundation projects in Thailand.

### **Project report:**

On Friday 12/02/16 we made the first of this year's many collections of toys, clothing, educational supplies and even money raised by the children from Bromsgrove Early Years International School. Later in 2016, we will present the children, parents and teachers with a great day of fun and mayhem delivered by "Go-Happy Clown Eckie", who's more than happy to make-em laugh their socks off in return for such great generosity.



**Bromsgrove Early Years Bangkok**

**"Thank you to all these great children who know how important it is to give to the poor!"**



And we went back to **Harrow International School** on Thursday 18th February to give the younger students a couple of fun packed shows by "Go-Happy Clown Eckie". These shows are being sponsored by Harrow and all the children in Year One have collected another truck load of goodies for us to pass-onto the poor. We were told, the boys and girls at Harrow are really excited about seeing the Clown again and just as happy to pass-on their cherished teddy bears and clothing to some less fortunate children in Thailand.



*Project 2 title:*  
**Gift of Happiness Foundation attending:  
The Asian Summit on Flexible Learning Strategies (ASFLS)**

**Project dates:** 24/02/16 to 26/02/16

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Charles H William Hammeton – Khun Ornsirinthorn Nawa Wat - UNESCO, Bangkok staff members.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
24-04-16	ASFLS Attendees, Delegates and 800 Schoolchildren from Udon Thani, Thailand	Professional performances by Clown Eckie at Impact Arena, Bangkok	20,000
		<b>Total value of aid given February 2016</b>	<b>20,000.THB</b>

**Project report:**

Gift of Happiness Foundation started to collaborate with UNESCO in Bangkok during 2015 and has received some valuable support from them, which has already led to the charity serving more than 4,000 (Extra) poor children since November 2015.

The Asian Summit on Flexible Learning Strategies was held this year in Bangkok. Gift of Happiness Foundation was honoured to be invited to present a version of our hugely popular show at the opening dinner of around 400 international participants representing 30 Asian member states and other participants from all around the world.



UNESCO asked us to provide one of our most popular educational comedy show productions presented by our very own world class professional entertainer during the summit being held at Impact Arena in Bangkok.

Seen in the photographs are the Summit Organiser from UNESCO Mr Ichiro Miyazawa and Eddie Haworth - our Founder and Director. Everyone had a great time and Eddie's performance was followed by a brilliant display of traditional Thai dancing by students from university in North East Thailand. As always, both shows went down a storm and the toast response for the evening was HAPPINESS!



## MARCH 2016.

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - networking – administration – I.T. marketing & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

#### Gift of Happiness Foundation Bring Free Delivery of Bulk Happiness to Fatima Centre, Bangkok

**Gift of Happiness Foundation aid and show giving project to the Sister Louise, Fatima Centre, Bangkok, Thailand.**

**Project Date; 01/03/16**

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mrs. Gale Bailey MBE. Martin Kneath. Ailsa Kneath. Laura Leonard. Wilf Johnson. Laura Smith. Lynn Nawa Wat.

**Paid staff:** None.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
01-03-16	The Fatima Centre BKK.	Professional performances by Clown Eckie	20,000



Clown Eckie and Sister Louise



HOW TO MAKE EM LAUGH THE HARD WAY!

### Project report:

A simple clown and the four most wonderful ladies on planet earth bring immense happiness to children in Bangkok.

Gift of Happiness Foundation was delighted to give the afternoon filled with joy to the children and ladies who attend the Fatima Centre in downtown Bangkok.

The event had been arranged by Mrs Gale Bailey MBE, the British Women's Group and Gift of Happiness Foundation, Bangkok

welfare@bwgBangkok.org & charity@gohappiness.org

Thank you to **Monroe Consulting Group, Bangkok** for supporting Gift of Happiness Foundation kids again in Thailand!





Project 2:

**Gift of Happiness Foundation Fun Day, Aid and Show Giving Project  
Wat Sam Makan School. North of Ayutthaya, Thailand.**

**Project Date:** 19/03/2016

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. 35 Monroe Consulting Group Staff and management team. Sue Steel, British Women's Group Bangkok – Mr William Hammerton.

**Paid staff:** Khun Amarin Nissasoka. Khun Polchanok Buasorn and event catering staff.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
19-03-16	Wat Sam Makan School. North of Ayutthaya, Thailand	Professional performances by Clown Eckie, new uniforms, toys used clothing, educational supplies and food	90,000
<b>Total value of aid given March 2016</b>			<b>110,000.THB</b>

**Project report:**

Monroe consulting group held their staff charity fun day in support of the Thai childcare charity, Gift of Happiness Foundation. 35 Monroe staff, Director and Management all arrived at the rural little community and school after a 2 hour drive from Bangkok to start the fun and games early and even before Gift of Happiness volunteers arrived.

The Monroe management and staff had the whole thing in hand by the time the Go-Happiness volunteers arrived and all 120 kids were neatly separated into groups so the very talented staff from Monroe could give them the very best fun day that they ever could have dreamt of!

After the fun and games, Monroe staff served lunch to all the kids and then they all received ice-cream and lots more goodies given by Monroe staff. Then the new uniforms and underwear provided by Monroe staff was handed out alongside yet another truckload of toys, clothing and educational supplies given by Gift of Happiness. After the big hand-out of goodies, everyone settled down to see the fun packed Clown Eckie Buffoonery Show provided by the founder at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Mr Eddie Haworth (AKA Clown Eckie). The show and all the other events of the big day went very well indeed for all the kids and especially the organisers and staff at Monroe Consulting Group.

Gift of Happiness Foundation is proud to be associated with Monroe Consulting Group since 2015.

And we send our sincere thanks on behalf of the 1,000's of poor children Monroe have helped to have a happier life through their kind support of our small, but very effective organisation.



VERY HAPPY KIDS AGAIN NEAR AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

Gift of Happiness Foundation pay another visit to Wattsamakan School near Ayutthaya

## APRIL 2016

**Activities:** Five projects – GoHF emergency payment of schools fees. Collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - networking – administration – I.T. marketing & performances.

**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

#### Emergency response to request for payment of school fees and educational supplies

**Project date:** 08/04/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation.

**Paid staff:** None.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
08-04-16	Porntip Chaiyarat., Bangkok Bilingual School, 596-596/1 Pracha-Uthit Road Huaykwang Bangkok 10310.	Grade 5 Tuition Fees Textbooks and resources	51000 6500

(Total value of donations given and received in April: page number 17)

#### Project report:

GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth received a unique request for emergency funding for payment of school fees and educational supplies for a student attending the Porntip Chaiyarat Bilingual School in Bangkok. He agreed to support this project on the grounds that the student would have otherwise suffered life changing consequences if forced to leave the security of this school.

### Project 2:

#### Bangkok International Kindergarten, 'Kids Kingdom' giving freely to poor children in Thailand!

**Project date:** 08/04/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation.

**Paid staff:** Khun. Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:** Future recipients of goods in poor Thai communities.

#### Project report:

Absolutely the best single donation of new or used toys, clothing and educational equipment so far in 2016! On Wednesday 06/04/16 Gift of Happiness Director, Eddie Haworth was simply overwhelmed by the generosity of the children, parents and teachers at Kids Kingdom International Kindergarten in Bangkok when he drove his very much overloaded truck back to base after collecting all these wonderful goodies.

The gifts given are all going to be handed-on to some of the poorest children in Thailand when Gift of Happiness resume the monthly aid and show giving projects to northern Thailand just as soon as the big school holidays are over in May.

Gift of Happiness Foundation volunteers have already started to sort the goods from Kids Kingdom and many other recent donors...with the sorting now being done at our brand new Go-Happiness Centre in Bangkok. Stay tuned to our Facebook, Twitter and this page for further updates!





## Wednesday the 20th of April 2016 was an important day in the history of Gift of Happiness Foundation.

**Project date:** 20/04/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Gale Bailey MBE. Mr & Mrs Kneath. Sue Steel. Khun Suksan Valarisia. Khun Ornsirinthon Nawa Wat.

**Paid staff:** Khun Amarin Nissasoka. .

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
20-04-16	Wat Mahabut, Onnut Road, BKK	Aid, given to and catering for the Monks	27.000

(Total value of donations given and received in April: page number 17)

### Project report:

We had the blessing of our new **GO-HAPPINESSCENTRE** the traditional Thai Buddhist ceremony was carried out by 9 Monks and the auspicious day was chosen as it is the day that founder, Eddie Haworth was born.

Blessing a new house in Thailand is an important ceremony for Thai people. The ceremony called, ทำบุญขึ้นบ้านใหม่ or "THAM BOON KEUN BAAN MAI, is a combination of Buddhist beliefs. Literally translated means, "going up into a new house". This name probably came about because many traditional Thai houses were built on stilts and people needed to go up some stairs to enter the dwelling. Prayers are said in Pali, white string is held to amplify the vibrations of the prayers and protect the house and bring luck to the inhabitants and lustral Water washes away disease, sorrow and evil. Finally, the monk writes Pali symbols with a special white paste and gold leaf.



The new Go-Happiness Centre is the first time we have been able to bring everything together under one roof, in good time there will be the office and the shop, together with storage for all those amazing donations everyone is so kind to provide and it's also a centre for all of our performance equipment and vehicles. Attended by about 25 friends, neighbours and supporters, it was a great day.

Our new phone number is 02 742 1191 and the address is very close to our old shop 202 ซอย อ่อนนุช 36 แขวงสวนหลวง, เขตสวนหลวง กรุงเทพฯ 10250 202 Soi On Nut 36 Suanluang, Suanluan District Bangkok 10250. [MAP](#)



*Project 4:*

**International food importer gives more than ONE TON of pasta for the poor**

**Project date:** 22/04/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr & Mrs Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun. Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:** Future recipients of goods in poor Thai communities.

**Project report:**

Gift of Happiness Foundation was delighted to receive a second large donation of pasta from The Commercial Company of Siam Ltd (Eurofood). We will be distributing all this great food to the poor people we serve in Thailand during the next couple of months. We were gifted a similar donation of pasta from Eurofood in 2015 and that was very gratefully received by several orphanages and safe houses for abused women and children in Bangkok and northern Thailand.





*Project 5:*  
**Charter International School and Stamford University**  
**Giving truck loads to the Poor!**

**Project date:** 30/04/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr Martin Kneath. Khun Vhan Srisuda.

**Paid staff:** None.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation	Baht
30-04-16	BKK Slum dwellers and poor families in Burriram, N. E. Thailand.	Hand out of aid to slum dwellers in BKK and deliver of further aid to Burriram, N.E. Thailand.	48.000
<b>Total value of aid given April 2016</b>			<b>132,500.THB</b>

**Project report**

Since we opened the new Go-Happiness Centre just a couple of weeks ago there's been well over a ton of clothing, educational supplies, toys, medical equipment and even household goods given for us to pass-onto the poor people we serve every month in Thailand.

Individual donors have been finding their way to our new Centre and Drop-Off Point almost every day since we opened. And even before or after opening times (10am to 6pm weekdays) people have dropped goods over the gate in the sure knowledge that we will take good care of their gifts very soon after they have been given in this way. Gift of Happiness Foundation Founder/Director, Eddie Haworth was happy to drive out to the wonderful Charter International School yet again to almost fill the Go Happy truck "Sponsored by Monroe Consulting group". The children at this school are so good at collecting toys, clothing and other essential supplies for poor kids in Thailand, that we have to go there and fill our truck two or three times per term!



Teacher Miss Samuel's really understands how important it is to teach her students just how valuable their contributions are to the poor children who receive their wonderful gifts. So...On behalf of the thousands of children we serve...We say another big "THANK YOU" to all those at Charter who do so much to help so many!

BTW...We also collected another truckload of goodies that have been dropped-off at the Len Pen Music Academy Drop-Off Point in Central Bangkok.



Students from Stamford University helping the poor in Thailand

Seven students from Stamford University, Bangkok came to the Go-Happiness Centre to give a car load of goodies and they were delighted to hand out toys to some of the poorest kids in the area close to the Go-Happiness Centre when we invited them to come in for this special unexpected day of giving. The whole event was overseen by Go-Happiness volunteers, Martin and Ailsa Kneath, former Principal and teacher at The Regent's International School, Bangkok, who made sure the goods were properly divided among the poor children, so no one was left out!



New bicycle for little kids in Buriram, Thailand

Gift of Happiness Foundation volunteer Khun Vhan Srisuda kindly delivered a new bicycle and several bags of clothing to some poor families in a rural community near Buriram, N/E Thailand.

We send lots of goods with Vhan about 4 times per year when she undertakes the epic 10 hour drive in her super little car all the way from North East Thailand to Bangkok. "Thank you Vhan"

### **Even more good news!**

We have now secured another great place for people to drop-off goods right in the heart of the city at Park Lane British Suit & Shirt Designers located on Sukhumvit Soi 20, Bangkok. This is probably one of the best locations for people to drop goods without any worries about parking or taxi directions..."And we do encourage anyone visiting to take advantage of the great service that Park Lane has to offer when it comes to finding the best quality of handmade clothing available in Bangkok.

**MAY 2016**

**Activities:** One project - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration – I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

*Project 1:*

**Gift of Happiness Foundation is proud to be collaborating again with UNICEF and the Burmese Migrant Workers' Education Committee, Aid and Show Giving Project Mae Tao Clinic.**

**Project date:** 23/05/16 to 27/05/16.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Martin and Ailsa Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Prajak. Khun. Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
24-05-16	Dr Htin Saw	4 bags adult clothes, 4 bags children's new clothes, 2 bags of toys	
	Social Action for Women (SAW)	8 bags of children's used clothes, 48kg pasta	248kg
	201/20 Sripiaanich, Mae Sot Tak 63110		80000
24-05-16	Ma Thin Zar Oo	4 bags adult clothes, 8 bags of children's used clothes	
	Agape Orphanage	4 bags of children's new clothes, 48kg pasta	300kg
	786 Moo 1 Hta Sai Lourd Mae Tao, Mae Sot		80000
24-05-16	Prc Inchare	2 bags of toys	
	Mao Tao Clinic PO Box 67 Tak 63110	2 bags of bedding, 8 bags of adult used clothes	180kg
	Mae Sot Tak		30000
25-05-16	Saw Poe Say Say	2 bags toys, 4 bags adult clothes, 8 bags of children's used clothes	
	Has Thoo Lei Learning Centre	Sweets, female and children's toiletries. 48kg pasta	248kg
	644 Samaksapphakarn Road Maesot Tak 63110		60000
25-05-16	U Thein Htun	48kg pasta, female and child toiletries, 2 bags toys, 4 bags adult used clothes	248kg
	PYO Khin Learning Centre	8 bags child's used clothes, sweets for 90 children	70000
26-05-16	Mr Wiwat Keereearak	48kg pasta, female and child toiletries, 2 bags toys, 4 bags adult used clothes	210kgs
	ELPIS Centre	8 bags child's used clothes, 2 bags child new clothes sweets for 90 children	70000
26-05-16	Daw Than Than	48kg pasta, female and child toiletries, 2 bags toys, 3 bags adult used clothes	284kg
	Good Morning School	13 bags child's used clothes, 3 bags child new clothes sweets for 90 children	80000
		<b>Total value of aid given May 2016</b>	<b>470,000.THB</b>

### Project report:

Written by Mrs Ailsa Kneath, volunteer.

Having spent a sweaty Sunday afternoon (I feel a song coming on) packing up the Monroe truck, the Eddiemobile and Martinmobile, with the muscle power of Bean and Antione speeding up the action of loading children's clothes, adults clothes, toys, toiletries, sweets and 288kg of Spaghetti, we were ready to Go Happiness!



Our magical mystery tour began on Monday morning, a 3-car convoy was out of the starter blocks and away by 10 am, Mae Sot here we come! Coffee, lunch, fuel and comfort stops allowing, we were making very good time, until disaster struck. 100 kilometres from our destination Eddie's car went into "safe mode". With a big black cloud chundering out of the exhaust. Now very "unsafe". Prajak (our trusty driver) found a garage within minutes. Mechanics rooted around and "yes" they can "fix", but it would take 4 hours. Yikes!



However Prajak to the rescue, he volunteered to stay behind to bring the truck across the mountain later. He may not have offered so quickly if he had known he would not be joining us until 6.00am, having waited until 4.30am, when the mechanics finished work, to then allow him to drive over the mountain in the pouring rain. The phrase 'above and beyond' spring to mind!!!!

Whilst Prajak caught up with some sleep, we made our way to the first delivery, Mae Sot Clinic. Here we delivered baby bedding and adult clothes before we were taken to the very exciting new clinic. Since 1989 it has existed on the site started by Dr. Cynthia Maung, however they are now the proud owners of a purpose built hospital, on land that they own. The grand opening took place on May 28th. What a wonderful achievement and something of which we are all immensely proud.







Next visit was to Social Action for Women, run by Dr Htin Zaw for HIV women and children, where we delivered 48 kg of spaghetti, adult clothes, new children's clothes, toys and sweets. No time for a show, but plenty of cuddles and singing. Last call that day was to AGAPI Orphanage where the same amount of spaghetti and goods were delivered. We had the wonderful experience of the children singing for us, accompanied by one of the elder boys on his guitar. A sea of happy smiling faces, and not just them, we were smiling from ear to ear to see them so well adjusted.



Day 2 dawned with pouring rain, but "hey ho" crocs on, and off we went to the Pyongyang Khin Learning Centre. After unloading 48 kg of spaghetti, new and used clothes for adults and children, toys and sweets for 90. The first clown show, preceded by a warm up sing song by Ailsa, who managed to blag her way into making the children believe that she could sing in tune. The real showman Eckie the Clown delivered his professional one-man-show. The children were soon involved and had great fun in participating, with squeals of delight throughout. Unfortunately one of the very large balloons died when it hit a ceiling fan. Not to worry, extras could be found in the box. Phew!

After a second tasty chicken lunch it was off HSA Thoo Lei Boarding House, where show number two was to be performed. The team were getting much slicker at unloading the same amount of donations and the Martinmobile suspension began to rise, as the next load of spaghetti was off-loaded. Here, we had the most spine tingling experience. After Ailsa had exhausted her repertoire, she asked if the children had a song that they could sing for us. They then broke into the most moving song, sung in perfect harmony accompanied by one of their boys on his guitar.

There was not a dry eye in the house. The children glowed with happiness and roared with glee as each trick was demonstrated by Eckie, especially the last one. A most "likely lad" was pulled from the audience as part of the comedy act, ending with a trick that makes it look as if Eckie removes the boy's underpants in a quick hand movement. The girls just fall around giggling, whilst his fellow "likely lads" guffaw and thank the Lord that they were not chosen.

Day 3 was a glorious blue sky, which meant less mud. What a relief! Off to ELPIS Centre where Eckie set up the show whilst the helpers unloaded the same amount of goods, as in, 8 bin bags of used children's clothes, 4 bin bags of new children's clothes, 4 bin bags of adult clothes, 2bags of toys, sweets and female and children's toiletries, not forgetting the 48 kg of spaghetti. After a quick singing warm-up, Eckie delivers his show to an



amazingly active, confident and smiley group, who really engaged from the very first minute. We were charmed on our way as they shook our hands and wished us "God Bless", we felt very humble indeed. Our last stop was a delivery to the Good Morning School, albeit it was in the afternoon (he he!); here, the children were just as happy and confident. We just made the delivery of goods here, with many extra bags of clothes as they are very needy, no show as one had been performed a few months ago. Back to the hotel, calling in at the offices of Help without Frontiers, to reconnect with the new staff so that in future The Gift Of Happiness can coordinate visits to their schools. Quick shower and then onto report writing, letters and administration.

At the end of the day our usual visit to Casa Mia for a great meal and debrief. Another amazing and fulfilling trip for all concerned. Please continue to support this life changing charity, as I can vouch for the fact that everything is passed onto the people in need, which really makes a difference and brings happiness into their lives. Many thanks to all our volunteers and donors, especially The Commercial Company of Siam Ltd (Eurofood) for their donation of 288kg of spaghetti.



## JUNE 2016

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration - I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

*Projects 1&2:*

### Gift of Happiness Foundation, Aid and Show Giving Project at Go-Happiness Centre, BKK and Mae Sot.

#### Project Dates:

**25/06/2016 to 29/06/2016**

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Terry Sherwood

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

#### Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
25-06-16	Go-Happiness Centre, 202 On Nut Road Soi 36 BKK	Shows and Donation of goods and cash to poor slum dwellers in BKK.	70000
28-06-16	Daw Khin Mon Aung Prahita Phop Phra Tak Hway Nu Kalae Village		50000
28-06-16	Junie Thoo Mwe Hhee Ger Ni Mulu Chai	Bedding, Towels, Food Clothing, Toys	50000
29-06-16	New Ni Win Future Garden School No 227 Mu 7 Phoppura	Bedding, Towels, Food Clothing, Toys	50000
29-06-16	Daw Nan Mu Pa Ra HI Ta-Htoo Learning Center Mae Sot Tak	Bedding, Towels, Food Clothing, Toys	50000
29-06-16	Winny Htoo Mao Tao Clinic PO Box 67 Tak 63110 Mae Sot Tak	2 bags of toys 2 bags of bedding, 8 bags of adult used clothes	35000
<b>Total value of aid given June 2016</b>			<b>305,000.THB</b>

#### Project report:

Saturday 25 June 2016, Gift of Happiness Foundation gave toys, clothing, baby supplies, cash a clown show to poor families and single parents who came to the Go-Happiness Centre in downtown Bangkok. All goods came from the very caring children, parents and staff at Charter International School, Bromsgrove Early Years International School, members of the Bangkok St Georges Society, Selective Asia via Exo Travel Thailand, Allied Pickfords, Santa Fe and many individual families in Bangkok and via postal donations coming from worldwide. This month's regular collections of goods from Len Penn Music Academy, Park Lane British Suit & Shirt Designers, DTC Travel in Bangkok. The goods that were not sent to a Go-Happiness Drop Off Point, were collected and taken to the new Go-Happiness Centre by Eddie Haworth Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, in our wonderful "Happy Trucks" given by Monroe Consulting Group and Clown Eckie Corporation. "Thank You!"



Aid and show giving day for poor people in Bangkok at Go-Happiness Centre. And weeklong and giving project to North Thailand.

#### Report written by Terry Sherwood

I first met Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation in.... – Oh well, more grey cells gone – I am of that age! -- Most of you reading this will know of Eddie's long-standing, enduring and on-going work to help children achieve at least a little window of happiness as they start their own climb on the ubiquitous "ladder of life". To some degree, a number of you will also know some of Eddie's own past and his driving ambition to ensure that he can assist children, educators and volunteers (et al) to know the greatest gift of all – that of having unfettered and unconditional moments of happiness as well as (hopefully) being noticed and cared for.



I personally make no bones or apologies for being eternally grateful for the gifts of kindness that I received as a Barnardo's "Old Boy" – from anonymous public donations in the famous Dr Barnardo's collections boxes to toys (or even the boxes that toys came in) to eventually being fostered. Thank you to everyone. Additionally, I have just recently (semi?) retired after spending the last five years as the first ever Asia Regional Security Adviser for a leading and long established global child rights INGO. This meant that I have only been able to support Eddie's efforts with donations every now and then, so I grabbed this opportunity to physically get involved again.

Anyway, to the trip. A few hours of pre-packing the vehicles, confirming the logistics and administration of the trip ensued on Sunday followed by "lastminute.com" bits and bobs on Monday morning as we set off – naturally, we still forgot a couple of key items which we only discovered about later. The drive up to Mae Sot from Bangkok was pretty good – only a couple of rain showers and short stretches of poor road surfaces slowed things down but of course always within the legal limits – however my Army experience of convoy driving was definitely most useful on several occasions. Once we hit the mountains near our destination, my manual gear selection and road position skills were quite strongly put to the test but it certainly ensured that I wouldn't suffer from "nodding dog" syndrome! I was certainly ready for my sleep that night once we had checked in to the excellent Poonagunn hotel and a hearty evening meal nearby.



Our first activity day up north commenced with a hearty buffet breakfast then a stop to collect our local guide and interpreter from the offices of the Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee (BMWEC) – Walisha (hopefully I've spelled his name correctly). A lovely man currently engaged in studying for his Master's, we chatted so much that we almost missed both school road/entrance turnings that day (and with our vehicle leading, luckily Eddie's reactions and brakes were up the task).

The first school initially appeared to harbour and display a rather somewhat sombre individual attitude, judging by the behaviour of both adults and children; however, smiles and excitement are very difficult to keep under wraps when the various educational materials, toys, clothes, shoes and other goods were ready for transferring from the vehicles to the school hall – cue first photo opportunity.



Having suffered a small gardening accident a few days before we departed, Eddie's very badly injured leg precluded him from making a show here but this also strengthened his resolve to try to do some kind of performance at the next school.

To reach this school I had to negotiate driving the high-top Go-Happiness truck under some low trees along a rough track, but after failing to sufficiently protect the hanging unripe Avocados and Mangoes from being knocked to the ground by the top of the vehicle, I safely led (under Walisha's directions) our two part convoy into the school grounds where we were eagerly helped to transfer everything to the show set-up area.

All the donated goods and Eddie's performance materials were duly carried to the platform in front of a giant Buddha statue and although limited by his injury, Eddie's show was hugely entertaining as can be seen by the many photo's well snapped by Walisha on Eddie's Android phone.

On the way back to returning Walisha to the BMWEC, we stopped off at a brand new-built school called Nam Tok Migrant Learning Centre (Waterfall school) that had been moved from a prior location where the headmaster, "Owen" was delighted to see his old friend Eddie who's been supporting the school since 2005 and they arrange something appropriate for the next GOHF project to Mae Sot.

Then on the way back to town, Eddie also spotted a clown statue outside an almost newly completed Thai resort so a great photo opportunity took place as well as potentially very useful networking details exchanged.



A leisurely drive back to the hotel with spectacular mountain and valley views and the dropping off of Walisha took place followed by a visit to a local pharmacy for Eddie to buy much needed medical supplies for his leg wounds, then back at the hotel the uploading/downloading of a couple of hundred of today's photo's by Eddie. A super, hearty but tasty and cheap, meal at a local restaurant followed later that evening with at least me remembering to be sensible enough not to eat anything too spicy – as per my wife's (and doctor's) instructions, despite the temptation.

Wednesday started with collecting both Walisha and another volunteer, Meedob, from the BMWEC office and off we all went again in the two vehicles. The first tiny school we visited was about 50 kilometres from Mae Sot and it turned out to be a wonderful experience – loads of smiling, daubed faces ready for the clown show so Eddie stepped up to the plate once again, despite his well concealed uncomfortable leg wounds, then the children's laughter and smiles soon grew from nervous beginnings to unfettered and unbridled laughter and inclusive happiness from all who bore witness.

After a delicious lunch at a local eatery, it was finally too much for Eddie to perform a second show at our next, and last, school (Future Garden) but Walisha and Meedob superbly rallied the children and staff, after offloading and positioning everything from both vehicles, so that some wonderful photo' opportunities were not just participated in but thoroughly "owned" by everyone. We next dropped off Walisha and Meedob back at the BMWEC office (either my driving is brilliant or I am so incredibly boring – moot point! - but Walisha managed to sleep almost all of the way back!).

Our last scheduled stop for Eddie and I was at the newly built and new location of the Mae Tao Clinic. Miss Winny Htoo is the GOHF contact person here and her atypical Karen smile and positive "can-do" approach meant that we and all the important medical and baby supplies we gave were efficiently, gratefully and appreciatively received. Back we went to our base, the Poonagunn hotel, for an unwind so that Eddie could upload today's photos and catch up properly while I soaked under a hot shower in my own room and then texted with my wife and daughter back in Bangkok. An evening meal, again at the very good Casa Mia restaurant in town, followed where Eddie also managed to find time to use his networking skills to potentially help the on-going and future plans for the organisation.



## JULY 2016

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration - I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

## Bangkok Charity Receives Imminence Amounts of Happiness!

### Project Date:

11/07/2016.

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation.

**Paid staff:** none.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:** Future recipients of goods in poor Thai communities. Total value of aid given 100,000 Baht. (Total value of donations given and received in July: page number 26)

### Project report:

Gift of Happiness Foundation is now all set to give even more too poor people in Thailand. All thanks to the awesome people who gave so much in just the first week of July 2016!

During the first week of July 2016 Gift of Happiness Foundation has been delighted to receive a fantastic donation of cash from **EXO Foundation**. The money given is already earmarked to fund the charity Aid & Show Giving Projects aimed at helping some of the poorest people in the country. This single donation means we can confidently plan to help around 3,000 people during July, August and September 2016.

This great donation was followed-up with a massive donation of essential goodies collected by the staff at the Bangkok office of EXO Travel for Go-Happiness to pass-onto the poor people in Thailand.

THANK YOU EXO!



Exo Foundation gave enough to provide clothing and essential goods to 100's of poor children we serve in Thailand.





Project 2:

**Gift of Happiness Foundation - International Nelson Mandela Day  
At the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women, Bangkok (APSW)**

**Project Date:**

**16/07/2016 & 18/07/2016.**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Diplomats and Staff at South African Embassy, Bangkok. Khun Ornsirinthorn Lynn Nawa Wat. Mr & Mrs Martin and Ailsa Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
18-07-16	The Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women 501/1 Dejatunga Road, Seekun, Donmuang BKK	New and Used clothing, 100xUniforms, toys, 144Kg Pasta	68000
<b>Total value of aid given July 2016</b>			<b>68,000.THB</b>

**Project report:**

Nelson Mandela International Day came about in November 2009, the UN General Assembly declared 18 July 'Nelson Mandela International Day' in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom. So by devoting 67 minutes of your time, people can make a small gesture of solidarity with humanity and a step towards a global movement for good. Individuals, corporate companies and groups are challenged to give 67 minutes of their time – to take action to change the world for the better. For 67 years Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner, an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

The emergency home provides assistance to women and children who are victims of forced prostitution, rape, HIV/AIDS, abandonment and physical and emotional abuse. The emergency home also provides education, vocational and life skills training and hotline counselling services. Number of women and children: 28 children and 70 women.



**Speakers on the occasion of the International Nelson Mandela Day 2016:**

Mrs. Sudawan Khomtharm, Executive Director of the Emergency Home.

The South African Charge D'Affaires, Mr. Deon Seals, Counsellor Political & Trade South African Observer to UNESCAP, South African Embassy.

Mr. Edward Haworth, Founder Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Gift of Happiness Foundation simply gives a little happiness to people who really need it!

We do not show photos of residents at this safe house. But just imagine the children's delight when they received this giant teddy bear and the women who received so much kindness from the South African Embassy and Go-Happiness on this special International Nelson Mandela Day, 2016!

Activities commenced with participants being split into 2 groups:

First group helped Emergency Home by dishing-out lunch for all the kids and women. There were two slots to help serve lunch for the children and again a little later for the women. Second group were allocated to work as painters and decorators for approximately 67 minutes at the baby home within the APSW compound.

On this occasion, the Gift of Happiness entertainer, Clown Eckie was unable to perform his usual buffoonery show due to time constraints and the troublesome injury he suffered recently when his big-toenail was inadvertently re-positioned from the toe-to-the top of his foot! Ouch! Eddie still managed to load-up his trusty old truck and bring it along packed-full of goodies for the woman, children and babies.

Goods were donated by many people who care for those in need, via the charity drop-off points in Bangkok. And all goods were transported from the Go-Happiness Centre to the AWSP in the charity's "Happy Truck", donated by Monroe Consulting Group in Bangkok.

Thanks also go to Monroe Consulting group for providing new uniforms for the children and a large donation of pasta from The Commercial Company of Siam Ltd (Eurofood)..."Yet another great gift to the needy!"

The South African Embassy Staff and Diplomats arranged this special day of giving and they also brought just as many goodies for the women and children, as GoHF gave...

"So it became a sort-of Matching Gift Day" as well as International Nelson Mandela day!

### ***Reminder and thanks published...July 2016.***

#### **Regular collections of donated goods;**

Despite some problems that Go-Happiness Founder, Eddie Haworth had with his injured leg, following a small accident at the Go-Happiness Centre. He managed to collect (between bed-rest) from several places during the week and luckily there was help on hand at each of the locations Eddie visited.

Three truckloads of goods were collected or delivered to the charity drop-off points in Bangkok. And all the collections were transported back to the Go-Happiness Centre in the charity's "Happy Trucks", donated by Monroe Consulting Group and the Clown Eckie Corporation in Bangkok.

Gift of Happiness Foundation take all these wonderful goods every month to hand-out directly among some of the poorest people in Thailand...

The people we serve are living in very harsh conditions and simply cannot send letters or emails to say thanks. So they are always asking us to say how very grateful they are to the fantastic people who send so much to help them get-by every month.

"Thank You!" To ALL those who've given so often and for so long! -- To those who gave in the first week of July 2016...the Horton and Johnston families who've relocated and given loads of important goodies via Santa Fe Relocations:

Thanks again to: EXO Foundation, EXO Travel, Len Penn Music Academy, Park Lane British Suit & Shirt Designers, DTC Travel, Monroe Consulting Group and Clown Eckie Corporation in Bangkok.

Gift of Happiness Foundation is proud to be trusted by so many amazing people who regularly give so many tons of new and used goods for us to pass-onto the people who really need every bit of Happiness you can give!



## AUGUST 2016

**Activities:** Four projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration - I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

## Gift of Happiness Foundation – International Nelson Mandela Day Second Aid giving project at the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women, Bangkok (APSW)

### Project Date:

**16 August 2016**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation  
Diplomats and Staff at South African Embassy, Bangkok. Mr & Mrs Martin and Ailsa Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

### Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:

16-08-16	The Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women 501/1 Dejatunga Road, Seekun, Dongmuang, Bangkok	Pasta x 96 KG, women's underwear, T-shirts, New baby clothes + shoes	32000
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(Total value of donations given and received in August: page number 31)

### Project report:

As previously reported the GoHF visited the Association of the Promotion of the Status of Women in Bangkok, and it has been followed up with another visit which took place on the 16th August 2016, as suggested by the South African Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Deon Seals. As planned donations of essential clothing, baby-wear and dried food supplies, pasta, sponsored by Eurofood BKK, were handed over. There followed Clown Eckie's "Big Fat Buffoonery Show", which was as well received by the women present as the children! Mr. Deon Seals and his staff were in attendance and joined in, and enjoyed, the 'Buffoonery'!!

Clown Eckie's "Big Fat Buffoonery Show"



### Project 2:

## Gift of Happiness Foundation receives another great donation of goods and cash from Regus, BKK

### Project Date:

**18/08/16.**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr Martin Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:** Future recipients of goods in poor Thai communities.

### Project report:

On Thursday 18th August, after an extensive 'sorting through' of the very generous donations received from organisations, hotels and individuals, sheets, bags of clothes for adults and children were loaded on to the Monroe sponsored truck, along with toys, educational equipment, 'Eurofood BKK' sponsored pasta, toiletries and other basic foods ready for the monthly trip to Mae Sot on Monday 22th to Friday 26th August. Volunteers also prepared the new Office outside area for the readily awaited for 'Yard Sale' to take place on Saturday 20th August. A great many items, electrical, ornamental, clothes, books and other trinkets were displayed ready for the local community to buy what they wanted. The Staff at the Regus Thailand raised 24,302 Baht with a 'Sweet 16' Polo Shirt for Charity initiative, which they were proud to present at a photo presentation on Friday 19th August. Added to which were further donations of toys and clothes all of which will be distributed to the needy in Thailand. We are eternally grateful for organisations, such as Regus Thailand and all the others, who see the need to support GoHF!! Thank you.



*Project 3:*  
**Gift of Happiness Foundation first Fun Day at New Go-Happiness Centre, BKK**

**Project Date:**

**20/08/16.**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation

Students, Mimi, Mint and Alex, girls from Regents International School, Bangkok. Mr & Mrs Martin and Ailsa Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
20-08-16	Go-Happiness Centre, 202 On Nut Road Soi 36 BKK	Shows and Donation of new and used clothing, furniture and cash given to pay medical bills.	90000

(Total value of donations given and received in August: page number 31)

**Project report:**

It has been the idea to open the new GoHF Office on On Nut 36 with a Yard Sale and the renowned Clown Eckie's "Big Fat Buffoonery Show" to show the local community what the GoHF is all about and to give the community to pay for things they want (at a very good price), which in the words of Eddie Haworth, Director and Founder of the GoHF 'would give them some degree of integrity, and self-worth, in not always receiving donations'.

Gift of Happiness Volunteers getting ready for the great Go-Happiness Fun day & Yard Sale

The day started with the arrival of three volunteers, Mimi, Mint and Alex, girls from The Regent's International School, whose role was to 'sell' as much as they could? Their Thai-speaking prowess was an absolute boon, as were their hard work and negotiating skills – there were some hard bargains driven!!



Happy faces at the first ever Go Happiness Fun Day



Go Happiness Centre Fun Day with Clown Eckie's TukTuk and his "Big Fat Buffoonery Show"

The doors opened at 10.00 am and there was an eager and very steady stream of members of the local community all day long – the word certainly got out that there were bargains to be had! All the time, the message was being passed out to the children of the community, who were invited to the renowned Clown ECKIE'S "Big Fat Buffoonery Show". A small, but ever growing and appreciative audience were treated to a great show and as usual the adults laughed along just as much as the children. After the applause had died down, the audience was treated with cakes and ice-lollies; everybody went home 'Happy and Smiling', which is what it was all about really.

GoHF was honoured to receive a visit from Mr. Brian Duncan who came all the way from Dublin, Ireland to see the great new Go-Happiness Centre that he helped establish with a kind donation of funding raised through the Cyril Duncan Siam Children's Foundation earlier in 2016. Mr. Duncan founded this Irish registered charity in memory of his son, Cyril who sadly passed away suddenly while working as dedicated teacher here in Thailand some years ago and he's raised many 1,000's of Euros in support of Gift of Happiness Foundation and several other organisations in Thailand.

"Another big Thank You to Mr. Duncan!"

The 'Yard Sale' raised over 7,000 Baht, but also spread the word about the GoHF AND created a great deal of laughter!

*Project 4:*

**Gift of Happiness Foundation  
Provide yet another 'Aid and Show Giving Project in Mae Sot**

**Project Date:**

**21/08/2016 to 28/08/2016**

**Volunteers:** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr Terry Sherwood. Mr & Mrs Martin and Ailsa Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn. Khun Prajak.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Goods and Services</b>	<b>Baht</b>
23-08-16	Safe House SAW	1 set uniform, 1 bag ed. Books, crayons, baby clothes, toiletries, 2 bags toys, 2 bags adult clothes, 8 packs beddings, 24 KG pasta	39000
23-08-16	SAW School (Secondary)	1 bag ed. Books, 2 box crayons, 1 bag shoes, 5 bags equipment, 3 bags toys, 24 KG pasta, 1 bag toiletries, food.	35000
24-08-16	Hope School - Hope Migrant Learning Centre	3 cases educ. 1 box books, 1/2 box crayons, 24 KG pasta, 1 box sweets, 2 toiletries, 2 bags toys, school clothes, 2 bags adult clothes	23000
24-08-16	Nam Tok Learning Centre Ban Mai, Mae Sot	3 bags toys, 8 bags children clothes, 1 bag sweets, 24 KG pasta, 1 KG toiletries, 1 bag books, 1/2 box crayons, 2 bags adult clothes	23000
25-08-16	New Wave School	1 bag educational, 2 bags toys, 1 bag school uniform, 48 KG pasta, 1 bag toiletries, 1 box sweets, children clothes	33000
25-08-16	Mae Tao Clinic	1 bag men's shoes, 6 bags adult nappies, 14 bags adult clothes, 1 bag spectacles, 1 bag children's shoes	42000
<b>Total value of aid given July 2016</b>			<b>317,000.THB</b>



**Project report:**

*Gift of Happiness Volunteer Reporting the Good News! By Mr Terry Sherwood.*

**Mae Sot Revisited.**

Once again we intrepid few embarked upon a mission to deliver happiness and gifts to the children and communities of northern Thailand. This time, supporting the GOH Founder and Director Eddie Haworth (AKA "Clown Eckie") were also Martin and Ailsa Kneath and their excellent support driver and all round 'go to guy' Khun Prajak.

Monday started as always with the drive up north from Bangers, all of us having loaded and prepped the vehicles the previous Saturday after GOHF's first ever Open/Fun Day at the HQ off On Nut Soi 36.

Ears successfully de-popped after the final mountain road climb, we all decamped to our rooms at the usual reliable, good value, and excellently staffed, Poonagunn Hotel. A relaxing meal at one of Mae Sot's restaurants prepared us all for our first night's stay.

All five shows, two per day except Thursday which saw us deliver and tour the newly re-located Mae Sot Health Clinic, were delivered to fantastic receptions by incredibly fresh-faced children of various ages. Indeed, the hilarity was so infectious at New Wave school that even some of the staff were victims of unrestrained 'belly laughs' – possibly only slightly usurped by the incredible uncontrollable laughter of a couple of particularly young (but very loud!) spectators/participants.

It has to be said that the even photo's, brilliantly taken by Martin "David Bailey" Kneath, cannot capture the physical feeling – immensely cathartic and soul-uplifting – of being in the presence of kids doing what they all should be doing all around the world. That is laughing their toes off!

I am supposed to be a life-hardened former Serviceman but I am absolutely proud to have had to frequently wipe tears of laughter from my face whenever Clown Eckie reels the audience in and draws forth such gut-felt laughter and face-wide smiles – this, dear reader, you MUST (pretty please with bells on!) come and experience.

The drive back to Bangers on Friday was surprisingly quick – but "powder room" stops were of course made – considering it is the beginning of the weekend but, fortunately for my refrigerator, there were no giant spring onions available for me to buy from Doi Muser Market!

Thanks so much to Martin, Ailsa (now Eddie's de-facto warm-up act?!) and Khun Prajak whom were all indispensable. Many thanks again Eddie for letting me once more into this world where laughter really is an absolute fillip – both in hearing it from all those kids and for those lucky enough to help you in your on-going mission.



## Report written by Ailsa Kneath

Our preparation for this particular project started some while back, sorting through all the donations received from organisations, international schools, and individuals. Bags of adult clothes, children's clothes sorted by age, toys, toiletries, shoes – men's, women's and children's, educational equipment, bedding and candies and drinks are arranged and loaded into the Monroe sponsored van and the Kneath's car along with boxes of pasta donated by Eurofood, Bangkok. Loading took place the previous Thursday as we were also preparing for the first Yard Sale in the grounds of the new GoHF offices on Saturday 20th August.

The convoy of Eddie's car, the van and the Kneath's car left at about 0930 on Monday 22nd August and after an uneventful journey, we duly arrived at the usual accommodation – the Poonnagunn Hotel, Mae Sot in good time. Tuesday 23rd August included a visit to the SAW Secondary School where educational books and equipment, shoes, children's clothes, toys, toiletries, pasta and candies were handed over. There followed a very well received 'Eckie The Bumbling Clown Show', which was preceded by a highly professional audience 'warm-up' by Ailsa Kneath!



On to the Social Action for Women (SAW) women's and children refuge, where we were greeted warmly by Dr. Htin Saw. A number of the little ones recognised Ailsa, in particular, and latched themselves on to her pretty quickly. Here donations of pasta, shoes, clothes, baby stuff, toiletries, toys, uniforms, educational books and materials and bedding were made. Always a pleasure to see the grateful expressions of women and children alike, though as always an all too short a visit. Wednesday saw us visit the Hope Migrant Learning Centre, Phop Phra (Pakham Mai). Donations of pasta, adult and children's clothes, toiletries, toys, educational books and materials were made. Ailsa's warm up programme included interactive songs such as 'Fly away Peter, Fly away Paul', 'Old MacDonald's Farm' and 'Mother and her five ducks swimming over the mountain'! All positively responded to by children and teachers alike! Balloons, Baby and general clowning around were also all enjoyed during Eckie's programme. In the afternoon, we visited Nam Hok Learning Centre and again donations of pasta, adult and children's clothes, toiletries, toys, educational books and materials were made. The children and teachers all appreciated the fun of the show, with many children rising to the occasion if brought up on stage by interacting very well!

A short trip to a very muddy and wet location, P'yang Dang Learning Centre of the Ray of Hope Schools, where the GoHF had previously donated a Water pump, Water tanks and toilet facilities, at which staff gave us an update on the progress of the Centre. As this was a flying visit, there was a donation of pasta, particularly as cooking had been recently included in the curriculum. GoHF hopes to visit in the near future with more donations and of course a 'Bumbling Clown Show'!





## Thursday brought about our visit to the Mao Tao Clinic.

### Here are Ailsa's impressions:

Our first visit to Mao Tao Clinic in January 2016 'blew our minds' away. We could not believe that so much health care could be provided in such dire conditions; however, we were truly 'blown away' again when we shown around the brand new, purpose built Clinic this week. We handed over donations of adult clothes, adult 'nappies', men's shoes, children's shoes and a pack of spectacles, after which we were given a guided tour of the Clinic by Winnie. The best thing about the new Clinic is that it has been built upon land that the Clinic owns and each new purpose built department is clean, bright, safe and ready to give the best of medical care.



The doctors are volunteers from around the world, usually newly trained. They each do a 6-week stint. Many of the patients have had to walk from Myanmar across the border and the Clinic can now provide dormitories for the family to stay whilst treatment is given. They have also constructed an orphanage to accommodate the children and babies who are just left at the Clinic. Work is still in progress, but the surrounding pathways are now mud free and international architect volunteers are continuing to landscape and design training centres. I am sure that the work will continue for years, as they have also been able to purchase the surrounding land. To visit the amazing Mao Tao Clinic is both humbling and uplifting, when you see the good work that is achieved. A truly life changing experience!

Our final visit on this trip was to the New Wave Learning Centre on Thursday, where we experienced probably the most appreciative of all our audiences. There had been children who had us laughing with their infectious laughter at other Centres; but here, tears of joy were running down our cheeks at two or three children whose peals of laughter were just wonderful. Even the teachers were in 'stitches'!! Ekie was resplendent in a very fetching blue suit and excelled himself once again, with Ailsa heightening the children's awareness with her interactive songs. Donations of pasta, adult and children's clothes, toiletries, toys, educational books and materials were also made and gratefully received.

Our trip back was as uneventful as the trip out on Monday; though, it is certainly true to say that we were all cognisant of the poor conditions in which the adults and children we had visited live, how little they had in the way of possessions and the lack of quality of the infrastructure in which they live, work and learn, but how much care and loving support they are given by their immediate carers and the 'Give of Happiness' we hope we gave them during our all too short visit.





## SEPTEMBER 2016

**Activities:** One project - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration - I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance & performances.  
**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

## Gift of Happiness Foundation are provide an 'Aid and Show Giving Project in Nakhon Sawan, North Thailand.

### Project Date:

**26 to 29 September 2016**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr Martin Kneath.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn. Khun Prajak.

### Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
27-09-16	Daroonsuksa School 10/4 Sawanvitee Rd., Muang, Nakhon Sawan	2 bags adult clothes, 2 x 12 KG pasta, Clown Eckie Show, 2 bags toys, 2 bags small kids clothes, 2 bags teen clothes	28000
27-09-16	Vichawadee School Nakhon Sawan	2 bags toys, 24 KG pasta, Clown Eckie Show, 2 bags kids clothes, 1 bag teen clothes	25000
28-09-16	Banhuairua School A. Kaoliaw, Nakhon Sawan	2 x 12 KG pasta, 2 bags adult/teen clothes, 1 bag toys/kids clothes	25000
28-09-16	Banyangyai School M.3, Tambol Nongtao, Amphur Kaoleo, Nakhon Sawan	Clown Eckie Show, 2 x 12 KG Pasta, 2 bags toys, kids clothes, teen clothes, adult clothes	23000
29-09-16	Suksasath Schoo l249/7 Moo 6, Tambol Nongtao, Amphur Kaolieo Nakhon Sawan	1 bag toys/kids clothes, Clown Eckie Show, 2 x 12 KG pasta, 3 bags teen/adult clothes	25000
<b>Total value of aid given July 2016</b>			<b>126,000.THB</b>

### Project report:

A departure from the traditional projects in Mae Sot saw the GoHF reaching out to another community in and around Nakhon Sawan recently, which meant Thai schools were visited.

It was Eddie's desire to find relatively small Primary schools whose children were in need of support and of course HAPPINESS! With the help of friends of the GoHF who know Nakhon Sawan, 5 very suitable schools were identified. Two of the schools visited on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> were either just on the outskirts of the town or in the middle of the town. The three schools visited on Wednesday and Thursday were about 20 km out of Nakhon Sawan on the way to Pitsanulok. The Monroe sponsored van was packed on Monday morning in good time and therefore Eddie, Martin and driver Prajak were able to make to journey to Nakhon Sawan relatively easily. Eddie's car was packed as usual with the tools of his trade! Martin's car carried the last of the boxes of Pasta to be distributed. We were therefore able to donate pasta, toys, adult, teen and kids' clothes to all the schools and of course 'The Bumbling Clown Performance' We were fortunate not to have encountered rain during our stay, though the temperature remained about 40 degrees - phew!

Wicha Wadi School is situated on the river near the source of the Chao Phraya River and adjacent to the railway. A school of about 60 children aged from 4 to 12, with a dedicated team of teachers who clearly cared for the children. The head of the school has managed to obtain sponsorship from some of the big companies nearby and also the local community who donate some of their takings from selling food to the school.

Darun Suksa School is situated of one of the main streets of Nakhon Sawan behind some shops. A school of about 35 children aged 4 to 12. A very poor area and a school with very few facilities let alone educational resources. Again we were taken by the dedication of the head and his staff.



Ban Yang Yai School is about 20km out of Nakhon Sawan, a Thai Government School with about 40 children aged between 4 and 12. Facilities and resources were better than the previous two schools, but clearly the children came from poor homes. This did not prevent them from enjoying the Show and getting involved readily. Ban Hui Rua School is quite nearby the previous school and quite similar in many ways, slightly larger at about 64 children, again aged 4 to 12.



The final school visited on Thursday morning was recommended by the previous school. Sukasath School, again a Thai Government School, with about 80 children aged 4 to 12. All the children and teaching staff, and indeed ancillary staff thoroughly enjoyed Eckie's Show and the donations of pasta, toys and clothes.



One big feature of Eckie's Show this week was the inclusion of more children participation. It would start with Eckie playing an instrument and grow with the addition of one child at a time coming up on stage and playing another instrument (well, instruments is a loose term for some of the things that were played) until, about ten children and Eckie were making 'music' (well, plenty of notes being played but not necessarily in the correct order!!). The joy on the faces of the children can be seen on the photos and videos taken over the last few days.

The GoHF wishes to expand on the project started in Nakhon Sawan and wants to add schools quickly to be visited, with another trip planned for the end of October.



October 2016.

**"In Remembrance of His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej."**



**Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, passed away after 70 years on the throne.**

The king, 88, was widely revered by all at Gift of Happiness Foundation. We are now in mourning and respectfully postponing all comedy performances until mid-November 2016. Our aid giving to the poor will continue as normal.

Quote; King Bhumibol Adulyadej:

***A good person can make another person good; it means that goodness will elicit goodness in the society; other persons will also be good.***

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## NOVEMBER 2016

Note; All comedy performances are cancelled until the last days November (see Ploenchit Fair below) in memory of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Receiving of goods continued with overwhelming generosity from supporters of the charity and distribution of goods continued as usual in early November.

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration - I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance.

**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

### Project 1:

## Gift of Happiness Foundation are provide an Aid Giving Project in Nakhon Sawan, North Thailand. Dedicated in the memory of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

### Project Date:

**07 to 09 November 2016**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Anne Bailey, Sharon Skovron, Gale Bailey MBE and Sue Steel.

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn.

### Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
07-11-16	Daroonsuksa School 10/4 Sawanvitee Rd., Muang, Nakhon Sawan	Educational supplies, clothes, toys, uniforms	32000
08-11-16	Vichawadee School 36 Non Nue, Bangnampoo, Muang, Nakhon Sawan	Educational supplies, clothes, uniforms, toys	28000
08-11-16	Pak Nam Pho School, Nakhon Sawan.	educational books and equipment, shoes, children's clothes, toys, toiletries, pasta, candies and ice cream	35000
		<b>Total value of aid given July 2016</b>	<b>95,000.THB</b>

### Project report:

Volunteers Project Report Sharon Skovron, Australia, Anne Bailey, UK;

### Our Journey to Nakhon Sawan.

On Monday 7th November, 2016, Anne Bailey, Sharon Skovron, Gale Bailey MBE and Sue Steel left Bangkok with Edward "Eckie" Howarth from the Gift of Happiness Foundation, we drove almost 4 hours North West to Nakhon Sawan. Our first school stop was at Pak Nam Pho, where we were greeted by 50 very excited children of various ages, the smiles on their faces just melted us all. We delivered donations of clothes and educational material which was very well received. After some singing and lots of laughter each child was treated to an ice cream, the smiles got even bigger. "Who enjoyed the visit more...children or adults"?



Gift of Happiness Foundation also visited Wicha Wadi School and orphanage which is located near the source of the Chao Phraya River near Nakhon Sawan. A school of about 60 children aged from 4 to 12, with a dedicated team of teachers who clearly cared for the children. The head of the school has managed to obtain sponsorship from some of the big companies nearby and also the local community who donate some of their takings from selling food to the school.

After an overnight stay, we were lucky enough to be able to do it all over again. The next school just a short distance away, this time 24 smiling faces greeted us. Once again we did a little routine of singing. The Wheels on the Bus, Old Macdonald, If You're Happy and You Know It; the children were so excited they in turn sang to us in their own language of Thai. We again repeated the treat of ice creams all round and the generous donations of clothes and educational material. We left the school with lots of waving and blowing of kisses.



We visited Darun Suksa School which is situated on one of the main streets of Nakhon Sawan behind some shops. A school of about 35 children aged 4 to 12. A very poor area and a school with very few facilities let alone educational resources. Again we were taken by the dedication of the head and his staff.

Go-Happiness know that both schools being visited on this project are very much in need of educational supplies, so this is the first opportunity for us to give these important supplies since our last visit in September 2016.

We then jumped in the "Gift of Happiness" car to make our way back to Bangkok. The talk in the car was tinged with a mixture of emotions, although our aim was to donate goods to the children's school, we personally came back with only positive thoughts of the work that this Foundation provides and it was such a privilege to be included on this road trip. We felt humbled by this experience.

Thank you Eddie for allowing us to be part of your journey.

Sharon Skovron – Australia & Anne Bailey - UK



Go Happiness providing essentials for very poor children in Thailand educational Aid





### Throughout November 2016:

Eddie Haworth (AKA Clown Eckie) has quite simply been overwhelmed by the generosity showered on the charity that he's so passionate about. In the last week or so there's been a fantastic response to the heartfelt appeal by Eddie via a Crowd funding organisation to raise funds for his annual "Big Cooking Christmas Day" at an Orphanage. The teachers and children at this school have a knack of surprising Go-Happiness Director with overwhelming gifts time after time for the past couple of years!

THANK YOU **Charter International School!**



The appeal target was reached and breached a couple of weeks ago but people are still giving more than Eddie could have ever imagined. Today, Eddie was quite simply bowled-over by the most unexpected surprise of being presented with enough money to cover the costs of a whole "Aid & Show giving Project like this"...PLUS another truckload of amazing toys, clothing and educational supplies.

Best gift of all was a genuine warm fuzzy feeling of innocent love being passed from the children at Charter International School...To the poor children who will receive each of the gifts they so lovingly collected for this special day of giving.



Some of the many thousands of children who benefit from the simple Gift of Happiness, provided by so many amazing supporters of this small but important Thai childcare charity.

30/11/16. Gift of Happiness Foundation Director, Eddie Haworth was out and about again in the Monroe Consulting group sponsored truck to collect yet another massive load-of-goodies for the poor children served every month by the Charity!

This time the gifts-a-plenty came from Amnuay Silpha School in Bangkok...With the great help of a parent and regular supporter of the charity through her work at Len Penn Music Academy. Amnuay Silpha is the same school that supported Gift of Happiness Children a few years ago when their Drama students laid-on a brilliant production of the stage play, Peter Pan for two big busloads of very poor children we brought from near Ayutthaya into Bangkok for...Link; A fun day they still remember today!



### Giving happiness at Annual Ploenchit Fair in Bangkok.

Gift of Happiness, Clown Eckie attended the Annual Ploenchit Fair in Bangkok on Saturday 26th November where he performed his latest version of the...Big Fat Buffoonery Show" throughout the day in front of several hundred families in attendance.

The event was very well attended with many families clearly enjoying their Fun Day at the Fair and offering lots of promises to donate all future cherished clothing, toys and household goods to Gift of Happiness Foundation. Thank you all!



### St. Andrews Society Annual Ball 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Great success for Gift of Happiness Foundation & 300 very happy Scots!

Gift of Happiness Foundation was supported again by the Bangkok St. Andrews Society at this years Annual Ball held at the Amari Watergate Hotel in Bangkok.

We don't know exactly how much money was raised for the charity until it's all been collected from the exceptionally generous guests some of whom bid way more than expected for items being auctioned throughout the evening. Special thanks goes to the gentleman who won the bidding on a fantastic prize donated by a Thailand Resort owner, (Details to follow) who will fly the whole winning family "BY PRIVATE JET" to a fantastic resort located on a paradise island off the coast of Thailand.

**"How cool is that!"**



*Just a note from our Founder, Eddie Haworth...*

*Positive experiences like having a good old-fashioned laugh helps children living in difficult circumstances to cope and gives them a positive memory that will always belong to them.*

*Seeing and interacting in educational comedy helps children to use their senses and minds to explore then make sense of what they see, feel and experience in the world around them.*

*These simple lessons on how to think "out of the box" have been shown to help children find new and positive ways to turn a bad situation into a good one. Lessons on how to be happy also help develop positive dispositions and attitudes towards learning many other life skills needed to overcome some of the difficult tasks ahead.*

*And Finally...*

*When you are on your deathbed, what others think of you is going to be a long way from your mind. How wonderful to be able to let go and smile again, long before you are dying.*

*Life is a choice. It is YOUR life. Choose consciously, choose wisely, and choose honestly.*

**CHOOSE HAPPINESS!**

**DECEMBER 2016.**

**Activities:** Two projects - collections & sorting donated and purchased goods - administration – I.T. marketing - vehicle maintenance.

**Goods given to GoHF:** clothing, toys educational supplies, bedding, money, etc.

*Project 1:*

**Gift of Happiness Foundation provide a Pre-Christmas 'Aid, Show & Happiness in Safety Giving Project' in Nakhon Sawan, North Thailand. Dedicated in the memory of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.**

**Project Dates:**

**05 December to 09 December 2016**

**Volunteers** Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Martin Kneath, Terry Sherwood, Antoine Van Innis, Ben Calberg and Charles Dobs

**Paid staff:** Khun Polchanok Buasorn. Khun Dong.

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
06-12-16	Wat Makkarangsarit School 1/1 Moo 8, Kao-din, Kaoliao, Nakhon Sawan	2 bags teen/adult clothes, 4 bags kids clothes, 2 bags toys, 6 bags Ed. Equips, 2 bags bedding, 1 Clown Eckie Show	55000
06-12-16	Wathasalao School 100/2 Moo 5, T. Huadong, A. Kaoliao, Nakhon Sawan	2 bags teen/adult clothes, 4 bags kids clothes, 6 bags Ed. Equips, 1 Clown Eckie Show, Beddings and Towels	32000
07-12-16	Watmahaphottai School 362/1 Moo 3, T. Mahaphot, A. Kaoliao, Nakhon Sawan	4 bags kids clothes, 2 bags adult clothes, 6 bags educational equips, 2 bags teen clothes, 1 bag toys, 1 Clown Eckie Show	55000
07-12-16	Mahaphotnuae School Moo 5, T. Mahaphotnuae, A. Kaolieo, Nakhon Sawan	6 bags educational equips, 1 bag toy, 1 bag towels, 3 bags kids clothes, 1 bag teen clothes, 1 bag adult clothes, 1 Clown Eckie Show	45000
08-12-16	Nongphaengphuai School Kaoliew district, Nakhon Sawan	2 bags beddings and towels, 1 Clown Eckie Show	35000
08-12-16	Ban Nong Hua Ruea School 333/9 Moo 4, T. Mahapod, A. Kaoleay, Nakhon Sawan	7 bags kids clothes, 4 bags adult clothes, 3 bags teen clothes, 6 bags educational equips, 2 bags toys, 1 bag towels, 2 bags beddings, 1 Clown Eckie Show	60000
09-12-16	Ban Laem Yang School 30/4 Moo 4, Kaolieo, Nakhon Sawan	6 bags educational equips, 2 bags toys, 6 bags kids clothes, 2 bags beddings, 4 bags teen clothes, 2 bags adult clothes, 1 Clown Eckie Show	28000

(Total value of donations given and received in August: page number 46)

**Project Report:****Just one volunteers report on this happy project...**

By Terry Sherwood. Nakhon Sawan (04-10 December 2016)

I was once again fortunate to be asked to come along on a mission to deliver happiness and gifts to children and communities outside of Bangkok. I had to apologise that my youngest daughter could not make it for this trip but she will be attending one with me sooner or later. This time, on my first trip to Nakhon Sawan, we were again led by the GOH Founder and Director, "Clown Eckie", the indomitable Martin Kneath and three really good guys from the Belgian community, Antoine, Ben and Charles, along with their tremendous support driver and our mission translator, Khun Dong.

Setting off from GOH headquarters in On Nut Soi 36, Bangkok we first loaded both Eddie's and Antoine's motorbikes into the Monroe van and loaded all four vehicles full to the brim with supplies and goodies.

We made very good time, despite some people's ongoing unfamiliarity with proper convoy procedures (!), and got ourselves settled in to the strangely named – but very affably staffed – Bonito Chinos hotel. No jokes please about me "bringing up the rear"!



There were seven shows on this trip, one each morning and afternoon, with just the one on Friday morning. All were received by some initially shy/nervous students but always ended (all too quickly) with one of life's most precious gifts – the incredibly infectious and uplifting to the soul sound of unfettered children's laughter. Even the rather stern staff at a couple of the schools could not hide their mirth, which of course added to the students' enjoyment.

I have said it before but I'll say it again – even the exceptional photographs and videos taken by everyone on this trip still cannot capture the incredibly inclusive feeling one experiences on these expeditions. It really is manna from heaven. The use of a drone camera by Antoine was uniquely special and the kids were in absolute amazement at the sight of it.

Antoine had to leave us on Wednesday evening, via the van owned and driven by the ever-cheerful and helpful Khun Dong, due to work commitments, but both Ben and Charles managed to stay on

for the Thursday morning show before also having to decamp back to Krungthep (Bangkok).

Returning to Bangkok on Friday for the "three musketeers" was, understandably, quicker than usual which we started by loading Antoine's Ducati into the Monroe van before starting off for the last show of the trip. After final said show, rewarded by some scrumptious Pad Thai, we then loaded Eddie's Royal Enfield "baby" alongside Antoine's Scrambler then it was on the road home for our reduced convoy.

Many thanks again Eddie for letting me once more into this world where laughter really is good for the soul – both in hearing it from all those kids and for those lucky enough to help you in your ongoing mission.

My final plea is to all those who read these blogs.

Thank you so very much for your donations and support; please consider coming on a trip to physically experience what joy this all brings to the children – I promise you, you will not only feel uplifted but also re-energised.

Until next time...Terry Sherwood.

#### **Project report by volunteer, Martin Kneath**

Gift of Happiness Foundation are back in Nakhon Sawan, North Thailand again giving tons of Happy Clown Shows, Toys, Educational Supplies, Clothing, School Uniforms, Bedding and all sorts of other little essentials that the children we serve are in great need of.

Volunteers helped to distribute FOUR truckloads of essential items of clothing, school uniforms, toys, educational supplies and warm bedding to around 900 children, plus many more parents and teachers.

Gift of Happiness Foundation is delighted to have produced its first project focusing on safety through the wearing of motorcycle crash helmets for more than 1,000 children living in poor rural communities around the area of Nakhon Sawan, North Thailand.

There follows a brief history of why Go-Happiness Founder, Eddie Haworth is focusing so much on getting children to wear crash helmets every time they ride pillion on the small motorcycles that take them virtually everywhere they need to go in their remote villages in Northern Thailand.



Children learning about motorcycle helmet safety.

Eddie started riding motorcycles when he was in his early teens and quickly developed a passion for riding, maintaining and modifying big bikes right through his early 20's when he even raced them at circuits in the UK and sometimes at the well know TT races (Tourist Trophy) around the Isle of Man.



However, in 1979, Eddie was involved in a life threatening and life changing motorcycle accident that left him physically disabled and mentally scarred. He spent the whole of one year in hospital and five or six years as a registered disabled person, which led to him losing his job as an engineer, his house being repossessed and eventually his wife abandoning him taking their two children to start a new life with someone more able to care for them. He's remained slightly disabled to this day, yet still managed to develop and maintain his career as a professional Circus Clown and even something of an acrobat during his 30' and 40's.

Therefore Eddie knows full-well what the worst consequences of a serious motorcycle accident, can lead to...but he also knows that wearing a good crash helmet saved his life on that terrible day in 1979! And without that amazingly effective head gear he would never have been able to rebuild his life or develop such a fantastic career in the entertainment industry, which in turn led him to become the Founder/Director of Gift of Happiness Foundation.

Despite his accident, Eddie has continued to follow his passion for motorcycling and to lessen the odds on having another accident he took advanced driving classes to become a certified RAC/ACU instructor (Royal Automobile Association/Auto Cycle Union), so he's well qualified to teach others about the pleasures and dangers of riding motorcycles.

He recently acquired a shiny new Royal Enfield 500cc Motorcycle having saved some of his earnings as a professional entertainer and since he quit drinking beer a couple of years ago. Now, his new aim is to make sure that all the 1,000s of children he serves through the charity every month, can get to see his lovely machine and even have a go at sitting on it for photos, whilst wearing the important headgear that Eddie is so determined to educate them into wearing, each and every time they ride pillion or drive a motorcycle.

Go-Happiness will introduce a new safety awareness campaign to promote the wearing of good crash helmets, especially in rural communities, where people are often ill informed about the dangers of riding without protection. The organisation/Eddie is happy to take advice on how best to run this new initiative and especially keen to find potential sponsors to provide children with helmets, as often as possible, when Go-Happiness visits the small villages in remote parts of Thailand.

Please send any suggestions directly to [eddie@gohappiness.org](mailto:eddie@gohappiness.org)  
Thank you.

#### **Back to the project report.**

By arriving on his Royal Enfield motorcycle. All arrivals immediately had the desired effect, that of great excitement and interest from not only the children but also the teachers.

Loading of the donations, so generously given by so many just recently, started on Sunday 04/12/16 and was completed on Monday morning. Two motorbikes were loaded into the Monroe pick-up truck, one Eckie's and the other belonging to Antoine Van Innis, a long-time supporter of GoHF. Antoine was enthusiastically joined by Ben Calberg and Charles Dobs, ensuring the Belgium contingent matched the British one - being Terry Sherwood, Martin Kneath and of course Eddie Haworth (aka Eckie the Clown) Director and Founder of the GoHF.

Arrival at Bonito Chinos Hotel, Nakhon Sawan, after an uneventful journey saw the group unload the motorbikes and prepare for an evening meal in preparation for the school visits planned for from Tuesday through to Friday morning. Khun Miki, a key figure in the Regent's School administrative staff, was instrumental, along with her family (residents of Nakhon Sawan), in making contact with the schools and putting together the itinerary for the GoHF, thank you to her and to her family! All the schools are within about 25 km of the town centre and easily accessible.

All schools are chosen deliberately to be relatively small Primary schools, whose children come from a poor background.

Wat Hat Salao School, the first school visited on Tuesday, has 93 students age range 2 to 12; donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.



One of Eddie Haworth's speed machines.  
(Kawasaki Z-900cc)



The second school visited during Tuesday afternoon was Wat Makkharangsarit School with 132 children aged 4 to 11 Years. Donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

On our way to the next school, Khun Miki called to ask us where we were! The previous day's HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT had been communicated to many of the schools in the area and the school's to be visited wanted to be sure that we had not returned to Bangkok!!!

Wednesday saw us visit another Primary School with 130 students aged from 4 to 11 years, Mahapho Tai School. Donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

After lunch we drove a short distance to Mahapho Nuea School, 60 students aged to 4 to 11 years. Donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

Thursday, in the original itinerary, had only one visit planned – the one to Ban Nong Hua Ruea School, 150 children 3.5 to 11 years.

Donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. During the morning, we were once again contacted by Khun Miki to ask if we were prepared to visit the gathering of Scouts and Guides for another show – we dutifully agreed and met up with Ban Nong Phaeng Phai School.



Finally on Friday, our last school this visit, was Ban Laem Yang School with 90 children 4 to 12 years. Donations of clothes for young children, teenagers and adults, toys, bedding and towels and educational equipment were handed over and naturally a madcap clown performance from Clown Eckie was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

The experiment of Eddie taking his Royal Enfield to schools paid off extremely well, it provided a real focus from the moment of arrival.





Elsewhere, in the report on this project refers to Eddie's desire to promote the wearing of suitable helmets by children EVERYTIME they ride pillion on a motorcycle – and with his arrival on his much loved Royal Enfield, he will continue to get this very important message across to teachers, parents and children.

Returning Friday afternoon gave us all time to reflect on the very positive effect the project had had on so many children and adults and the overall objective of providing HAPPINESS was certainly achieved.



## DECEMBER 2016.

### Project 2

### **Christmas Day Giving to Orphans & Poor People in Thailand. Dedicated in the memory of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.**

**This special Christmas Day cooking and gifts for the poor project is organised by Gift of Happiness Foundation Founder, Eddie Haworth and only made possible by a personal Crowdfunding Appeal launched by Eddie during November 2016.**

#### **Project Dates:**

**24 December to 26 December 2016.**

**Volunteers Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Sally Voravarn. Mr & Mrs Nicol and Ning Burr. Calledonia Bur.**

**Paid staff: Khun Polchanok Buasorn.**

**Beneficiaries of aid given by GoHF:**

Date	Recipient	Goods and Services	Baht
25-12-16	Vichawadee School, Nakhon Sawan	100 packs containing 20 new items each - Christmas Gifts, 132 KG pasta, 2 new gas cookers, 100 sets of plates/cups/spoons/forks	43000
<b>Total value of aid given Decembner 2016</b>			<b>353,000.THB</b>

#### **Project report:**

Here is a message sent to the people who helped so much to make this project such a great success for the children.

Please take a few minutes to read it and share this "HAPPY" story!

#### **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!**

I am delighted to announce that the Christmas Day special cooking and giving project for the orphans and poor people near Nakhon Sawan, Thailand has been, and will continue to be a massive success.

This amazing project was only made possible by the people who gave so generously to my personal crowdfunding appeal, and so many other people who gave an overwhelming amount of goods for me to pass-onto the 1,000s of poor people I serve via the Gift of Happiness Foundation monthly aid and show giving projects.

With the money raised, I purchased 22 separate gifts including new toys, clothing, underwear, personal hygiene supplies, artist materials and candies for each of 107 children who attended the Christmas Day event. I also purchased cooking equipment, gas cookers/fittings, utensils and fresh food that I used to cook a massive meal for around 120 people on the big day itself. Then I donated all this vital equipment, plus lots more educational supplies, clothing, bedding and towels to the orphanage/school for them to use for the next couple of years or so.

All these wonderful donations and a big Christmas lunch of nourishing food plus cakes, biscuits, ice cream and candies were given to the children straight after a 40 minute long 'Christmas Special Clown Eckie buffoonery Show'...Lots of the children joined-in to play Eckie's silly musical instruments and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the buffoonery that I (As Clown Eckie) gave just as soon as I had finished cooking for everyone.





It was my intention to visit several poor communities in the days before and after Christmas day, but I received so many requests for visits, that I decided to arrange a second project to be given via the Gift of Happiness Foundation.



From 22nd to 28th January 2017, I and the Gift of Happiness Foundation will provide gifts and essential aid, like bedding and medical supplies, plus 'Happy Shows' that will include another entertainer (Gingernutt the Clown) who's coming from London. We will visit six schools in the Nakhon Sawan area and two medical centres, further North near the Thai/Burma border City of Mae Sot. We will serve around 1,500 poor children and orphans with at least three truckloads of the goods that have already been donated and we will add the excess funding raised through the Christmas day appeal, to the budget for January's project. "Of course, we will also need to raise more funding for the project before mid-January".



So, in conclusion, it only remains for me to say another massive "Thank You" to all of you who made this very important project work so well for those poor children who now have a whole bunch of wonderful memories that nobody can ever take away from them! -- Let's do it all again next year!  
"Happy New Year"...



From the Clown in Bangkok and all the children you care so much for here in Thailand!  
Please see this message including names of additional donors here...[PDF DOWNLOAD](#)

**Gift of Happiness Foundation (GoHF) Terms of operation.**

- GoHF Board of Trustees, Founder; Eddie Haworth and all volunteers are totally unpaid and receive no financial benefit whatsoever from GoHF.
- Accounting and Legal work is properly maintained "at the lowest possible costs to GoHF" by SAS Legal Services, BKK.
- GoHF office/warehouse rent, utilities and legal costs are paid via monthly donations from Monroe Consulting Group, BKK.
- Collections of donated goods are made weekly by GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth and volunteers.
- Sorting of donations are done weekly by Eddie Haworth and volunteers.
- Administration, marketing and website maintenance maintained by GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth and Mr Martin Kneath.
- Project transport provided by Monroe Consulting Group, BKK, GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth and Mr Martin Kneath. Additional transport hire is paid for by GoHF.
- Vehicle maintenance and repairs are funded by GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth and carried out by Siam Motor World, Mitsubishi Motors and Toyota Motors.
- Project drivers are paid at the Thai Government approved daily rate by GoHF.

**Summary of GoHF projects in 2016.**

- Number of projects produced by GoHF in 2016 = 25.
- Number of schools, orphanages, poor communities etc served by GoHF in 2016 = 53.
- Average number of poor beneficiaries = 1,000 people per month.
- Value of goods & aid given to the poor by GoHF in 2016 = 2,393,062 Baht.

Gift of Happiness Foundation audited accounts are available by request; [admin@gohappiness.org](mailto:admin@gohappiness.org)

**Founder's summary.**

In 2016, Gift of Happiness Foundation has helped many thousands of needy people in Thailand and is proud to have been so well received by all of those people.

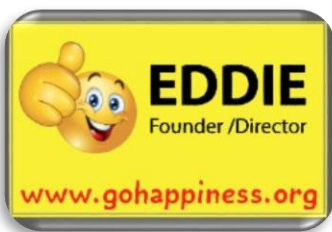
Our small but effective organization will strive to achieve much more in 2017 and our dedicated team of volunteers are keen to develop worthwhile projects that will benefit many more underprivileged people in Thailand.

While our scheduling for the up-coming year is necessarily limited by the resources we can raise, we have scheduled 2017's first few months of week-long aid and show giving projects aimed at serving thousands of poor people in Thailand. Likewise, we are committed to participate in a variety of annual charity events that help us to raise awareness of the plight of some of the people that we serve.

We believe that we have made significant progress in our effort to establish the Gift of Happiness Foundation as an effective, ongoing charitable foundation bringing a little laughter and happiness, as well as a lot of much needed clothing, bedding, domestic supplies, medicine, educational and agricultural materials to thousands of deserving individuals and organizations in Thailand.

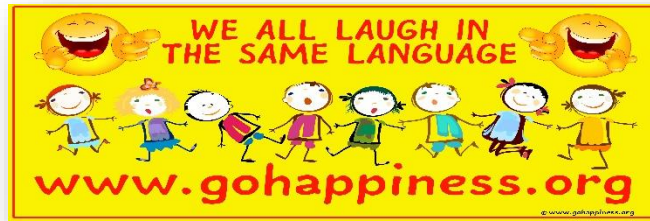
Our future growth depends on **YOU**.

Sincerely  
Eddie Haworth,



<mailto:eddie@gohappiness.org>

**End Report**



**HELP US MAKE EVEN MORE PEOPLE HAPPY in 2017!**

**We are a small but very effective organisation struggling to keep the happiness flowing in Thailand.  
If you are one of those who believes in what we are doing to support the poor children.  
This is where YOU can really make a difference!**

**"Every gift ONLY goes to help the poor people we serve!"**

**Transfer money from anywhere on this planet.**

**<http://www.gohappiness.org/donating-goodsmoney.html>**

#### **Donating-World-Currencies**

##### **Via ATM or Android to:**

Account Name: Gift of Happiness Foundation Address: Kasikorn Bank PLC. BIG-C Rama 4, Bangkok. 10110.

Account No: 7702101594. Account Type: Savings.

Sort Code: 0004.

Outside Thailand. Swift Code: KASITHBK.

[Currency Converter](#)

##### **Giving New or Used Goods**

- \*Clothing - Adult and Children's / New or Used.
- \*Toys - "No toy weapons please".
- \*School equipment - Paper, pencils etc
- \*Playground equipment - Always very welcome
- \*Medical supplies - anything available at pharmacies.
- \*Bedding - Essential for most northern locations.
- \*Towelling - Can also be used for bedding.
- \*Personal hygiene - Soap, toothpaste/brushes etc.
- \*Mosquito nets - Helps prevent Malaria and Dengue.
- \*Other useful goods - We know what's needed.

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