

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 1,000's 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 bought 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 nursing 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 extend the project by planning a second week long project to be given by the charity I am founder of.

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!

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