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Summary of GoHF aid giving projects in 2017.

- Projects produced in 2017 = **66 major aid giving projects + weekly hand-outs of goods to the poor in Bangkok.**
- Average number of beneficiaries in 2017, rising from Jan to Dec = **1,300 up-to 1,500 people per month.**
- Schools, orphanages etc served in 2017 = **93 locations + 255 BKK Street kids & slum dwellers at GoHF Centre.**
- Value of goods & aid given to the poor in 2017 = **฿3,285,600.00 (\$-104,219.23 USD Exr-Feb 2018)**

Gift of Happiness Foundation audited accounts are available by request; admin@gohappiness.org

About Gift of Happiness Foundation.

Gift of Happiness Gives Freely and "Unconditionally" to the Most Vulnerable People in Thailand!

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 of our properly regulated, registered charity and all the board of Trustees, all volunteers and paid staff 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 2017:

There have been so many fantastic people giving us so many wonderful goods and money in 2017. We cannot possibly name everyone, but here's just a few links to some contributors.

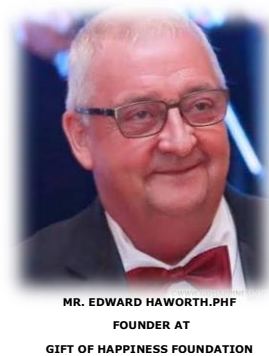
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² Founders message for 2017/18.



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 2017 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?

"The beautiful thing about giving happiness is; Nobody can take it away from those who receive it".

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 whose 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.

"Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand". (Confucius)

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"

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

JANUARY 2017 Project

02/01/17.

Gift of Happiness Foundation New Year Projects

Since the start of 2017, the child care charity, Gift of Happiness Foundation has been rushing along at a high rate of knots working on several projects all aimed at helping some of the poorest people in Thailand. Starting right at the beginning of January with some great activities at the Go Happiness Centre in downtown Bangkok, when we received around 80 cubic metres of donated goods from two relocation service companies in the city, Santa Fe and Allied Pickfords.

They sent several large truckloads full of furniture and bric-a-brack during December and the first week of January, and we managed to quickly arrange a Fun Day and Yard Sale at the Go Happiness Centre where we redistributed a lot of the bulky goods amongst the slum dwellers located close to the charity office.

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN BANGKOK.

Project title;

HAPPINESS people did it again in Thailand!

Project Dates:	14/01/17
Volunteers:	Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Ian Thom, London. Nicol, Ning & Callie Burr. British Women's Group Bangkok members; Gale Bailey MBE, Laura Leonard, Karen Burr, Sally Varavorn, Sue Steel, Angela Stafford
Paid staff:	Khun Polchanok Buasorn and event catering staff
Transport sponsored by:	Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation - Mr Martin Kneath
Number of beneficiaries:	53 slum dwellers given free goods and services. Around 25 shoppers
Total Value of good/services given	฿-87,000.00

Project report:

Gift of Happiness Foundation held their charity fun day and yard sale at the Bangkok Go Happiness Centre aimed at supporting the local poor community by selling goods at very low prices instead of giving charity to the poor. This way, the people receiving fashion clothing, furniture and other goods that we cannot take to the rural poor communities, and they retain a degree of dignity when they are encouraged to bargain the price down to suit their merge budget. The small amounts of money raised at this event is used to help fund fuel costs on our monthly long distance aid giving projects serving some of the neediest people in rural Thailand.

The whole day was a great hit with all the families and volunteers who attended throughout the day. And it became even more successful by the return of our favorite comedy entertainer, Gingernutt the Clown, who came all the way from London to help spread a little of his own brand of HAPPINESS!





GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND

JANUARY 22/01/17 to 27/01/17 2017 Project

Project title;

"Educating children on the importance of wearing motorcycle crash helmets!"

Gift of Happiness Foundation produced a major six-day long aid and show giving project tour to the North of Thailand where we served around 1,200 poor children and families with three truckloads of essentials and two professionally arranged fun shows per day by Gingernutt the Clown from London and the Bangkok based, Clown Eckie.

Be sure to read one of the volunteer reports, Laura Sheppard, on her experiences during the tour and check-out all the happy pictures she took while helping the children to have the experience of a lifetime during this first month of 2017.

Project Dates:	22/01/17 to 27/01/17
Volunteers:	Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Ian Thon, London. Laura Leonard, Aberdeen The Honorable Mr. Terry Sherwood, Bangkok. (Special thanks to Ning Burr for organizing the schools in Nakhon Sawan)
Sponsors:	There have been so many fantastic people giving us so many wonderful goods in the last few weeks of 2017 and the first part of 2017. We cannot possibly name everyone, but here's just a few links to some of the most recent contributors; Charter International School, BKK - Allied Pickfords BKK - St. Stephen's International School BKK - Santa Fe Relocations BKK - Amnuay Silpa School BKK - Park Plaza Sukhumvit Hotel BKK - Len Penn Music Academy BKK - (Khun Miki) Regents International School BKK - Go Happiness Centre BKK - Gift of Happiness Foundation, Donation Drop-Off Points BKK, Planet of the Crepes.
Paid staff:	Khun Polchanok Buasorn and Khun Owan Bob
Transport sponsored by:	Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation - Mr Martin Kneath
Number of beneficiaries:	1,820 poor children plus parent's teachers and careers in North Thailand.
Value of goods & services Given	฿-512,000.00

Project report by Laura Leonard (retired Chemistry Teacher, Aberdeen)

Apart from the main man Eddie there were: Ian Thom (Clown Gingernutt, London) Terry Sherwood (Mr Kit Sorter Outer, Bangkok) Driver (Khun Own).

This would be my second trip with the GOHF the first being just over a year ago. Following on from previous trips we took 'Snuk māk' and lots of donations to five more Thai Government Schools in and around Nakhon Sawan before heading to both the new Mae Tao Clinic and Dr Zaw's orphanage in Mae Sot.

This year, Go Happiness has introduced it safety awareness for kids on motorbikes initiative. So Eddie brought along his shiny Royal Enfield 500cc superbike and all the important protective clothing he wears whenever he rides the dream machine. The children are all taught the importance of wearing at least a crash helmet every time they go anywhere at all on the back of the family motorbike. Eddie hopes his constant reminders at almost every location he visits may actually save some young lives or at least help reduce the very high levels of head injuries, common in this part of the world.



Day 1: Fun for the infants in the city.

The first school we went to was called Anubansomboon School and catered for children aged 3-8. We arrived in the morning and were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of students keen to see what the clowns, (Eckie and Gingernutt), were going to do. Whilst the 'boys' were setting up I did a couple of warm up songs with the teachers helping with the words in Thai for the Five Little Fingers song. (I really missed my past partner in crime and Go Happiness volunteer, Ailsa Kneath for this.) We finished with Five Sizzling Sausages which led neatly into Gingernutt's show which starts with a bang and bangers!



It was wonderful to see that both clowns had so many willing volunteers for the interactive parts of the show. I noticed that Clown Eckie includes more participation of the kids this year and they just love it.

It doesn't matter how many times I see the shows I still laugh out loud. It was great to see some new bits in the shows and the whole thing went down very well with all the children and staff. Eckie has added a bit at the end of the show to demonstrate the importance of wearing a safety helmet when travelling on motorcycles. A great initiative to show in Thailand.



In the afternoon we went to Sangsawan School which had some very young children aged from 2-5. Some were still having their after-lunch nap when we arrived to set up. The children were much quieter than the morning ones as they had just woken up! One thing that is really impressive about watching the shows is how both clowns can start with a quiet audience, but their skill and experience can change this bit by bit and the kids come alive and start to laugh, shout and become animated. It's great to see how often the teachers love it too and one teacher this afternoon had a real hearty belly laugh. This encouraged the boys and girls to enjoy themselves to the maximum. The wee kids were just so cute. We had a lovely start to the week with two sets of happy customers.



Day 2: The tale of the bursting balloons

The first school today was around 20Km outside Nakhon Sawan past fields of sugar cane out to the countryside. It is called Watthapracharoenprotwittaya School and much to our surprise it had older teenagers not infants as we expected. No problem as the shows cater for all ages, but driver Own and I headed back to the hotel to pick up some teen clothes donations to add to the toys and small child clothes we had taken already. The staff and teachers, were extremely courteous and helpful and made us feel very welcome to their school. They brought coffee and water, as we were welcomed to their hall to set up.



The students themselves were very friendly and supportive of each other and being older they fully understood the jokes and laughed wholeheartedly at the show. Part of Clown Eckie's routine is ALL about balloons of every increasing size. He blows them up in his own inimitable style and they are bounced around over the audience who squealed and shrieked with joy. This morning it went a bit Pete Tong (Wrong) when not one, but two balloons burst, one catching on the roof fan. It didn't seem to make any difference to the kids they still enjoyed it. Not too sure if Eckie did but I'm sure his 'big' balloon supplier will be a happy chap.



In the afternoon we entertained more kindergarten pupils and infants at Awaban Padthong School just outside of Nakhon Sawan. All of the children, despite being so young, were very attentive and keen. The school had a lovely vibe and the teachers were as keen to see the show as the kids.

As mentioned in the morning even with well-practiced routines some things can go wrong and Gingernutt, not to be outdone by Clown Eckie in the balloon popping stakes had a similar unexplained bursting (though a much cheaper balloon at only \$20 USD each). The show was set outside so maybe that had an effect! Just as well great clowns laugh it off and are able to improvise so that would-be disasters are averted. Sometimes it's even funnier when things go wrong! They can read their audience instantly and pitch things perfectly. So many of these little ones wanted to volunteer and it's a wonderful thing to see.



Day 3: One more school and then on to Mae Sot

More little ones aged 3-5 at Anubanpranee School outside Nakhon Sawan on the way to Mae Sot.

The kids had a really-nice play park area outside the classrooms where they played whilst the shows were being set up. There were lots of photo opportunities. The kids were fully engaged in the shows and luckily there were no balloon incidences. A few parents arrived, and they enjoyed the fun too. I really don't think they had seen anything like this before.



The school gave extremely good feedback about the shows with the teacher finding phrases in English on her computer to describe it. There were comments like "well made" and "like very much" that lovely to hear. We got the impression the children were very happy at this school.



As soon as the show was over we packed-up and set off on the 4/5 hour drive to the Thai Burma border City of Mae Sot, arriving in good time to freshen-up and enjoy a lovely dinner in one of the great restaurants in the "City

of NGO's", as Eddie calls it. This city has a very large population of migrant families and is close to many of the big refugee camps in northern Thailand, hence the term "City of NGO's". There are NGO offices all over the place in Mae Sot and the small city is teeming with Western NGO staff. Eddie and his Go Happiness volunteers regularly enhance the number of aid workers during his almost monthly visits to the region that he's been doing since around 2005.



Day 4: Mae Sot

On Thursday morning we headed to the new Mae Sot Clinic on the outskirts of Mae Sot. What a difference from last year and the comparison was amazing. This one has clean buildings and drains with restricted vehicular access and no dogs roaming about. Everything was very organized and friendly with Eddie a well-known face so the people were excited to see him. There was a great deal of donations for the clinic including bedding, towels, crutches as well as clothing and toys. It was the first time for them to see the shows so there was much anticipation. Some of the kids recognized the pictures of their friends on Eckie's car and had good fun pointing them out.



The audience was a mix of babies, infants, older children and adults all of whom really enjoyed the antics of the clowns. One young boy melted our hearts when he was jumping for joy at Eckie's show and was delighted when he was chosen as Eckie's final volunteer. The parents and grandparents loved the shows as much as the kids, even the babies enjoyed the fun.



One of the Clinic Volunteers, Winnie, then took Ian AKA Gingernutt and I (camera person) to the new baby wards where we saw the mothers with their new babies whose older siblings stay in the ward too. There were ten new born babies in the wards. Ian went around making balloons animals and swords for these older kids who were fascinated watching him create these as if by magic. They proudly ran off to show mum what they had.



Last but not least we went to Dr Htin Zaw's Orphanage in Mae Sot. He is the Clinical Director of Social Action for Women (SAW).

This was an absolutely amazing and emotional experience. It was just the little ones that were there when we arrived and they immediately latched on to us with Ian spending time walking around with a young boy standing on his feet like we used to do as children with our own fathers.



When the older children arrived home from school their excitement was overwhelming having spotted the van, as they know Clown Eckie well and look forward to him bringing lots of much needed donations. The wrapped Christmas presents went down particularly well as they would open them after we left. Each present was labelled boy or girl and a suitable age. The older children got stuck in unloading the bags of goodies with the older girls being trusted to organize things. The massive pile of toys, wrapped presents and clothes brought a lump to our throats.



Gifts came from St Stephens International School Bangkok.

Some of the girls had some fun holding the clothes up to Ian, Terry and I; a great connecting moment. They were definitely up for lots of photos and many were happy to pose on Eddie's beloved motorbike. Although there were no shows here because Eckie has already gave them lots of shows before, we spent time with these kids who have so little but are happy to laugh and joke with us. We also brought some medical supplies for Dr Zaw's clinic. He is truly inspirational and provides essential services for so many impoverished women and children. So the end of our trip came on the next day when we drove all the way back to Bangkok, leaving me with another experience I will never forget...



During the short time we had in Mae Sot, Eddie Haworth managed to slip in a visit to inspect the water pump and toilets that Gift of Happiness Foundation installed via funding from BCTFN Bangkok and built at a jungle bamboo hut village about 20 kilometers from the city, called Bo Den Village. All this equipment plus a new power supply was installed in 2014 and the whole project has been and continues to be a great success for the poor people who live in the village!





GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND

February 19/02/17 to 25/02/17 Project

Project title;

Educating children through Gift if Happiness Foundation performances and aid giving

Project Dates:	19/02/17 to 25/02/17
Volunteers:	Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Khun Fait Thongnoi (Teacher/Organizer) - Mr & Mrs Martin & Ailsa Kneath - Mr & Mrs Brian & Karen Stone, England - Mr & Mrs. Nic and Ning Burr - Miss Caledonia Burr, Scotland & BKK.
Sponsors:	Monroe Consulting group, BKK - Clown Eckie Corporation - Charter International School, BKK - Allied Pickfords BKK - Santa Fe Relocations BKK - St. Stephen's International School BKK - Harrow International School Bkk - Kids Kingdom International Kindergarten BKK - Park Plaza Sukhumvit Hotel BKK - Len Penn Music Academy BKK - Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand - Cyril Duncan Siam Children's Foundation, Dublin - Siam Motor World BKK - DTC Travel BKK - Park Lane British Suit & Shirt Designers - Donation Drop-Off Points BKK
Paid staff:	Khun Polchanok Buasorn - Khun Prajack
Transport sponsored by:	Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation - Mr Martin Kneath
Number of beneficiaries:	Approximately 1,200 children, plus teachers, parents, at 6 migrant and government schools, an orphanage and two free clinics in Mae Sot
Total Value of good/services given	฿-421,000.00



Project report by Brian & Karen Stone, February 2017

So it all started on a Saturday at the Gift of Happiness office (*Go Happiness Centre*) in Bangkok helping to load up all the vehicles for the trip starting the following day. Bags and bags of sorted toys, clothes, educational equipment and medical supplies for two clinics checked and packed tetris-like into 3 vehicles – many of them tightly around Clown Eckie's Royal Enfield motorbike secured in the largest van.

A full day driving on Sunday through the Central lowlands of Thailand finished with a scenic crossing of the mountains before dropping into Mae Sot for a well-earned drink and some excellent food.

This trip was to be a tour of 2 schools a day starting on Monday with 2 migrant schools, the first, Bwe K Lar, 22km north of the town about 800m from the Myanmar border. Each school had its own character, this one being in very isolated farmland with no electricity and not much water, but at all of them we were given a warm welcome, often with offers of drinks and food. For a few, including this first school, Eddie rode the Enfield in and then used the bike after the show to promote safety and the use of helmets by getting a couple of the kids to pose on the bike, the engine roaring under them. They loved it!



Our role was to help unload the equipment for the show, sort out the donations earmarked for each place and then provide a short warmup routine of songs with actions to get the children going before the main act. Clown Eckie's shows were cleverly orchestrated with masses of visual gags which always resulted in a room full of happy, laughing kids, no matter how they started off. Every show resulted in memorable moments like at the second school, Nya Li Ah Hta, one girl laughing her head off while trying to climb out of a window to avoid a huge balloon.

Like the first one this was run by the Burmese Workers Education Committee and the donations were very gratefully received.



Both Thai Government schools on day 2 were within 250m of the Myanmar border in Phop Phra district and taught a large number of Karen children alongside the Thai students. At Walay school many were in stunning traditional dress for our visit – was this for our benefit we wondered? These gave us wonderful gifts, including beautiful shoulder bags made from Karen fabrics – something we will treasure forever. Again, the huge balloons proved immensely popular with enthusiastic play causing the ceiling tiles to be dislodged. After the second show at Mor Ger the entire school sat quietly meditating while peaceful music played – extremely moving.



Day three:

Tam Pa Do was another very rural school with poor facilities on the edge of the mountains where we kicked off day 3 and we were reminded just how much the donated clothes, etc. were going to benefit the children in these areas. At every stop we displayed the toys and clothes and it was clear they were really needed. A bunch of very lively kids awaited us at Tee Ka Per school - the second stop that day - and it was great to hear feedback from our local teacher guide about how much they had enjoyed the show. The attitude was quite different here with children really asking to be picked for stunts and even invading the stage.

The final day:

The final day saw us visit two more Thai Government schools in the Phop Phra region with large numbers of migrant children very close to the Myanmar border. The children at Mae Oak Hoo school were very lively and the neat rows at the start soon became an organic melee with everyone straining to get a good view. Ya Por school was the last and largest group of the week. Majority Karen speaking with some of the kid's arriving by elephant! Another lively bunch in a crushingly hot barn saw a show where props broke and balloons burst unexpectedly but the laughter carried-on just the same. It is so infectious to see the youngsters in hysterics that despite seeing the show for the 8th time we were still in stitches. Finally we dropped our remaining donations of medical and clinic supplies at the Mae Tao clinic and the Social Action for Women house, both in Mae Sot.



Our time in Thailand was to continue in the north of the country so we bid farewell to Eddie and the other volunteers as they headed back to Bangkok and we boarded a coach for Chiang Mai. A thoroughly enjoyable, educational and emotional experience that felt really worthwhile and totally unforgettable.



GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND

March 04/03/17 - 11/03/17 - 22/03/17 - 26 to 28/03/17 Project

Project title;

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND & VISIT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN BANGKOK

Project Dates:	04/03/17 - 11/03/17 - 22/03/17 - 26 to 28/03/17
Volunteers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Mr & Mrs Martin Kneath Nicol Burr
Paid staff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khun Polchanok Buasorn
Transport sponsored by:	<u>Monroe Consulting Group</u> - <u>Clown Eckie Corporation</u> - Mr Martin Kneath
Number of beneficiaries:	Around 500 children and families at poor schools and an orphanage in North Thailand.
Total Value of good/services given	฿-96,000.00

Saturday 04th March 2017:

Visit by Clown Eckie and volunteer Nic Burr to the Bangkok Patana International School Annual Fun Day by invitation of the Parents Association.

Eddie Haworth was asked to perform as Clown Eckie again, as he has done so for many years past, at the Fun Day in return for a donation of cash to the Gift of Happiness Foundation. The whole day was a fantastic fun event for hundreds of families who attended some of whom stayed for all four of Clown Eckie's Big Fat Buffoonery Shows.



Bangkok Patana International School Fun Day with Gift of Happiness Foundation Clown Eckie giving lessons on the importance of motorcycle helmets.

Saturday 11th March 2017:

Eddie Haworth and volunteer Ailsa Kneath attended the annual Fun Day events at Regents International School in Bangkok where a booth was set-up for the Gift of Happiness Foundation to promote the charity and ask the parents to donate essential clothing, toys and other vital supplies for the foundation to pass-onto some of the neediest people in Thailand. The event was very successful and Regents school are now actively collecting goods for the Gift of Happiness Foundation plus Eddie will be presenting one of his shows for the students who are already showing signs of being very generous...

Wednesday 22nd March 2017:

Visit to the Modern Montessori International Pre-school by invitation of teacher Patricia Barber.

Patricia had asked the children and parents to support the Gift of Happiness Foundation by collecting clothes, toys, toiletries and school equipment. So that the experience of 'giving' was as real as possible for the children, Patricia invited Eddie Haworth, Founder of the GoHF and Martin Kneath, Volunteer Administrator to visit the school and give a short presentation before being handed all the donations by the children.

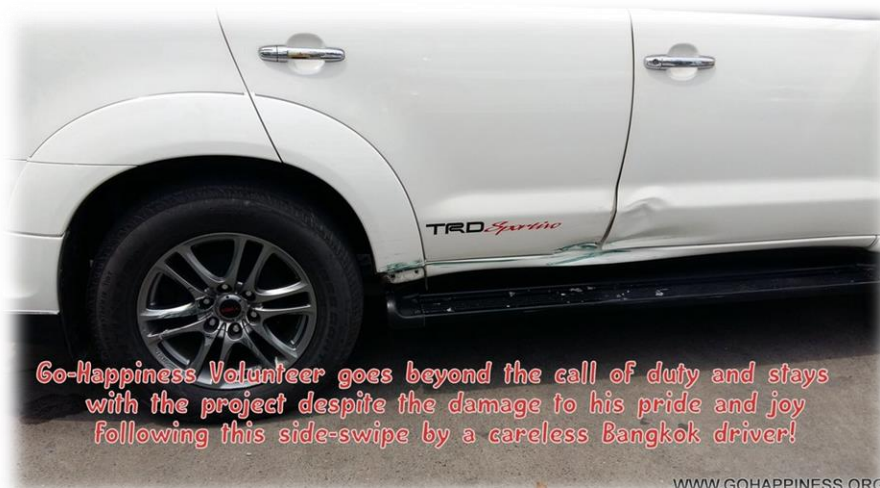
The children were very attentive and observant during the short talk and viewing of photos of a recent aid giving project to Mae Sot, in North Thailand. Each child presented bags of donations to Eddie and received a GOHF sticker for their school bag as a reminder of the GoHF. A number of parents were also in attendance and also showed great interest in the Foundation and its good work.

Eddie was genuinely appreciative of the huge number of donations from such a relatively small group of children. Donations which will spread happiness!

**Sunday 26th to Tuesday 28th March 2017:****Project to Nakhon Sawan**

With many schools in the north of Thailand on holiday or children taking exams, the usual week-long project was replaced by a rather special three day project. Eddie Haworth, Founder and Martin Kneath Volunteer Administrator set off for Nakhon Sawan in two vehicles just after lunch on Sunday. Eddie had his Clown Show equipment aboard and Martin filled his car with adult, teenage and kid's clothes, toys and educational equipment sufficient for the two settings, which were to be visited.

Soon after leaving the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok, Martins car was sideswiped by another car being driven through a red light. Though there was a little damage to Martins car, there were no injuries and the driver of the offending car was beside herself with apologies for causing the accident. The insurance people duly arrived on the scene and we were able to re-start the four-hour drive to Nakhon Sawan within an hour or so of the accident.



Go-Happiness Volunteer goes beyond the call of duty and stays with the project despite the damage to his pride and joy following this side-swipe by a careless Bangkok driver!

Monday morning took us to Saeng Sawan School, where during school holidays about 60 orphans, aged 3 to 18 years are educated. Eddie had visited the School just a couple of months previously and entertained a completely different group of children. Bright, attentive and very proactive children enjoyed the usual rumbustious Clown Eckie show, with the adult Carers also thoroughly enjoying the humor and antics.

As we were not visiting another school in the afternoon, it gave us time to mingle with the children and show them some of Clown Eckie's 'kit' and also to show them some of the photos taken of them. Eddie also handed out some of the donations, something he rarely has time to do himself as this task is usually delegated to volunteers. It was rounded off with an additional donation of 'ICE-CREAM' that Eddie was keen to buy for all the children. It never fails to amaze me how patient these children are, no pushing and shoving for donations or ice-cream and highly appreciative of GoHF's presents and presence!!



Tuesday took us south to Baan Gerda. Baan Gerda is a humanitarian non-profit organization that looks after AIDS orphans in Thailand. It is a project of the Bangkok-based Children's Rights Foundation. The small village community cares for over 70 children that were born with HIV and whose parents died of Aids. The organization has no political or religious associations. (Just like the Gift of Happiness Foundation) The children's homes have been built on land donated by a famous monk in the Lopburi province, approximately 230 kilometers north of Bangkok, Thailand. Unlike a state orphanage, Baan Gerda has a unique operating model that provides family-style homes for orphans with foster parents looking after the children. All the parents are HIV positive, thus ensuring they are sensitive to the needs of HIV infected children. It is the only one of its kind in Thailand.



The founders of Baan Gerda are Karl and Tassanee Morsbach, who were originally involved in building schools along the Thai and Burmese border. In total, five schools were built and are now operated by the border police, under the patronage of the King's daughter, Princess Sirindorn. They turned their attention to the growing problem of Aids orphans and opened the first family home at Baan Gerda in 2001. It was built with their own money and the intention was to ease the children's suffering in whatever life they have left. When ARV medicine became available, their focus changed, as the children were able to live with the disease and lead a relatively normal life. Over the next five years, several more homes were constructed, as they were able to raise funds from within Thailand and abroad. In 2006, Germany honored Karl and Tassanee Morsbach for their humanitarian work by awarding them the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit.



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The GoHF is pleased to be associated with Baan Gerda and upon arrival Khun Moo gave us a very warm welcome. The Gift of Happiness and Baan Gerda had been recipients of donations from the St David's Society, Bangkok Ball in 2014 and Eddie and Khun Moo renewed their acquaintance.

Each year students, from Des Antonious Kollegs in Germany, raise funds to donate to Baan Gerda and spend two weeks at the Centre putting into place all the activities they have planned for the children. It was clear from the start how well integrated the students were with the Baan Gerda children, even just after a couple of days after arrival!

Once again, bright attentive and proactive children – and students and staff – enjoyed another madcap Clown Eckie performance. The call to 'perform' 'music, music, music' was very well received, the highlight of which was a blind teenager being helped forward to contribute amongst wild clapping of appreciation!!



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Khun Moo is very keen to support GOHF and will be sending details of suitable schools for the Foundation to visit in the days to come.

There followed a rather long drive back to Bangkok on routes hitherto unknown to Martin and Eddie, but the journey went without incident and the conclusion of yet another Go Happiness aid and show giving project serving hundreds of poor children in Thailand came around 6pm on Tuesday 28th March.



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GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN BANGKOK

Project title;

GO HAPPINESS HELPING POOR PEOPLE LIVING A HARD LIFE IN BANGKOK

Project Dates:	4/29/2017
Volunteers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation • Mr. Andrew Biggs, Australian author and TV personality • Mrs Ailsa Kneath • Mr & Mrs Brian & Karen Stone, England • Mr Nic Burr • Mr. Terry Sherwood & Daughter Jaci • Mr Gale Bailey MBE • Mr & Mrs Thoma & Anita Abraham • Mr. Tony Doherty, volunteer cameraman.
Paid staff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khun Polchanok Buasorn
Transport sponsored by:	Monroe Consulting Group – Clown Eckie Corporation – Mr & Mrs Thoma & Anita Abraham
Number of beneficiaries:	Around 70 children and families in the Rong Wai Community, On Nut, Bangkok, Thailand.
Goods and services given:	Clothing – Toys – Educational supplies – Babywear – footballs & sports gear – Cooking pots-n-pans – Medical supplies – Professional family entertainment show & educational performances given by International school teachers and volunteers.
Total Value of good/services given	฿.53,000.00

We were delighted to provide the whole community known as Rong Wai with a fantastic fun filled afternoon of shows and celebrity entertainment, plus a great truck full of essential goodies for everyone. This aid and show giving project was supported by the respected District Officer, Khn Kin and his management team at Bangkok's Suan Luang Government District Office. Who collaborated with the community leader and a wonderful lady, Khun Pratoom, who like Mother Teresa of Calcutta, cares for the poor families in this well-hidden urban slum community.

The project was attended by eight Gift of Happiness Foundation volunteers and a very well-known celebrity TV personality, Mr Andrew Biggs.

The families living here struggle to survive on whatever they can find to recycle or by working for very low casual pay, so they really need and appreciate all that we can give them.

Gift of Happiness Foundation is now committed to supporting this very poor community for as long as they remain in need of the kind of practical "Hands-on" support we gave during this first of what will become our regular aid giving project visits. Please follow the links to donate used or new goods and help us fulfil our commitments to serve poor people like these throughout 2017 and beyond.



26/04/17

My day started early because the original plan to sort-out all the goods and show equipment in advance was thwarted the day before when a Bangkok driver decided to purposely crash into my truck in the mistaken belief that he could make a claim on my insurance to get his already damaged car fixed-up. That little attempt to make a fraudulent claim was soon quashed when the insurance assessor arrived on the scene to declare that I was clearly 100% NOT to blame and after a couple of hours roadside wrangling with the police and insurance guy...I was able to go on my merry way with only minor damage to the truck and no damage to my personal integrity, but a lot of valuable lost time.



27/04/17

I made a very early start which enabled me to sort out most of the show equipment and some goods to be given to the poor before I was visited by a couple of great people who were dropping-off donations of toys, clothing and other useful goods before the main group of volunteers arrived to set-off on a short drive from the Go Happiness Centre to the project location. The fantastic people who gave so much that morning didn't know that I was single handedly getting everything ready for the big day ahead. That was because the staff who should have help load two trucks and sort the last of the goods didn't turn-up due to a simple misunderstanding. "I really need to improve my Thai language skills!"



You don't have to be a child to enjoy a Clown Show given by the Gift of Happiness Foundation!



Still, eventually the small convoy of three vehicles and eight volunteers including me managed to depart from the Go Happiness Centre more or less on time, when suddenly the main fuse went bang on my trusty old truck which meant Tony the cameraman and I had to drive with the car doors slightly open because there was no air-conditioning or electric windows, on what just happened to be the hottest day so far this year in Bangkok "Well over 40c!"

"Phew wot a scorcher!"



Upon our rather damp/sweaty arrival at the shantytown, we were greeted by the wonderful leader of the community, Khun Pratoom and a few of her helpers, where she quickly organized a mechanic to come along and fix my very hot truck, while we set-up ready for the arrival of Thailand's well-known TV presenter, Andrew Biggs. While we were setting-up the show gear, donations to be given and getting the car fixed, we were treated to a great display of Southeast Asian traditional drumming and dancing given by the orange uniformed teenagers who have clearly spent much of their time rehearsing their entertainment production which was delivered to our team of volunteers in a highly professional manner! "I noted...it's an unusual pleasure to see teenagers giving such a well-honed performance in these days



of smartphones and other devices that occupy so much of young people's time".



Then our show went-on as planned with our wonderful team of volunteers interacting with the children in an educational sing-along before Andrew Biggs started the main proceedings by presenting some great Thai/English fun learning activities, followed by his big introduction of the Clown Eckie Buffoonery Show! The show went down very well with all the children and seemed to go even better with the older members of the community.





They have never seen such silliness and mayhem before and we were so happy to give them our unique gifts of happiness to treasure for the remainder of their lives. After the big show, we had a lovely surprise for everyone in the community and all the GoHF volunteers when Andrew Biggs dished-up scoops of freshly made ice-cream that the volunteers had clubbed together and bought for the occasion. It was probably the most expensive tub of ice-cream in Bangkok...but well worth the price when we saw just how much the people appreciated it and just wanna say..."Another big Thank You to those great volunteers who paid for that special treat". Also..."Thanks for paying the bill to fix the truck, Gale Bailey MBE!"



As we were leaving the location we were all moved by the genuine appreciation and grateful thanks for the happiness and important goods that we gave them that day. I also asked Andrew to announce that we would be supporting the community through regular giving of important needs like clothing, babywear, toys, educational supplies and other useful goods. Our next visit will be in July 2017, when we will give whatever we can to help them prepare for the rainy season, when they will need clothing, bedding and anything else to help them through the next few difficult months.



GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

AID & SHOW GIVING PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND

May 21/05/17 to 26/05/17 Project

Project title;

HAPPINESS FOR FREE

English training and motorcycle helmets safety lessons for primary level children in Educational Service Area 2, Tak Province

Project dates:	21/05/17 to 26/05/17
Volunteers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation Mr. Terry Sherwood Elisabeth, Anna and Raaya. Bangkok Mr & Mrs Thoma & Anita Abraham and their three children
Paid staff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob), sponsored by Monroe consulting Group Khun Polchanok Buasorn sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation
Transport sponsored by:	Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation
Project sponsored by:	Geoffroy Van Innis Memorial Trust - Planet of the Crepes
Number of beneficiaries:	<p>Around 1,100 children and teachers at 1 Orphanage/school, 5 Thai Government Schools and a remote Karen Hill-tribe Thai Government school all located around the Asia One Highway Police Patrol district in Tak Province, Northern Thailand.</p> <p>Schools/Orphanages visited: Hsa Thoo Lei Orphanage/School - Banmaepanure school - Ban Pang San School - Ban Mae la Mao - Ban Houy Ra Pring Karen Hill-tribe school - Wat Sa Wang Arom school - school - Thai Rath Wittaya 61 school (Ban Houy Ya Ou)</p>
Schools/Orphanages visited:	Hsa Thoo Lei Orphanage/School - Banmaepanure school - Ban Pang San School - Ban Mae la Mao - Ban Houy Ra Pring Karen Hill-tribe school - Wat Sa Wang Arom school - school - Thai Rath Wittaya 61 school (Ban Houy Ya Ou)
Goods and services given:	Clothing - toys - educational supplies - babywear - sports gear - motorcycle helmets - Professional family entertainment shows & educational performances given by volunteer, Clown Eckie.
Total Value of good/services given	฿-265,000.00

DAY 1**20/05/17***Eddie says...*

The day of loading was due to start around 2pm with our new full time staff member, Bob and myself preparing the trucks ready for the next day's long trip to the North of Thailand. However, I had to pop out in the car before the preparation started and when I returned from the shops, the ignition key decided to break off in the lock and I was unable to remove the broken part of the key which in-turn caused the security devices to kick-in and disable the engine from starting! This little problem would take-up the next few hours of the day with locksmiths and various other engineers being called out to fix the problem and it also tied-up Bob for the whole of that time as he was running around on his motorbike trying to find the right people to come and fix the car. It was eventually fixed at great expense to me and quite a stressful few hours of dashing around for Bob and I now have what could be the most expensive car key on planet earth?



Despite all the trials and tribulations of getting the car fixed-up, the previously arranged 3pm arrival of five volunteers at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok, went according to plan when the lovely family of Thomas & Anita Abraham arrived with their three children, Elisabeth, Anna and Raaya who were all set to lend an important hand in loading our trucks ready for the big trip north starting first thing Sunday 22nd May. I was unable to lift much due to an old leg wound that was playing up and also dealing with the engineers fixing the car, so the Abraham family took over the loading of our two trucks with all the usual essential supplies for the poor children we would be serving throughout the week to come.

The three young ladies, Elisabeth, Anna and Raaya did a fantastic job of carrying around half a ton of

goodies from our warehouse sorting rooms to their waiting parents who got seriously stuck into the job at hand which took a couple of hours and produced two very well loaded trucks. They managed to fill the trucks all in good time for our staff member Bob, who'd just about finished with the lock changing job, to load my Royal Enfield motorcycle onto its transportation trailer before dark.

Day 2**21/05/17**

This was the long driving day from the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok to Mae Sot, Tak province, Thailand. Only myself and one other volunteer, Terry Sherwood and our paid staff member, Bob would attend this project because the other regular volunteers were all away on holiday or just visiting their homeland for family reunions etc. So no waiting around for anyone and we were able to depart before 10am and onto the Asia One Highway by about 11.30, ready for our first stop for fuel and my monthly dose of junk food from a well-known fast food outlet (*Not M/D because they don't sell food fit for human consumption?*). We were restricted to 90 km/h because of the motorcycle trailer so this particular journey was going to take at least 8 hours, but as we had no problems apart from negotiating the massive re-construction work on the last 85 kilometers of the Trans Asia Highway as our little convoy traversed those last kilometers of the journey. We arrived at our usual cheap but clean and happy guest house just before dark and prepared the motorcycle and trucks for the visits to an Orphanage and school next day.



Day 3**22/05/17. Hsa Thoo Lei Orphanage & Banmaepanure School.**

We set-out quite early with me riding the Enfield, Terry and Bob driving the two trucks to the orphanage that I had been assured by a very efficient English teacher, Khun Boom was close to the Airport in Mae Sot. So after around half an hour trying to find the Orphanage and becoming very hot and bothered in the process, I decided to ask the local motorcycle Taxi guys to guide us to the place we were trying so hard to find. The guys all looked at the name of the place on my android device and told me that we couldn't possibly be further away from the place as it was in a totally different direction and on the other side of the town from the Google map location we had been given? Luckily we had set out quite a bit earlier than our normal starting time so we actually arrived at the place having followed one of the motorcycle taxi guys across town to reach the place that was very familiar to me as soon as we arrived. I have been there more than 20 times past, but this time I was told the name of the Orphanage and not the usual name of the place we were eventually led too. The orphans were brought from their residence to see the show and receive their gifts at the offices of the Burmese Migrant Education Committee (BMWEC) which has a large meeting room with a stage for me to perform the big fat buffoonery show. So we quickly set-up all the show props and sorted out the right kind of gifts for the mainly teenage children, then I started the show about 11am. The show went down very well with the children and though it was a very hot and humid morning, I also very much enjoyed getting the children to participate in the musical mayhem part of the show and seeing their happy faces throughout the rest of the show. We chose not to give the children motorcycle crash helmets at this place because the orphans who are mainly Burmese hardly ever get a chance to ride pillion unlike the Thai children we serve, who are often riding pillion or actually driving some old motorcycle they've cobbled together.

As the BMWEC offices are only a short ride from the guest house, I made an executive decision to return to my room for a quick shower and to change the dressing on my leg wounds because the pain was getting to be so uncomfortable that I couldn't have continued with the next show without resting for a while. Bob and Terry went off to have some lunch while I did the old leg wound dressings and took a short rest. Then by about 1pm we were all ready for action again and set-off in search of the school that was marked on the G/Map as being close to the offices of another NGO that I am very familiar with, so I knew the way this time. But as I had decided not to take the motorcycle so as not to inflame the leg wounds. I went as passenger in my own truck with Terry driving and me navigating whilst happily shouting at the GPS voice every time she told us to *"Make a left turn or do a U turn bla, bla, blaa!"*...Anyway arrived at the school in good time to set-up the show props and unload all the goodies. We were delighted to give quite a lot of educational goods, clothing and toys to the children at this particular school which had been partly burned-down caused by an electrical fault just a couple of weeks before we arrived.



The head teacher told me that they had lost 20 of the school computers and a lot of educational materials in the fire that destroyed three classrooms, an office and a toilet block. We didn't have any computers to give them on this trip, but we did give them plenty of educational materials and I promised to try and find some used computers/laptops before our next trip to Mae Sot in Late June.



Day 4

23/05/17. Ban Pang San School - Ban Mae la Mao school - Ban Houy Ra Pring Karen Hill-tribe school.

The day started early again as we had three schools to visit and three full-on shows to give the children. So despite my leg giving a few problems, we set-out with the saying "*The shows must go on!*" and we were determined to give the children a great day to remember at each of the three locations. The locations of all three schools were around 40 kilometers south of Mae Sot and located far from the main road deep within some of the mountainous terrain that's known to be difficult to reach. So with a little guidance and help from a teacher who we followed along some remote small roads, we arrived in good time to set-up and do the first show. The children were all dressed in pure white uniforms and gave us a very respectful welcome to their school whilst seated in well-ordered rows of girls on one side and boys on the other. The tightly measured rows all quickly disappeared as soon as the show started and the children had a great time. The joy lasted throughout the performance and even after the clown had finished engaging them in all sorts of mayhem and buffoonery they were all left without even a single mark on their pristine angelic outfits?



Still only about 10.30am, we went straight off to the second school of the day which was only a few kilometers from the first one, so we arrived there with plenty of time to set-up and give the Happiness to a slightly smaller audience than were at the first school. These children were also dressed in very white clothing but this time with a logo on the back so we weren't too confused as to which school we were visiting. The children were just as regimented as the last ones and very quickly became unregimented as soon as the show started. They also had a great day to remember and we were more than happy to have giving them so much Happiness to carry with them for ever more.



After a very quick lunch in a delightful little place that was actually someone's home turned restaurant, we were led back to the main Asia 1 Highway about 15 kilometers away from the remote eatery, by another teacher driving his 4x4 truck. Then after a short trip along the Highway, we turned off onto a rough track that was to be the start of an 8-kilometer-long journey through the mountains. We crossed five small rivers and our little convoy of vehicles managed to scale up and down some very steep potholed tracks that have been hewed out of the jungle by the people who live in a Karen hill tribe village located at the a-top a high peak close to the tree-line. Though my truck is made for the kind of off road driving we had to do in order to reach the village...I was amazed to see that Terry who was driving the second Go Happiness truck, had been blessed with having such great experience and military know-how as to make it possible for him to drive the two wheel/drive vehicle along such a difficult path that is really best suited to be traversed in military track vehicles. I have a great deal of respect for Terry's driving ability and just as much great respect for Mitsubishi who produced such a robust truck and of course my great thanks go to Monroe Consulting Group who bought the truck for us in 2015.

When we eventually arrived at the village on top of the mountains, we were greeted by a great audience of mainly Karen students who had gone all-out to make themselves look a smart as possible so as to show their great respect for having us make such a tough journey to see them. They don't see many westerners apart from missionaries and doctors up in that village. So I was pleased to see they were really happy to have such a rare opportunity to be visited by some old clown who wasn't there to try indoctrinating them into any kind of spiritual fantasy or start sticking needles into them. I must say..."I just love doing what I do for impoverished people who never have to give anything in return?"

We gave the children here a lot more goodies than most other places we visited during this aid and show giving project tour because they are simply in great need of everything we gave them. The show also went down very well indeed and though it lasted about 15 minutes longer than expected, all the children stayed right to the end, before dispersing into the hills and forest to make their way back home.

DAY 5

24/05/17. Wat Sawang Arom school - Thai Rath Wittaya 61 School.

This would be the last day of aid giving and shows on this month's project tour and we headed back to the same area as before, about 35 kilometers south of Mae Sot to a school located well off the beaten track to start the days "Happiness Giving". The first school was tucked away in the forest, but when we arrived we found a very well maintained set of school buildings and an audience of children eager to see the show.

This was the day when all the children and teachers wear their scout and guide uniforms as is the tradition to do once-a week at all Thai Government schools. So we were greeted by a very well regimented and disciplined audience who found it hard to just let rip and relax into enjoying the show...but soon after Terry had a quiet word with the head teacher, about 5 minutes into the show...the whole room suddenly filled with unabashed joyful mayhem! We were delighted have received such a great welcome and much appreciation for the goods and show we gave from all the children and teachers.





After being treated to a very nice lunch at the school itself, we and our vehicles were all lined-up in convoy to follow a teacher back to the main Asia 1 Highway and headed south for a few kilometers to reach one of the many police checkpoints dotted along the Highway. Once we cleared through the checkpoint we turned off the road into a large school that I have been meaning to visit ever since my first trip of very many to the province, way back in 2002. I was not at all disappointed to be greeted by the head teacher and all the children who were clearly delighted to have us stop-by their school that is usually just passed-by. The road has a constant stream of NGO vehicles carrying aid and all sorts of other western NGO volunteers traveling to the Thai/Burma border City of Mae Sot. But I think we were the first group of westerners to ever visit the school that sits right by the main road and all the children made it very clear how happy they were to see us. It also struck me that the children were full of self-confidence and eager to learn whatever we had to teach them, as they understood we were there to participate in English trainer's primary level teaching program.

The show was a great success and the teachers were thrilled to see the children doing so well during the parts of the show when I engage them in a sort of mass participation extravaganza with up-to 20 children making silly musical noises on all sorts of squeaky toys and homemade instruments. After the show and handing over all the goodies, our small group were invited to receive a lovely personalized Certificate of Appreciation and I was asked to sign several more Certificates for the teachers to keep. We left the school quite late in the afternoon before heading back to Mae Sot to spend our last night in the City, at least until next time we go in late June. I received a call from the head teacher asking if we could please call-in to the school again next day when we were due to pass-by on our way back to Bangkok. I agreed to do so and mentioned that we would like to have the children on stand-by so we could give them some last minute instruction on the motorcycle safety helmet incentive to promote the wearing of crash helmets for kids.



Day 6

25/05/17. Second visit to Thai Rath Wittaya 61 School en-route to Bangkok.

We had to leave the guest house earlier than the usual departure time when we are heading back to Bangkok to avoid the rush hour traffic at the end of such a long drive, because of the unscheduled stop at the Police checkpoint school. So we duly arrived at the school soon after the National Anthem had been played and I negotiated the motorcycle trailer in reverse up-to the place where the children were waiting eagerly to see the bike and even sit astride the machine for photos wearing the helmets. The teacher asked me to sign another 15 Certificates for all the teachers who's attended the previous day's English Training Program we gave them, then we departed to the sounds of some very happy students and teachers wishing us safe journeys until next time we visit them. We arrived back at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok about 5 pm and Terry only had to take a short Taxi ride home just in time for his family evening meal followed by story-time for his wife and daughter who hadn't been able to join this trip.



GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

June 2017

Project title;

Go Happiness Simply Gives Some Joy To Those Who Really Need It!



Also giving tons of essentials to thousands of children in need every month of the year!

The GoHF "Project Uniforms for Poor Kids" has started in earnest with fantastic donations of money enough for us to provide 300 desperately poor children with NEW hard-wearing sportswear uniforms that will last up-to five years when handed down to siblings...Plus sets of brand new underwear for every child as well!

We have already bought some sets of underwear and individual donors have also provided some additional sets for safe storage until we develop the project dates. Meanwhile, we are sourcing a new ethically sound manufacturer of garments to supply uniforms and underwear for some of the neediest children in Thailand. We planned to have at least 300 sets ready to go in August 2017 when we will produce that month's aid and show giving project.



Gift of Happiness foundation have been giving 'New Hard-Wearing Uniforms' to poor children every year since 2009. (Orange ones above given 2016 - Blue ones below given 2009, "Still being used by siblings in 2015"!)



Other great news!

Gift of Happiness has been greatly honored to receive a wonderful letter of commendation from the British Ambassador in Thailand, His Excellency Mr Brian Davidson.

The Ambassador learned more about our small yet very effective charity when he spoke with Founder, Eddie Haworth during the St George's Annual Gala Dinner and Ball where Eddie had been delighted to accept an invitation by the Loyal Society to attend the event.



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To Whom It May Concern,

The Gift of Happiness foundation is a non-profit child care organisation that serves some of the neediest families in Thailand with large doses of traditional British slapstick comedy.

The Gift of Happiness foundation regularly provides truckloads of clothing, toys, educational supplies, bedding, towels and medical equipment to orphanages, urban slum dwellers, poor rural communities, free clinics, safe houses for abused women and children, refugee camps and migrant families. Donated goods come from International Schoolchildren studying at the local International schools in Bangkok as well as many expat members of the British and other western communities in Thailand including some of our embassy staff.

All volunteers are unpaid. The charity employs two fulltime Thai staff as administrator and driver whose salaries are sponsored by Monroe Consulting Group. Other funding for the charity is provided by the British Women's Group, St George's Society, other loyal society's and individuals who firmly believe in their proven track record of providing unconditional support for many thousands of needy people in Thailand.

I commend The Gift of Happiness foundation to you.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Davidson
HM Ambassador

British Founder, Eddie and all the other unpaid volunteers, plus the board of trustees at Go Happiness are most proud to have received this fine commendation and it must be said that having such high praise and recognition is a great way to help us all pass-on such positive energy to the poor people we serve in Thailand.

More British activities in the land of smiles this month...

Go Happiness have received some fantastic donations of goods since the start of 2017 and we have been delighted to deliver 99% of all the gifts to the thousands of people in Thailand who really need it. In fact, since January we have given many truckloads of essential goodies like clothing, toys, educational supplies, bedding, towels, toiletries and medical supplies.



Go Happiness Volunteers celebrating HRH Queen Elizabeth 91st Birthday at the British Club Bangkok.

The only things we cannot give to the poor are high fashion wear, some electrical/white goods, DVD's and electronic games. So, we try to sell such goodies every so often and it's usually at the British Club or at our Go Happiness Centre in downtown Bangkok. Saturday 10th June saw Eddie, Nicol, Ning & Cally Burr selling all sorts of bric-a-brac and despite the very British rain, we managed to raise just enough money to cover the fuel costs for one of our trucks to go North on our next aid giving project starting 25th to 30th June 2017.

22/06/17 Project;

Massive Support from A Company That Invests In People!

**Gift of Happiness Foundation announces even more support
from top recruitment company!**



Monroe Consulting Group

"A company that invests in people"

So just what have Monroe done to help the poor in Thailand?

- August 2015; Monroe Bangkok bought Go Happiness a new truck valued \$14,700-USD.
- December 2015; Monroe Bangkok gave Go Happiness 20 laptops for poor kids in rural Thai schools we serve.
- March 2016 Monroe Consulting Group held their staff charity fun day in support of the Gift of Happiness Foundation. 35 Monroe staff, Director and Management all arrived at the rural community school after a 2-hour drive from Bangkok to start the fun and games before handing out new uniforms, new underwear and a truck full of essential goodies for every child at the school!
- January 2016 Monroe Bangkok increased the monthly donation donations of cash help towards running costs, office/warehouse rental and utilities at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok.
- Starting April 2017 Monroe Bangkok have increased their monthly donations AGAIN to cover the whole costs of salaries for two full time essential employees at Gift of Happiness Foundation.



Monroe provided small truck, uniforms & underwear for poor kids. Plus, salaries for two full-time staff and regular financial contributions to help pay the rent at gift of happiness foundation Office/Warehouse!

A must-read statement from Monroe Consulting Group...

Executive Recruitment Company Monroe Consulting Group Thailand to Continue Support for Children's Charity

A respected charity for poverty-stricken children and their families in Thailand, The Gift of Happiness Foundation, has been able to expand and extend its reach after receiving a significant increase in sponsorship from executive recruitment company Monroe Consulting Group Thailand.

"The Gift of Happiness Foundation would not have been able to have such a positive impact on so many young lives without the support of Monroe Thailand," said Foundation founder Eddie Haworth, a former circus entertainer who delivers interactive, slap-stick comedy shows to vulnerable children, along with essential relief supplies for poor, often desperate, families. "Monroe have been our biggest corporate supporter and we are delighted the recruitment company is increasing its sponsorship."

Eddie said Monroe Thailand first gifted the Bangkok-based Foundation a US\$15,000 box truck to transport aid supplies to at-risk children around Thailand as well as monthly funding of US\$580.

"In January 2016, Monroe tripled the funding and then in April and June of this year, the Company started paying the salaries to two of our key employees, reducing our overheads and allowing even more money to be directed to those who need it most – poor children and communities throughout Thailand, from the slums of Bangkok to refugee camps in border areas."

Eddie reiterated that the total sponsorship package of about \$2,000 per month had allowed Gift of Happiness to extend its aid programme to many hundreds of children.

"Monroe has proven to be absolutely fantastic and truly focused on helping to develop the charity into something that should soon be able to help even more than the 1,000 people we already serve in Thailand. We simply couldn't exist without all this support and we are now trying to encourage more companies to join-in and help us expand further."

Eddie said the increased funding from Monroe had allowed the charity to expand a programme to provide 300 children with new school uniforms and underwear.

John Tolmie, Managing Director of Monroe Consulting Group Thailand, said the recruitment company's contribution was a modest one.

"We are pleased to help but the most important aspect of this important charity work is of course Eddie, the other sponsors or financial backers, volunteers and all the support from individual people in Thailand and around the world," said John. "We are glad to see that our contributions are being used so well. I'm delighted we have been able to help you out with the new staff and hopefully this means bringing even more smiles to even more children."

The Gift of Happiness Foundation (<http://www.gohappiness.org/>) maintains strong child protection policies and procedures. The founder, trustees and all volunteers are screened to ensure they meet legal and ethical requirements for engaging with vulnerable people in Thailand. The foundation strives to provide a safe, secure environment for all the children it serves. The founder, trustees, volunteers and administrators are 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.

On behalf of all the people we serve, Gift of Happiness Foundation says a massive

"THANK YOU" to Monroe Consulting Group, Bangkok.

30/06/17 Project;

4,000 very HAPPY children in just one week**Gift of Happiness Foundation Spreading Joy to Thousands Every Month in Thailand!**

Project Dates: 24/06/17 to 29/06/17. Loading and driving days: 24/25/29/06/2017	Schools/Orphanages visited
Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation. Mr & Mrs Nicol & Ning Burr and their very helpful daughter, Miss Callie Burr. Bangkok. Paid staff: Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob), sponsored by Monroe consulting Group and Khun Polchanok Buasorn sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation. Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation. Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Planet of the Crepes. Administration and location guide: Mrs Ning Burr - Chutchada (Aiw) ชัชฎา ชั่ว G.M at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Mr Eddie Haworth. Goods and services given: clothing - toys - educational supplies - babywear - sports gear - motorcycle helmets - Professional family entertainment shows & educational performances given by volunteer, Clown Eckie.	Mon 26th Morning โรงเรียนบ้านเจดีย์โคะ (Baan Chedi Ko school) Location: Route 1090 south of Mae Sot. 1,200 children served. Mon 26th Afternoon โรงเรียนเทศบาลตำบลแม่กุ (Tessaban tumbon mae ku school) Location: Route 1090 south of Mae Sot. 600 children. Tue 27th Morning โรงเรียนบ้านมอนหินเหล็กไฟ (Baan Mon Hin Lek Fai school) Location: Route 1090 south of Mae Sot. 80 children Tue 27th Afternoon โรงเรียนบ้านห้วยปลาหลด (Baan Huay Pla Lod school) Location: Route 12 east of Mae sot 500 children. Wed 28th Morning โรงเรียนบ้านห้วยม่วง (Baan Huay Muang school) Location: Route 12 Kilometres west of Mae Sot 600 children. Wed 28th Afternoon โรงเรียนบ้านท่าอาจ (Baan Ta Arch school) Location: Route 12 west of Mae Sot. 900 children
Total value of goods and services given; ฿218,000.00	Number of beneficiaries: Around 4,000 children plus teachers at 5 Thai Government Schools and a remote Mouser Hill-tribe school all located around the Mouser Mountain trading post in Tak Province, Northern Thailand.

Short project report written by volunteer, Mr Nicol Burr;

Just finished a five-day trip to Mae Sot with Go happiness Foundation as a volunteer and driver to help the poor and needy kids there. Left around 10am on Sunday 25th June and drove all day to get there through some rather nice mountain scenery and extensive roadworks. But once there chilled a bit before eating at a local restaurant (very yummy and exceedingly cheap food) readying for the three-day slog ahead. Monday, we woke early, had breakfast and discussed the itinerary for the day. Visit two schools near each other 30 minutes out of Mae Sot on the Umphang road, to give them a clown show (setting up, show, taking down x 2) and donate some goodies for the kids. Back to the hotel for a good rest, as everyone was feeling tired after the shows. Relax at our accommodation before having a wonderful meal at a local restaurant (very yummy and exceedingly cheap food).

Once again, another early rise for the drive to another school, near the two we had already visited (setting up, show, taking down x 1), but on arrival we found the police were also visiting the school for a show and we were encroaching on their time, but when they arrived they took it well and enjoyed the last few minutes of the show. Then a long drive back up the roadworks through the mountain to a remote jungle school. A couple of U-turns were called for as we missed the turn off first time. (setting up, show, taking down x 1) - de ja vie!



Nicol & Ning Burr receiving gifts alongside Bob, Eddie from the head of Tessaban tumbon mae ku school

The whole village attended the clown show and they all really enjoyed themselves, even the grandmas who attended were laughing and smiling! Back to the accommodation for a rest before once again eating at the local restaurant (very yummy and exceedingly cheap food). Off to bed for the last and final day of giving happiness to those in need. Once again, another early rise before driving very close to the Burma border and two more schools (set up, show, take down x 2) and donate some goodies for the kids. Once again, the happiness show for the kids and teachers was a wonderful thing to see and be part of. All the schools were very appreciative of the shows received and the donations and of the work the foundation does. A rather nice meal to celebrate the end of the giving was had by the Happiness peeps before a well-earned rest. A slightly later breakfast before heading back through the mountains, stopping at a local market where the fruit and veg are so fresh and so cheap - I managed to spend a whack load of money on Lychees, Melons, Avocados, Bell peppers, Carrots, Onions, Garlic, Mangosteens and a few plants for my garden. Just as well the van was empty!! A great trip and I want to do it again. Fingers crossed XXX.

**Project report written by Eddie Haworth, Founder at Gift of Happiness Foundation;
TWO THOUSAND HAPPY CHILDREN IN ONE DAY!**

Monday Morning 26/06/17.

Our first show giving day of this month's aid and show giving project came as a surprise to Eddie and the volunteers when we discovered the teachers at the school had made a big effort to get as many children as possible to come and see the Go Happiness Clown making a total fool of himself! We were expecting around 500, but the crowd just got bigger as we set-up the show equipment until they reached 1,200



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The show went very well with a large number of children being invited to come up on stage to play along with the clown with his silly musical instruments and funny chair.

Monday afternoon 26/06/17.

After a simple lunch of noodles and an ice cream each, we drove just a few kilometres back towards Mae Sot to arrive at a larger school with a very well-turned-out audience of around 500 children. They were all dressed in their very finest uniforms to show respect for our Happiness Team. But they soon relaxed into a state of dishevelled mayhem once the show began and the giant balloons were sent crashing into their open arms. A fantastic time was had by all and the teachers were delighted to present us with a lovely certificate of appreciation and a lovely T Shirt depicting a map of the Mae Sot area for each of our team. Of course, we very much appreciated all the effort that the children and teachers at the school had put into welcoming us so warmly and we were equally delighted to learn from the head teacher, that all the children came from stable working families and requested we pass-on their allocated share of donations to some much poorer children who we were to visit the next day.

What a fantastic day for so many happy people!



Tuesday morning 27/06/17.

Along the road towards Umphang we arrived at the first school of the day which is located right at the top of a very steep mountain road that was covered in mist when we arrived. The children here are mainly coming from the local communities of Karen and Thai nationals who live in hillside farming villages near to the school. We had to do a slightly shorter version of the show because the Police had also been booked to give a talk on stranger danger in the remote yet well visited mountain resort region.

The children had never seen anything quite like the silly old clown and his merry bunch of helpers, so the show went down a storm and the goodies we gave were also very well received by the small team of teachers and children at the school.

Tuesday afternoon 27/06/17.

It was a two-hour drive from the first school to the next one which is located high on another mountain range and within the Taksinmaharat National Park where the Mouser Hilltribe villages are located. We finally arrived at the village school around 2.00pm after negotiating our way along a winding jungle track to set-up the show equipment as quickly as possible in case some of the children had a long trek through the jungles to their bamboo-built homes. Of course, the show went down very well indeed despite some of the children being slightly shy to join-in with a show, simply because they had never even heard of a traditional slap-stick European comedy show?

We made sure that a lot of the village elders attended the show as well, because they have also only ever known their own tribal traditions and since they have only recently had electricity (Via a large generator) in the village, they haven't even seen our kind of "HAPPINESS" giving on the telly box!



So our visit was a real eye opening treat for everyone in the jungle settlement and even some of the wild boar managed to take an interest in us as we left the village clearing. They are in great need of clothing, toys and other essentials, so we gave them quite a lot on this occasion and we hope to revisit the village again within the next year or so to give them even more.

Wednesday morning 27/06/17

This would turn out to be a slightly less stressful day because both schools we visited are located very close to the Thai/Burma border on the outskirts of Mae Sot. But the stress levels were raised again when we reached the first school to find a much larger number of children than we expected, but that was good because our aim is to spread as much HAPPINESS as we can to as many people as we can! The show was extremely well received by all the children and teachers and there was even an extra group of little children brought in from a local kindergarten to enjoy the last parts of the show.



Wednesday afternoon 27/06/17.

After a quick lunch at a new shopping mall near the friendship bridge we headed back towards the Moei River but just a few kilometers north of the friendship bridge where we found the last school of this month's project tour. Again, we were surprised by the large number of children (900) who were eagerly awaiting our presentations and lovely new toys, clothes and educational supplies that we had gathered for them.



The children at this school were blessed with quite a bit more self-confidence than some other Karen migrant children we serve in the region and this was a great tribute to the teachers at the school. Although some of the children here were clearly coming from very poor local migrant communities we were amazed to see just how clean their precious uniforms had been kept. It's sometimes hard to understand how the parents manage to keep their child's dignity intact by making sure they are as well turned-out as possible when they don't have access to washing machines or regular income to buy the uniforms in the first place? That's why we are delighted to give those parents a small help in hand by giving as much as we can, whenever we can.

End report by Eddie Haworth.

Project title;

Passionate about Giving HAPPINESS in Thailand7/9/2017 Appeal; **Help a small charity deliver the HAPPINESS this month**

We believe that many people cannot identify with huge charity organisations that waste money on high executive salaries and so-called administration costs?

We think that most people who genuinely want to help the poor prefer to donate directly to local initiatives.

**IT's WORTH THE PRICE OF A FEW DRINKS TO PUT A FEW SMILES ON FACES LIKE THESE!**

Gift of Happiness Foundation is one of those small yet very effective charities operated totally by unpaid volunteers that actually does just what it says on the tin?

"WE MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY!" Gift of Happiness Foundation employ two full-time Thai staff whose salaries are 100% sponsored by Monroe Consulting Group, Bangkok.

**THE CLOWN IS PASSIONATE ABOUT GIVING HAPPINESS TO THOUSANDS IN THAILAND!**

This is where you can really make a difference!

Sponsors needed to fund a Go Happiness Buffoonery Show for poor children and orphans at Sister Louise's Good Shepherd Centre BKK on the 18th July. And 2 more schools for very poor children in Pathum Thani (one hour drive from BKK Centre) Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th July.

17/07/17 Project;**5-day project: 17 to 21/07/17.****Prep/loading/breakdown: 17 & 21/07/2017**

Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Ms Joe Stephens, Mrs Ning Burr and her very helpful daughter, Miss Callie Burr. Mr Terry Sherwood and Ms Sally Voravarn...all Bangkokians.

Paid staff (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) and Khun Chutchada (Aiw) ชัญญา อี้ว General Manager at GoHF

Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation.

Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Seleco

Schools/Orphanages served by GoHF**Tuesday 18th;**

The Fatima Centre of the Good Shepherd Sisters of Thailand. 230 children served.

Wednesday 19th;

วัดทศทิศ (Wat Toss a tid school) Location หมู่ Tambon Bung Thong Lang, Amphoe Lam Luk Ka, Chang Wat Pathum Thani 12150. 212 children served.

Thursday 20th;

วัดสมุหราชบุรีบารุง (Wat Samuhatrat bumroong school) Location: หมู่ที่

Seaweed Snacks Administration and location guides: Mrs Ning Burr - Chutchada (Aiw) ชันษา อี้ว General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Mr Eddie Haworth. Goods and services given: Seleco Seaweed Snacks - Professional family entertainment shows & educational performances given by volunteer, Clown Eckie.	1, ถนนวงศ์ศิริ, ตำบลลำลูกกา อำเภอลำลูกกา จังหวัดปทุมธานี, 12150 / Tambon Lam Luk Ka, Amphoe Lam Luk Ka, Chang Wat Pathum Thani 12150. 234 children served.
Total value of goods and services given; ฿-129,000.00.	Number of beneficiaries: 700 children plus teachers

Just a few more days of simple HAPPINESS for around 700 children, Carers and teachers in and near Bangkok.

Gift of Happiness foundation were asked to bring a little joy into the lives of some children who have never seen our unique kind of buffoonery and mayhem that we normally deliver to thousands of poor children in the north of Thailand.

The children we served this month are living in a home/shelter for refugees and orphans in Bangkok and a couple of Thai Government Primary schools in a rural area about 40 kilometers outside Bangkok.



Besides the 'Big Fat Buffoonery Shows' we were delighted to hand-out some great 'healthy' snacks to the children that were donated by Seleco Seaweed Company...Who have now offered to become regular sponsors, so we will be able to hand-out even more goodies to the average 1,000 children we are proud to serve every month of the year in Thailand!





Go Happiness Founder, Eddie Haworth was thrilled to receive a token of appreciation from Sister Louise at the Fatima Centre. Then he received a lovely handmade banner, plus two certificates of appreciation, handed to him by the children and head teachers of the two rural schools we served.

27/07/17 Project;

Gift of Happiness Foundation study on giving to charity?

Gift of Happiness is delighted to receive regular corporate sponsorship from Monroe Consulting Group, who pays most of the charities running costs. We also receive donations of very much needed goods which we pass-on-to at least 1,000 poor children we serve every month.



Now we are trying to understand why monthly donations of cash from individuals have always been very low? So we have been studying ways of increasing the amount of support we need to help us continue serving all those poor people in Thailand.

We hope this information may be useful to those of you who want to make the world a slightly happier place

How to make the world a happier place through charitable giving...

Like many people, you probably want to make the world a happier place but are wondering how to even get started?

Giving to charity is a great way to contribute to a cause that is dear to you, and make an impact. But if you are in low paid employment or living on a retirement pension, you might wish you had more funds to help, yet there are many other ways to make important contributions to a trusted charity.

Deciding on an organization to trust?

There are so many causes that are worthy of your support, depending on your personal values.

"But how do you pick"?

You can first look at how much of an impact your donation will have. Many major charities have a high percentage of operating costs, which is not always easy to justify, and you may never see where your contribution is really going. Others will use 100% of individual donations on their charitable causes and raise money from companies to fund their running costs.

Once you have picked a cause, the next step is to decide whether you would like to help a small but effective charity or a global organization. Deciding to give to a small independent charity is the best way for you to witness the benefits of your contributions first hand. This is because smaller charities tend to be more transparent when it comes to showing where the hard-earned donors money is being spent. Total transparency is also the best way for a small charity to raise awareness of how important it is to receive small but regular donations from individuals, clubs, societies etc. But of course, International causes such as disaster relief or human rights may seem more urgent. So you might decide to balance both by donating regularly to a trusted independent charity, and occasionally to emergency causes as and when disaster strikes. This is a very personal decision, and giving to charity is commendable per se, so just do whatever feels right for you.

You do not need to be rich in order to give to charity. In fact, you don't even need money at all!

Giving when you have little money to spare.

You can donate old stuff that you have no use for but could help a family in need. You can donate your time and help. Your skills can be valuable to the charity itself, be it manning the reception a few hours a week, helping with accounting or building a website for them to gain more exposure.

You can also organize fundraisers and get your family and friends involved to help your cause, or ask them to donate money to charity in your name for your birthday or for Christmas.

Donating your time can be a one off endeavor or a regular commitment all over the year. Be sure to do what you can without spreading yourself too thin.

Making the most of your donation.

You can often deduct charitable donations from your income taxes every year. Make sure you understand the IRS rules in the country where you pay tax and follow them precisely. Look for professional advice if you have doubts. Another way to amplify your donation is to reach out to your employer and see if they offer a match on charitable giving. Many companies do, and even if you work for a smaller one, your employer might agree to help your fundraiser as a one-time thing.

Often, the best way to have an impact is simply to reach out to a charity you like and ask what they need. If that is something you can get them for a fraction or the retail cost, be it your skills or something material, you helping them fill their need will have a much bigger impact than a monetary donation.

Be sure you trust the organisation before you give anything!

Finally, you do not have to try very hard to find out if the charity you want to support is a bona fide organisation?

You may find some very well written sob stories about how they care for the orphans, animals environment or homeless. They may even show pictures of desperate starving children and mistreated animals etc, but remember, those images are easily copied and downloaded from the internet.

To check them out very carefully you should start by simply googling the name and look for their registration details and hard evidential pictures, backed up with accurate written reports on their projects. If they do not show those details prominently on their website or social media pages, you should really think twice about giving them any support!

We hope this information is helpful to those of you wishing to support a worthy cause, but just never got around to it yet.

Of course we are more than happy to answer any questions about the serious business of giving to the right charity if you are happy trust in our experienced advice.

Please contact us here; charity@gohappiness.org



Gift of Happiness Foundation registered logo

Take a look at why many people already trust Gift of Happiness Foundation.

Gift of Happiness Foundation has been established as a properly registered charity in Thailand since 2009. The charity was originally registered in 2005 under the laws relating to a recognized body of persons just like many established loyal societies and other committee's set-up to provide support for the needy in Thailand.

In March 2010 the charity was also honored to be granted membership of the League of Foundations of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Gift of Happiness Foundation registration number: Kor Tor 1914. - Tax I.D: 0-9930-0009226-1.

Since those early first steps to become a trusted and transparent child support charity we have received numerous accolades and commendations from British, Australian, French, South African Ambassadors and a high level of trust from many respected companies and organizations (Not least our only corporate sponsor, Monroe Consulting Group).

Thank you!

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

August 2017

Project title;

03/08/17 Gifts of HAPPINESS for Shantytown people in Bangkok

New clothing and much more for Shantytown people in Bangkok.



Go Happiness Director gives new clothing and much more to people living in a Bangkok Shantytown.

This man is now dressed for that job interview he needs to attend!

2-day project: Prep/loading/03/08/17. Project day 04/08/17.	Number of beneficiaries:
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Mr Nicol Burr, Mr Terry Sherwood and other helpers</p> <p>Paid staff: (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) and Khun Chutchada (AiW) ឥណ្ឌា ឥណ្ឌា General Manager at GoHF</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation.</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Planet of the Crepes</p> <p>Administration and location guides: Chutchada (AiW) ឥណ្ឌា ឥណ្ឌា General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Mr Eddie Haworth.</p>	<p>60+ families living in an urban shantytown, Rong Wai Community in Suan Luang district, Bangkok, Thailand.</p> <p>Goods and services given:</p> <p>Clothing, furniture, educational supplies, toys/bicycles, household/kitchen/bedding, computer /printer/scanner and other useful goods for the poor families.</p>
Total value of goods and services given; ฿-62,000.00.	

These poor people get no support from anyone else?

Gift of Happiness Foundation first visited Rong Wai Community in April 2017 when we produced an aid and show giving project that was supported by the District Officer, Khn Kin and his management team at Bangkok's Suan Luang Government District Office. We collaborated with the community leader and a wonderful lady, Khun Pratoom, who like Mother Teresa of Calcutta, cares for the poor families in this well-hidden urban slum community.

The project was attended by eight Gift of Happiness Foundation volunteers and a very well-known celebrity TV personality, Mr Andrew Biggs. On this occasion we delivered the goods as promised back in April when we made a commitment to start supporting the poor families who struggle to survive in this little known, unsupported community. We decided to offer material and sustainable support to the community because we knew that most material and financial support given by other charities, companies and social groups goes to the more well-known slum communities and large orphanages located in a well-established slum area in the City.

We hope to be able to give more sustainable support to these people again before the end of 2017, when we have collected another truck load of essentials to give them.





leader of the community, Khun Pratoom (Right



Meantime we are planning some more mega projects during August, September and right through to December 2017. We will be going to our usual stomping ground around the Northern Thai/Burma border city of Mae Sot and also visiting the hard to get too mountain town of Umphang where we will really need our 4x4 truck to deliver the goods deep inside the jungles. This place is one of those remote areas where the people living there have never even heard of slap-stick comedy shows and foreigners who give them #FREE clothing, educational supplies and much, much more!

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

August 2017. 26/08/17 & 01/09/2017 Project;

Laughter and Tears of Joy in Northern Thailand!

Nothing but HAPPINESS to see here!

5-day project: 27 to 31st/08/17. Prep/loading/breakdown: 26/07/17 & 01/09/2017	Schools/Orphanages served with goods and services, by GoHF
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Mr Terry Sherwood and Mr Martin Kneath</p> <p>Paid staff (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) and Khun Chutchada (Aiw) ချစ်သူ General Manager at GoHF</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation and Martin Kneath</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation - Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand</p> <p>Administration and location guides: Burmese Migrant Education Workers Committee - Chutchada (Aiw) ချစ်သူ General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Mr. Eddie Haworth.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 1,770 children & 440 adults, plus teachers at 6 Migrant Learning Centres, 1 orphanage and 1 clinic.</p> <p>Goods and services given: Seleco Seaweed Snacks - Sukhumvit Park Plaza Hotel - The Sukhothai Hotel - St Andrews International School Dusit Campus Professional family entertainment shows & educational performances given by volunteer, Clown Eckie.</p>	<p>Monday 28th morning; Nya Li Ah Hta Migrant Learning Centre, Tak Province, Thailand. 120 children & 60 adults served. Afternoon; Champion Migrant Learning Centre, Mae Sot, Thailand. 140 children & 70 adults served.</p> <p>Tuesday 29th Morning; CDC Migrant Learning Centre, Mae Sot, Thailand. 1,000 children & 32 teachers served. Afternoon; SAW Secondary School, Mae Sot, Thailand. 240 children & 100 adults served. SAW Safe house/orphanage, Mae Sot, Thailand. 107 children & 60 adults served.</p> <p>Wednesday 30th Morning; Pyo Khinn Learning Centre, Mae Sot, Thailand. 128 children and 80 adults served. Afternoon; Parahita Learning Centre, Tak Province, Thailand. 137 children & 70 adults served.</p>
Total value of goods and services given; B-225,000.00.	Number of poor people served by GoHF = 2,344

Project reports by Mr Martin Kneath and Eddie Haworth. Additional report by Mr Terry Sherwood.



Sunday 27th August 2017 saw The Gift of Happiness August 'Aid & Show Giving Project' departed Bangkok at about 10.30am heading for Mae Sot, a regular trip, as there are so many children in great need of clothes, toys, educational resources and of course The GoHF 'Clown Eckie Buffoonery Shows'.

Eddie Haworth as Founder/Director of GoHF lead the trip, with 'Bob' the driver and general 'goffer', plus two volunteers in the shape of Terry Sherwood and Martin Kneath.

The journey was uneventful until the 3 vehicles, plus Eddies Royal Enfield motorcycle convoy started the ascent the steep mountain pass leading to Mae Sot, at which point Eddie's car suddenly went into 'Safe Mode'!



After some thought, the filter was removed and shaken and discussions about re-booting the onboard computer by turning off the engine were had. We decided not to do so as we were in a fairly remote location and it was close to dusk when the partial shut-down occurred; thus, the convoy continued over the mountain at the 'Safe Mode' speed of 20-kph! Even lorries were overtaking us. Therefore, we arrived at our usual cheap guest house later than anticipated, but not too late to grace our frequently used Casa Mia restaurant for the evening meal of Burmese, French and Thai cuisine.



Nya Li Ah Hta Migrant Learning Centre

Day 1 - A quick visit to the Burmese Migrant Education Workers Committee BMWEC offices to seek information about the whereabouts of the two migrant children's schools, in fact, initiated one of the staff to accompany us and provide accurate directions to the schools. The visit to Nya Li Ah Hta Migrant Learning Centre took us through sweetcorn and sugarcane fields, located very close to the Thai/Burma border. Upon our arrival at the Nya Li Ah Hta farm workers settlement where the small school is located we received a very warm welcome from the 120 children and 3 teachers who were waiting patiently to receive their gifts of happiness for the second time this year. Of course, the donations of educational supplies, toys and essential clothing, plus Clown Eckie's brand new All-singing-N-all-dancing-Buffoonery Show were very much appreciated by the whole community.



HAPPINESS at Champion Migrant Learning Centre



Motorcycle helmet education at Li Ah Hta Migrant Learning Centre, Tak Province, Thailand

Lunch was had on the move as we headed 40 kilometers back to the area of Mae Sot city limits where the friendship bridge crosses into Burma and where the Champion Migrant Learning Centre is located. This is another very small school educating around 140 primary aged children who are clearly desperately in need of support.

The long-standing Head of the school, gave us all a very warm welcome and the wonderful staff obviously had the children's best interests at heart, as could be seen by so many happy and receptive faces from start to finish of what they referred to as this fabulous Go-Happiness presentation!



Day two - took us to a vastly different school – CDC – 1000 pupils, 50% of whom are cared for in boarding facilities.

It was decided by the school's administration that not all the children would fit into the auditorium; therefore, Kindergarten and Primary children filed in, naturally excited by the prospect of a Buffoonery Show. It did not take long before secondary students crept into the back and many were seen hanging over the balconies that surrounded the auditorium!



There have been some additions to the Show's display – large banner's showing the GoHF generous supporters - Monroe and Seleco Seaweed, plus three Clown Eddie life size heads, which have recently been renovated. Also notable was that a number of the children spotted their photos on Eddie's car – The children are looking at their photos taken a few years earlier created great amusement and happiness!



Photos of children looking at their photos taken a few years earlier created great amusement and happiness!

Lunch was had at a frequently visited restaurant near the airport and the Friendship Bridge before driving across town to give some more happiness to another school full of poor children. The SAW (Social Action for Women) school has been visited by GoHF and Eddie's team since 2006 and we received another very warm welcome as the convoy arrived with Dr. Zaw at the forefront of the welcome.

Eddie, as his usual want, continues to adapt the show and during this project, a magnificently constructed sousaphone which is a brass instrument in the same family as the more widely known tuba. It was designed to be easier to play than the concert tuba while standing or marching, as well as to carry the sound of the instrument above the heads of the band.



Eddie constructed with TWO horned sousaphone and invited children to play it – not easy as it needs to be balanced on the shoulders and then blown into the mouthpiece in a particular way to create its unique sound!

A quick journey to Dr Zaw's safe house for women and orphaned children enabled GoHF to donate a great deal of well needed bedding, clothes, toys, medical supplies and other donations. The arrival of the children coming back from school was its usual tumbling out of the songthaews (School Busses) and cries of recognition as they realised that Clown Eddie was waiting to see them.



Go Happiness brings yet another truckload of essentials to Dr Zaw's Safe House for Women and Children, Mae Sot, Thailand

Wednesday, the final day, saw the Project visit Pyo Khinn Learning Centre situated near the Mae Sot Hospital, a very small school, with dedicated teachers and Head. The children engaged with the Show with huge enthusiasm and were genuinely thankful for all the wonderful gifts of educational supplies, toys, clothing, bedding/towels and of course the most memorable clown show they had ever seen.

After a quick lunch at a roadside eatery near the main Mae Sot hospital we collected our guide from the BMWEC office, then headed out to the Parahita Learning Centre found 25 km south of Mae Sot and in the grounds of a Buddhist Monastery, where we were greeted with great big smiles and helpful hands ready to unload the donations.

As has already been stated, Eddie likes to tweek the Show and introduced a 'water soaker' rather than his usual 'squirting umbrella', which made that part of the show much wetter and enjoyable. Here we also experienced the best performer on the sousaphone from the audience! After the big show, we handed over another important truckload of essential goods to sustain the children and adults until our next delivery of essentials in January 2018.

Following the last great show of the week we headed back to the Thai/Burma border near Mae Sot to drop-off the last delivery of essential bedding, toweling (Donated by Park Plaza Hotel BKK) and medical supplies to the well-known Mae Tao free Clinic. The staff at this remarkable Clinic serving thousands of migrant families, received the donations with great humility and were genuinely pleased to see Eddie.



Thursday saw an uneventful return trip to Bangkok other than a beneficial shopping trip to the Thanon Thongchai Mountain Range Doi Muser Hill Tribe Market.

Eddie says; We arrived back in the City just before dinnertime to count our blessings and ponder on the fate of all those poor people who are struggling to survive in harsh/hot conditions that are only made a little easier by receiving our occasional 'Gifts of Happiness' - We simply could not keep doing this very important work without the fantastic support of our regular sponsors and the amazingly generous people who give so much of their used clothing, toys and so much more. Thank you!

Please read this additional report by Mr Terry Sherwood;



Mae Sot Migrant Schools etc – Clown Show & Donations Trip (27-31 Aug '17)

This was my umpteenth trip to help Eddie with his ongoing mission to deliver happiness and gifts to the underprivileged and I have to say that it was the most fun to date – please allow me to explain (but you'll have to read/skip to the end!).

Go Happiness volunteer Mr Terry Sherwood

I was unable to help with the loading on the Saturday, but I came prepared for the long haul up north on the Sunday with Eddie, Martin and "Bob" – bag and snacks packed and ready for a bit of a chinwag on the journey (those who know me will know that I am not averse to the occasional short chat or more). Martin assumed the role of "tail gunner" for our small convoy with Bob sandwiched in the middle and later I took over the driving of the Go-Happiness, (Monroe consulting group sponsored) truck for the final leg over the mountains (and tried not to annoy Bob too much with my music selection). A glitch with Eddie's pick up over the mountain added an hour to our trip but we soon settled ourselves into our rooms at the guesthouse, Bob made sure Eddie's motorbike was unloaded safely from its trailer then it was off to our preferred eatery for a quick meal and beverages before settling down for the night.

Monday saw us heading to the Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee for concise directions to both of our Day 1 schools which resulted in one of their staff kindly accompanying us for the day. I was charged with driving Eddie's truck while he drove his motorcycle which is used as an educational tool to help kids understand the importance of wearing crash helmets. The kids and staff at Nya Li Ah Hta Learning Centre were excited to see Eddie's truck preceded by Eddie himself on his trusty Royal Enfield. The excitement was soon rewarded by a super

buffoonery show after Martin, Bob and I had set everything up followed by many photos by some of the staff – Martin was busy snapping away throughout the show (when Bob wasn't photo-bombing!).

Our second show at Champion Learning Centre seemed to follow almost immediately even though we had obviously packed up and left the previous location in an orderly/organized (ish) fashion. This show seemed to have even more excited kids and staff attending and Eddie delivered another wonderful show, improvising when necessary as some of the kids got over excited – this made Martin and I chuckle and throw in a few friendly heckles to add to the madness (which we are pretty sure that Eddie appreciated).

Martin kindly returned our accompanying BMWEC staff member to their offices and we all met up again at the Gust house in Mae Sot City.

Tuesday started off with a visit to one of the biggest places schools that we visit – the CDC Residential Migrant School – with approximately 1,000 students attending the show from kindergarten up to Grade 12. Despite some initial logistical/staffing issues of the CDC, we managed to get everything set up and eventually the buffoonery could begin. Slightly riotous by the end, I seem to recall that Bob did less photo-bombing on this occasion and Martin must have completed almost a half marathon rushing around trying to capture as many images of the rapturous audience as possible.

After a quick lunch at one of our favorite eateries, we hurried to set up for the next show and donation giving at SAW Secondary School. Bob and I were equally guilty of photo-bombing here and Martin and I decided to continue our friendly heckling which had all three of us giggling as much as the students.

End of show photos completed, we then headed off to Dr. Zaw's Safehouse which is always emotive for all of us and handed over a huge amount of donations. The cheering of the kids as they returned from school and saw Eddie's pickup in front of their home almost choked me however I managed to keep my composure and safely managed to resist trying to adopt as many of them as possible. It was also a privilege to meet Dr. Zaw's wife on this occasion and to see that the doctor himself is recovering so very well from his own medical challenges.

Back to the guesthouse and get ourselves ready for another evening meal in town – Martin was extremely polite despite most of his menu choices not being available – and then back to e-mails and internet work for us all.

Wednesday required another trip to the BMWEC for their staff to show us the way to the Pyo Khinn Learning Centre and by this time, the well-oiled machine of Martin, Bob and I sprang into action to set everything up in almost no time at all. There was no Eddie on his motorbike today due to both terrain and weather. This show seemed to fly past as all four of us were also laughing on many occasions however Eddie managed, as always, to preserve his professionalism and deliver another side splitting show – the staff particularly (and a visiting foreign teacher) were in laughing tears at times.

Packing up gets quicker and easier after each show as so many donations are given at each location so we were quickly ready and off to our lunch location at which Bob managed to get himself four meals due to mis-translations – to his credit, he ate them all which greatly impressed all of us (and the café staff of course). Eddie happily paid the bill for all the meals at an amazingly cheap cost of less than 200-THB!

Our final show was delivered to the Buddhist monks led Parahita Learning Centre where I have also been before. Fortunately, the front of the Centre has now been fitted with mesh-type doors which keeps out the numerous dogs around, so we were able to set up without having to step in anything or trip over the mutts. This was perhaps the best show of the trip with Eddie barely able to stop himself from laughing which of course was contagious leading to many adults and kids doubled up around the building.

A quick pack up and we were off to our final stop, the incredible Mae Tao Clinic which serves thousands (and I'm probably being very conservative in my guesswork) of migrants from both sides of the border. This was simply a donation stop however it was, as always, very gratefully received and appreciated by the super staff there with a promise by Eddie to deliver another show on one of the next soonest trips please.

A final evening meal at our restaurant/café of the week, we all got what we ordered this time, and then it was back to the guesthouse for a last nights' stay and internet work – Eddie and Martin beaver away sorting photo's and text etc for the gohappiness.org website (I went straight to bed and scared the geckos off with my snoring!).

The trip back was dotted with a couple of rest stops including at the great mountain market, Doi Muser, where Eddie, Martin and I stocked up on our necessities (for ourselves and others) which of course are both great value and ultra-fresh.

This was an even more memorable trip for me because it is the first time that I have seen Eddie laughing so much during his shows – as a friend of many years this was/is wonderful for me equally because he deserves it and because he suffers so much from painful ill health. Additionally, the repartee between the three of us, and Bob when we could include him, and he include us, created a super environment throughout the trip – bring on the September trip!

Thanks Eddie, Martin and Bob – stay safe and I'll be seeing you again soon – don't say you haven't been warned!

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17 to 24/09/2017 Project;

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6-day project: 23/12/17 to 29/12/17. (Prep/loading/breakdown: 23/12/17 & 29/12/17)	Schools/Orphanages served with goods and services, by GoHF
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Mr Nicol Burr - Mr Martin Kneath - Jon Matthews - Pru Colville - Jordan Colville - Khun Wat, Mae Sot & Umphang</p> <p>Paid staff: (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) - Khun Chutchada (Aiw) จัณญิณี General Manager at GoHF and Khun Polchanok Buasorn sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation.</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corporation - Martin Kneath - Khun Wat , Mae Sot & Umphang extra 4x4</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corp - Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand - British Women's Group BKK.</p> <p>Individual donations: via bank transfers/PayPal: = 11,000-THB</p> <p>Administration and location guides: Chutchada (Aiw) จัณญิณี General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Khun Wat, Mae Sot & Umphang – Mr. Eddie Haworth.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 3,220 children & adults at 6 hill-tribe villages & government schools.</p> <p>Goods and services given: Sukhumvit Park Plaza Hotel - Professional family entertainment shows & educational performances given by volunteer, Clown Eckie.</p> <p>500 NEW UNIFORMS & UNDERWEAR SETS GIVEN BY: Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers - Rotary Club of Hythe, Kent UK District 1120 - Negotech/Sourirres D'Ailleurs - Exo Foundation. 200 PAIRS NEW SHOES: Individual donation from Khun Malinee Wongdee</p>	<p>17 Sept: Preparation/loading day.</p> <p>18 Sept: Driving day.</p> <p>19 Sep'17 morning, Driving:</p> <p>Afternoon: รร. ตชด. บ้านแม่กลองดี Tor Chor Dor Baan Mea Klong Kee government school. 360 children/19 teachers</p> <p>20 Sep'17 Morning: 2.1 Paw bu la hta hill-tribe school. 290 children/9 teachers + Villagers</p> <p>20 Sep'17 Afternoon: 2.2 รร. บ้านไม้กระพวง Baan Mai Kra Pong government school. 300 children/11 teachers</p> <p>21 Sep'17 Morning: 3.1 klaw gaw hill-tribe school. 230 children/7 teachers. + Villagers</p> <p>21 Sep'17 Afternoon: 3.2 kaw hser hill-tribe school. 340 children/10 teachers + Villagers</p> <p>22 Sep'17 Morning: 4.1 รร.บ้านปรอผาดี Baan Pror Pha Do government school. 390 children/17 teachers.</p> <p>22 Sep'17 Afternoon: Driving.</p> <p>23 Sep'17: driving day.</p> <p>24 Sep'17: Laundry, vehicle maintenance & web publishing day.</p>
Total value of goods and services given; ฿-739,600.00.	Total number of children and adults served; 3,200.

Report; GoHF Aid Giving Project to Umphang 17th – 24th September 2017. By volunteer, Nicol Burr
Sunday 17th September 2017. Loading day at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok.

Quote from the GoHF F/Book page;

Big Loading Day at the Go Happiness Centre! Off we go yet again to the North of Thailand with another 3 truckloads of essentials for more than 1,000 children in need. Just like a couple of weeks ago.

BUT this time we have 500 BRAND NEW UNIFORMS...COMPLETE WITH 500 SETS OF UNDERWEAR AND 200 PAIRS OF NEW SHOES! ALL to-go with bags-n-bags of toys, used clothing, bedding, toiletries and educational supplies!

How HAPPY we are to be giving so much HAPPINESS to so many poor people again and again...It's all because of **YOU**, our followers who give so much of these essential goods to the poor. **THANK YOU!**

End quote.



Monday 18th September 2017.

Leaving time was arranged for 10 am on the Monday morning, and after dropping my child off at school, I received a call from Eddie to say that the proposed leaving time would be delayed as his chariot had become unwell and was in the garage near the Go Happiness Centre. As I still had some loading to do, I continued with my plans to arrive at the Go Happiness Centre early to help load Mr Martin Kneaths' vehicle with some 500 uniforms, generously donated by three groups mentioned on this page.

On the way to the Go Happiness Centre Eddie called again and asked if I could chauffeur three of his friends from their hotel. They are Jon, Pru and their teenage grandson, Jordan who'd arrived a few hours earlier from Sydney. Only too happy to help, off I went to collect and deliver them to the Go Happiness Centre.



Just a few of the 500 Brand New Uniforms and Sets of Underwear for Very Poor Children!

We loaded the uniforms into Martins vehicle and waited for Eddie who arrived ten minutes later. We proceeded to load Eddie's chariot with his show gear and his friends movie equipment as they are doing a documentary about Eddie's life. There will also be a book about it too. We left rather later than planned but made good time as the roads were quite quiet. A quick stop for lunch/toilet break at the regular petrol station and off we went again. A short stop at the road side to check the cover on Eddie's roof rack as it had started flapping a bit. Once repaired, we were off again, without incident to the next stop before we climbed the mountain pass to Mae Sot.

A quick toilet stop and driver change in the Monroe sponsored truck fully loaded with goodies for the needy kids and families in the remote region of Umphang, North Thailand. It was a rather slow and tedious trip over the mountains, as there were road works and slow-moving trucks for most of the way.

Part of just one truckload of Great Gifts for the poor children.

We arrived at the accommodation around 7 pm where we met our guide Khun Wat, checked in and went for some much-needed nourishment at a local eatery. Off to bed to recharge the batteries for to give all the uniforms, undies, toys educational goods etc, plus six of Clown Eckie's finest shows for all the kids, parents and teachers.

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Up early for breakfast and headed off around 9-am to the first school and show planned. We travelled 4 hours to the first school of the project school about 160kms from Mae Sot and 40kms short of Umphang in the middle of the mountains between the two towns. This serpentine road through the mountains was once again slowly traversed as the van was loaded to the roof. On occasions first and second gears were required to climb some of the steeper part of the way. We stopped at a view point on the way, only to find that the brakes of the van had overheated with the strenuous breaking required to slow the van down for the numerous bends in the road. I had to start engine braking to help keep the brakes from totally overheating.

We arrived at the first school and set up the show gear and donations before Eddie did his show, which was, as usual, excellent and all the kids and teachers seemed to enjoy the show. This was the only show on day one as we had travelled so far from Mae Sot to reach this very remote area. We packed up and headed to the accommodation for the next three nights. We ate at a local eatery on the banks of the river and Eddie was very happy as they had French Fries (his favorite). Back to the accommodation, which was a rather quaint place, with lots of fauna and flora everywhere, situated on the banks of the river Umphang. My room was overlooking the river and the noise of the river made it very relaxing and helped me sleep easily. Although Eddie said he didn't sleep quite so well on his so-called concrete mattress in a wooden room with no air-conditioning and the sounds of the jungle keeping him awake all night?



Wednesday 20th September 2017

Once again, an early start, breakfast at 7:30 am, ready to leave at 8-30-am, for the 40 km trip to meet Khun Wats' father who agreed to help us drive to the remote schools planned for that day. We transferred lots of goodies and uniforms for the children into his 4x4 truck as the road was impassable by any normal vehicle. Whilst loading the trucks Martin was surprised by two Mynah birds squabbling around his head as he strapped goodies to his roof rack.



Eddie's truck must be well maintained to bring the goods to remote hill-tribe villages in Thailand

He thought one bird had flown into his car, but a quick check revealed nothing. We continued to load up and I decided to help Martin tie down the load on the roof rack. It required me to open the rear door of his car and as I did so out flew one of the Mynah birds, which had secreted itself in the rear of Martins car. Everyone thought that was funny except me! We set off for the school and took around 45 minutes to reach the school. The road was up through corn fields into the mountains and riddled with craters and small fjords to cross quite deep in mud and concealed rocks. The scenery was stunning and the outcrop of bamboo hut, houses and different crops they grew were amazing to see. We once again set up the show at hill-tribe school, donations displayed, and Eddie did his thing! The school had no electricity, so Eddie had to use a battery power pump for his balloon inflation routine, which all the kids really enjoyed. Once the show ended, we distributed the first lot of 200+ uniforms and a big load of other essential goodies to the children. We said our goodbyes and returned to our van to reload more supplies for the second school. We had a quick lunch, of local noodles and pork before we set off to the next show. Luckily this time the school was on the opposite side of the road from where we had our lunch, so it took all of 5 minutes to get there. Once again set up the show, display the donations and Eddie does his magic.

Some of the luckier children wearing clean uniforms while still living in very harsh conditions. All credit to their parents!

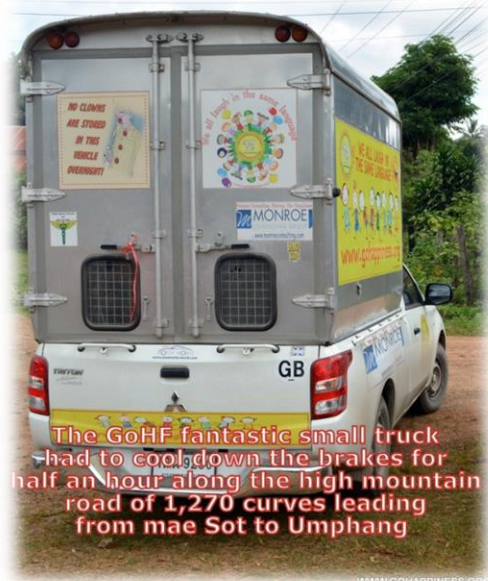
The show was once again well received by all the children and teaching staff. Even though this was a Thai government school rather than the majority of hill-tribe schools in the area, the children were still coming from poor or very poor backgrounds and I was most impressed by the way they all appeared to be so well dressed in their scout and guide uniforms. That must be very hard for the parents to maintain and can only be done through working long hours on the steep mountain terraces that produce a lot of the food we eat back in Bangkok.



Thursday 21st September 2017

Once again an early start, breakfast at 7:30 am, ready to leave at 8:30am, for the 40 km trip to meet Khun Wats' father again. We transferred more goodies to his 4x4 ready for the next trip up through the corn fields to the next remote school. This was a very hard ride as the road was in even worse condition than the road the day before. We manage to arrive safely, without too much trouble, but there were a few scary moments crossing the very small bridge in big 4x4 vehicles. We arrived at the first school and set up the show once more. Donations were displayed and Eddie did his show. We distributed another 300 uniforms to the hill-tribe children attending the school. We were running late due to the slow drive up and down the mountain road, to our RV point to reload Khun Wats' fathers truck with another load of goodies before lunch. Here we had a minor mishap as we loaded Martins car with goodies. We had so many donations in his car that the back door would not close, so I put my arm in to push the bags, but Khun Pen (aka Bob) decided to slam the tailgate and push with all his might to shut the door, unfortunately trapping my arm in the process, causing me some pain. Finally, we managed to shut the tailgate and head off up through the corn fields again to the next school. Another extremely long slow drive through beautiful scenery to the school, where we once again set up the show, displayed donations and Eddie did his show. Once again there was no electricity so the battery powered pump came into operation. Once the show

was completed, down came the show gear and reloaded into the vehicles for the slow trip back down the mountain.



We stopped on the way for a few stunning photos of the surrounding mountains enveloped by fog. Amazing. Back to the Umphang and since we were running late we decided to go to eat as soon as we reached Umphang. Another local eatery before we headed back to our accommodation for a night cap and a good night's sleep. The last three days may have been impossible without the help from Khun Wat and his father. I thank you for your help and support over the last couple of days.

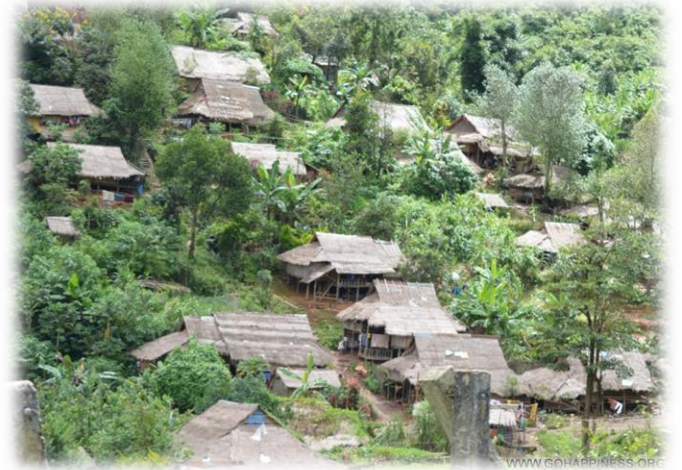


Misty mountains near Umphang, North Thailand

Friday 22nd September 2017

A slightly later breakfast today as we only had one show to do at the last school before our two-day drive back to Bangkok. We checked out of the concrete bed accommodation and packed all the gear into the trucks for the 45-minute drive to the last school of the trip. The owner of the accommodation was a very nice lady who came out to say goodbye. We talked about her garden and I mentioned I liked her orchids. To my great surprise she offered to give me one for my garden at home. She then surprised everyone with lots of lemons from her garden for everyone. What a very nice lady.

We arrived at the school and set up and displayed the show and donations. Eddie did his show and we were ready to pack up and return, through the mountains to Mae Sot. This was another four-hour drive as we were concerned about the brakes on the truck overheating again. It was an uneventful trip and the brakes were fine, as the van was now empty. We arrived in Mae Sot and checked in to our accommodation.



We all went to another local eatery for a final meal in Mae Sot, before the long drive home on Saturday. We had a good night's rest after a quick night cap and a chat about the trip.

Saturday 23rd September 2017

We had breakfast at 8am and left the accommodation at 9am. We stopped at M.... market for some fresh fruits and some wild boar. Off through the mountains and back to Bangkok. A quick stop for lunch and another driver change. Once we hit route 9, the heavens opened up and it was a long slow crawl all the way back to Bangkok. We arrived back at the office at 6:30 pm to a flooded garden and a dark office as there had been a power outage. Glad to be back but this trip will always stick with me as all the children were fun to be around and the scenery was spectacular.

End report, by Nicol Burr.

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

October 2017. 18/10/17 Appeal;

FOOD AID NEEDED NOW!

Gift of Happiness Foundation (GoHF) is in great need of food supplies for 400 Ethnic "Shan" Hill-tribe people living in a small refugee camp in north Thailand!

GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth attended an important panel discussion at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand on Wednesday 18th Oct; He learned about the terrible plight of 400 refugees living at a hillside refugee camp in the far north of Thailand, from the Director of the Shan Human Rights Foundation (SHRF). They have recently lost their food supplies since a long-term donor group pulled-out of the food support program. "Reasons are complicated and we are not here to discuss the political situation".



GoHF Past Food Aid Project. North Thailand.

Eddie promised the Director of SHRF, Ms Nang Charn Tong, that GoHF would be happy to deliver a small truckload of food within the next week or so. He made that promise on the understanding that GoHF was due to receive a truckload of food from a food recycling organisation in Bangkok the very next day, 19th Oct.

Unfortunately, the recycling organisation was unable to fulfil their original offer to give at least one truckload and instead only sent a few small carrier bags of tinned & dried food.

SO WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

This is what the people need;

Dried food, tinned food, tinned fish, pasta or bags of rice.

Send or bring any amount of food to our Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok...or send us a donation of cash to buy food and fuel for us to deliver at least one truckload to these poor people.

We will deliver directly to people in the camp...on 27th to 1st December 2017.

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

Project 24/10/17.

Eddie Haworth Introduction to His Royal Highness Prince Andrew

Eddie Haworth is proud announce, he has been introduced to the British Duke of York, His Royal Highness Prince Andrew on the occasion of his visit to attend Royal Cremation Ceremony of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

*The British Ambassador, Mr. Brian Davidson
requests the pleasure of the company of*

Mr. Eddie Haworth

at a reception in the presence of HRH The Duke of York KG

on 24 October 2017 at 18:00 hours

The Residence

R.S.V.P. 19 October 2017

British Embassy

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His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, Duke of York, arrived in Thailand on an official visit as representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to attend the Royal Cremation Ceremony of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

Eddie Haworth was one of the honored guests invited to attend a reception held at the British Ambassador's residence in Bangkok on the evening of the 24th October 2017.

Eddie Haworth says...

I am so proud to have been introduced to His Royal Highness The Duke of York, Prince Andrew by the British Ambassador to Thailand, His Excellency Mr. Brian Davidson. I was privileged to enjoy a short chat with the Duke about the Thai registered charity I founded in 2005, Gift of Happiness Foundation.

Picture

I was equally delighted to hear some most commendable comments from the Duke about how much I and my trusty team of fellow British and other nationality expatriate volunteers have achieved over the years.

Those lovely comments coupled with a recent commendation (Pictured Below) from the British Ambassador go a long way to help me stay focused on the important work I am so dedicated too here in Thailand.



It is my intention to continue helping the less fortunate people living in my adopted country of Thailand for many more years to come, so I urge all our followers to keep-up the good work of supporting our HAPPY little team in our efforts to spread a little joy to those who most need it.

Thank you One-And-All

26 October 2017.

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



Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has died 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.

Heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and people of Thailand

British Founder of the Thai registered charity Gift of Happiness Foundation, Eddie Haworth simply wishes to publicly convey his heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and people of Thailand who are observing the funeral and cremation of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej today. R.I.P. King Bhumibol Adulyadej.



In memory of the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

Gift of Happiness Foundation Founder, Eddie Haworth respecting the memory of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok.

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

October 2017. 30/10/17 Project;

Bangkok Slums Normally Unseen!

Bangkok Slum Dwellers Get Help from HAPPINESS Charity

2-day project: Prep/loading/breakdown: 30/10/17 & 31/10/17	Poor people served with goods and services, by GoHF
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Sally Voravarn, Wendy Rankine, Gale Bailey MBE, Mrs. Sue Steel - Anne Bailey, Sharon Skovron, Maha Avashova and Karnjana Somkhuntod (Karn), Nicol Burr, Ailsa Kneath.</p> <p>Paid staff (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) - Khun Chutchada (Aiw) ^{ผู้จัดการทั่วไป} General Manager at GoHF and Khun Polchanok Buasorn sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation.</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corp.</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corp - Wendy Rankine, Melbourne Australia - Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand - British Women's Group BKK - Bangkok St Georges Society. Sue & Alan Scott, UK.</p> <p>Administration & guides: Chutchada (Aiw) ^{ผู้จัดการทั่วไป} General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation - Karnjana Somkhuntod, Nok Mills - Mr Eddie Haworth.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 48 families living in slum conditions.</p> <p>Goods and services given: Bedding, towelling, toiletries and household goods.</p>	<p>30 Oct: Preparation/loading day.</p> <p>31 Oct: Project day at two slum communities in the area of On Nut Road, Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>1. Wat Rats Community Address : Sukhumvit 77 Onnut 30 Suan Luang Bangkok 10250</p> <p>2. Construction worker camp Address : Sukhumvit 77 Onnut 36 Suan Luang Bangkok 10250</p>
Total value of goods and services given; ฿-129,000.00.	Total number of children and adults served; 87.



Bangkok Slum Bathroom

This one-day aid giving project took place in two slum communities, both of which are close to the location of the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok. GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth organized a team of volunteers coming from the UK, Australia, Singapore and expats living in Thailand, to meet-up at the Gohappiness Centre for a briefing on the big day of giving to the poor slum dwellers in Bangkok.

The people at both places we visited were in great need of everything we gave them and they all shows amazing dignified appreciation of the goods and cash hand-outs that we gave them.

Cash was only given to those who had stayed in the slum to receive our visit instead of going out to collect scrap paper and glass for recycling...a thankless way of making a very small amount per day, but there's no social security payments here. That's why we help them!

We appeal for donors to give a couple of walking frames or other walking aids for some of the older people who cannot walk without such assistance. Please inbox charity@gohappiness.org Thank you.



Volunteers gather at Go Happiness Centre for briefing on the aid giving at Bangkok Slums Oct 2017

Here is a lovely text message received from a volunteer from Australia;

Morning, just wanted to say thank you for another eye-opening day, a reality check on one's life. Always leave feeling good and want to do more. I hope the children's clothes (given by my very privileged grandchildren) are given to Kids so deserving, knowing the list of places you visit, I'm sure they will. I know the toiletries will be given to people in need, only a small contribution, but I am sure every little bit helps.

I look forward to seeing the amazing pics Nic took, and if it's OK by you I may copy some of them to add to my photos. So, till next time, take care, be well, luv from Sharon!



Thank you to Gift of Happiness Foundation

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

November 2017 Project.

Food Aid for Refugees and poor children in North Thailand.

Food Aid Given by Go Happiness to Shan Refugees plus 170 refugee/migrant schoolchildren and families living in and outside the Koug Jor Refugee Camp in the far north of Thailand. Plus 80 children and teachers at two Thai Government schools for poor farming families near Tak, N. Thailand.

26/11/17 to 01.12/17 (Prep/loading/breakdown: 26/11/17 & 03/12/17)	Poor people served with goods and services, by GoHF
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Karnjana Somkhuntod (Karn), Ailsa Kneath, Martin Kneath, Marc Hagelauer, Khun Charnee Jongmeesook (May), Mrs Bob,</p> <p>Paid staff (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) - Khun Chutchada (AiW) နမ္မာ ချီ General Manager at GoHF and Khun Polchanok Buasorn also sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation.</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group, Clown Eckie Corp.</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corp, Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand, Smart Soft Asia Co., Ltd, Regents International School, Bangkok, St Stephens International School, Bangkok, St Andrews International School Bangna Campus, Bangkok. Seleco Seaweed Snacks, The Ebrahim family (who sponsored most of the rice!) Soap given by Brand Maithong soap Company P&T Siam, Bangkok</p> <p>Administration & guides: Chutchada (AiW) နမ္မာ ချီ General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Karnjana Somkhuntod, K. Kham Oun (Shan State Refugee Committee -Thai Border), Mr Eddie Haworth.</p> <p>Goods and services given: 4+ tonnes of food aid, Bedding, toweling, toiletries, clothing for children and adults, educational supplies, medical supplies and household goods. Professionally produced entertainment for hundreds of people.</p>	<p>26/11/17: Preparation/loading day.</p> <p>27/11/17: Driving day (15 hour drive!) from Bangkok to Chiang Dao.</p> <p>28/11/17: 4 hour drive to Visit the Koug Jor Refugee Camp and Shan Community School, then 4 hour drive back to Chiang Dao.</p> <p>29/11/17: Driving day from Chiang Dao to Tak City.</p> <p>30/11/17: Visit to 2 Thai Government schools, Chumchon Ban Wang Hin School and Ban Ko Ai Duan School 30 kilometers from Tak City.</p> <p>01/12/17: Driving day from Tak City to the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok.</p> 
<p>Total value of goods and services given;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">฿-348,800.00. (\$.10,676.77-USD).</p>	<p>Total number of children and adults served;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">590.</p>

We are starting this extraordinary project report with a very special note of Thanks to the amazing individual donor who sponsored the new Gift of Happiness Foundation Trailer without which we simply could not have delivered nearly as much as we did!



GoHF Trailer sponsored by a trusting friend of the foundation. THANK YOU!

Sunday 26th November through to Friday 1st December 2017. Gift of Happiness Foundation give more than 4 tonnes of food aid and around one tonne of clothing, toys, toiletries and other essential goods. Plus, massive afternoons of pure unadulterated FUN, when the Go Happiness Clown gives major stage performances involving lots of Shan Refugees and poor Thai children alongside many parents and teachers!

The refugee camp is in a very remote mountainous region 6 hours north of Chiang Mai reachable by a 2 day drive from Bangkok. The convoy of 2 SUVs, a high-top pick-up truck and the GoHF new Mega Sized Trailer delivered all the goods necessary to feed around 370 refugees for a few months, until they start to receive a regular supply of food from one of the large NGOs who are now committed to serving them starting in 2018.

With support from the Shan State Refugee Committee -Thai Border the GoHF team of 6 volunteers and paid drivers visited the Koung Jor Refugee Camp on 28th November and then moved-on to the near-by Shan community school to give a great afternoon of fun entertainment, gifts of toys, clothing, educational supplies and a little bit of English teaching delivered by the Go Happiness Clown and retired teachers from a major International School in Bangkok.



29th November saw the start another long drive to Tak Province where the small team of volunteers visited two Thai Government schools for poor children coming from families of rural farm workers. The Clown gave two spectacular performances and more English language lessons throughout his performances.



Only a small part of around 4 tonnes of food and 2 tonnes of clothing, educational supplies and toys for delivery by Gift of Happiness Foundation to Shan refugees in North Thailand Nov 2017.

Go Happiness Trailer being loaded with bags of clothing, bedding, toys, educational supplies & rice donated by kind hearted individuals from Bangkok



The journey from the refugee camp to Tak was one of the most terrifying drives ever undertaken by GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth due to the trailer being unloaded of all the heavy sacks of rice and other goods that had weighed down the large new addition the GoHF transportation stable. We also had a few minor mechanical problems to solve in the nearest town of Chiang Dao before we could set-off on the next 400 kilometre section of this epic tour, but the main problems started when Eddie's rig reached the main Asia 2 Highway and we were able to pick up speed.



In short, the weight distribution inside trailer caused it to start snaking whenever Eddie's truck reached 80-Kph until on one occasion the whole thing went into a serious snaking wobble that almost flipped the truck and trailer unit over! This would have no doubt caused the very sudden demise of our Founder and number one Clown who was driving the rig at the time, and it may have also messed-up the free flow of traffic on one of S E Asia's major highways for an afternoon or so?





Following that death defying incident, our volunteer, Mr. Martin Kneath (retired Principal of Regents International school) worked-out the rather technical details of how best to re-distribute the weight of Eddie's emergency purchase half a dozen heavy sacks of cement inside the truck and trailer, so once we had properly organized the weight, we were able to complete the last 150 kilometers or so to Tak without too much trouble, but still at a reduced speed.



We arrived in Tak city just in time for an evening meal and a much-deserved early night before delivering even more goods and HAPPINESS shows to another few hundred poor children who attend 2 Thai Government schools catering for rural farming communities.

Then back to Bangkok on the 1st of December to get ready for action, as attendees at a large family event first thing Saturday morning 2nd December at a Shrewsbury International school in the City.

Next GoHF aid giving project is 24th to 29th December 2017 when a small team of volunteers will visit Mae Sot to spend a whole week of Christmas cooking for orphans and aid giving to yet another 1000 poor children.

GIFT OF HAPPINESS FOUNDATION

December 2017 Project;

Christmas 2017 Aid Giving for Orphans, Migrant and Garbage Dump Children

This project was part funded by a Generosity Crowdfunding campaign via INDIEGOGO and GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth. Great thanks go to all who supported this special Christmas Aid Giving Project.

Goods and services given: 3.5 tonnes of new and used essential aid like brand new underwear, school uniforms, toys, Bedding, toweling, toiletries, clothing for children and adults, educational supplies, medical supplies and household goods. Professionally produced entertainment for hundreds of people. Number of beneficiaries: approximately 1,300 orphans, schoolchildren and families living in Tak Province, N. Thailand.

6 day project: 23/12/17 to 29/12/17. (Prep/loading/breakdown: 23/12/17 & 29/12/17)	Poor people served with goods and services, by GoHF
<p>Volunteers: Eddie Haworth, Founder/Director at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Quintessa Swindell-Meekins, USA, Sally Voravarn, Ireland, Mr & Mrs Terry and Rapeeporn Sherwood and the amazing Miss Jaci Sherwood, Bangkok, Antione Van Innis, Belgium, pawel szewczyk, Poland, lex luther, Holland and Mr Bob the professional driver.</p> <p>Paid staff (sponsored by Monroe consulting Group): Khun Wanpen Sotiya (AKA Bob) - Khun Chutchada (AiW) ผู้ดูแลทั่วไป General Manager at GoHF and Khun Polchanok Buasorn also sponsored by the Clown Eckie Corporation.</p> <p>Transport sponsored by: Monroe Consulting Group, Clown Eckie Corp.</p> <p>Project sponsors: Monroe Consulting Group - Clown Eckie Corp, Planet of the Crepes USA/Thailand, Smart Soft Asia Co., Ltd, Regents International School, Bangkok, St Stephens International School, Bangkok, St Andrews International School Bangna Campus, Bangkok, Trail International school, Bangkok. Seleo Seaweed Snacks, Soap given by Brand Maithong soap Company P&T Siam, Bangkok. Toothbrushes - Dr. Yoolim Kim, USA Stephen Hunia USA.</p> <p>Administration & guides: Chutchada (AiW) ผู้ดูแลทั่วไป General Manager at Gift of Happiness Foundation, Karnjana Somkhuntod, Mr. Eddie Haworth. Border Patrol Police guides along the remote Thai/Burma Border.</p>	<p>23/12/17: Preparation/loading day. 24/12/17: Driving day from Bangkok to Mae Sot. 25/12/17: Aid Giving all day at Social Action for Women Orphanage, Mae Sot. 26/12/17, morning: Aid Giving at Mae Tao Clinic, Mae Sot. 26/12/17, afternoon: Aid Giving at Community Schoolhouse on the garbage Dump, near Mae Sot. 27/12/17, morning: Aid Giving at Theknik Asia Border Patrol School 75 kilometres (Off-road) from Mae Sot. 27/12/17 afternoon: Aid Giving at Kamado Asia Border Patrol School 85 kilometres (Off-road) from Mae Sot.</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">©WWW.GOHAPPINESS.ORG</p>
<p>Total value of goods and services given;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">฿-318,200.00. (\$,9895.00-USD).</p>	<p>Total number of children and adults served; 1,300.</p>



HAPPY FEET?

Reporting this Christmas Special aid & show giving project.

Eddie Haworth, Founder at Gift of Happiness Foundation cooks a big meal for the orphans every Christmas day then gives tons of presents to as many poor children as possible.

Project report by Eddie Haworth;

Amazing Happiness tinged with great personal sadness...

Quite simply, I'm very proud to announce that this last project of 2017 has proved to be one of the most important **"Gifts of Happiness"** we have given this year to some of the neediest people in my adopted homeland of Thailand. There's a happy volunteer report and loads of pictures below that tell the story of this project, so I won't dwell on those details right now.

Suffice to say I have always tried to produce a personally funded special Christmas Day cooking for Orphans project over the last few years and have done so via a crowdfunding appeal rather than making it purely a Gift of Happiness Foundation (GoHF) project. This year has been no exception, but I didn't reach the target for financing this vital aid and show giving project, so it's become a shared operation between myself and the foundations sponsors.

I am now delighted to give "Great Thanks" to all those who have helped to make this amazing production work for the poor children we have served as I do for all the past support we have received over that last years of operation. To see much more, please look out for our annual report due to be published in late January 2018. It's producing projects like this that often give me a crinkly lip and a great warm and fuzzy feeling deep down inside because I have personal experience of childhood deprivation, so I'm truly passionate about giving our brand of simple unfettered and unconditional happiness to those who need it the most.

Christmas gifts given by students from St Stephens International School, Bangkok and many other kind people who gave so much in 2017



However, on this occasion, I woke to receive some very sad news on Christmas Day. I received a message telling me that a very dear friend from the past has been brutally murdered by her own son (not mine) a couple of days before Christmas.

So, my emotions have been more than a little mixed since I received this terrible news.

But as we say in the entertainment business "The Show MUST Go On" and despite my personal mixed emotions our great team of volunteers helped me through the week since the tragedy struck and I am now planning our next big project to the North of Thailand from 07/01/18 to 11/01/18.



Gift of Happiness Foundation Christmas 2015 aid giving project

December 2017 Project;

Before reading our volunteer report below;

I urge anyone reading this to please share our story of happiness throughout the inter-web and do stay tuned to all that we do every month of the year as we serve an average 1,300 poor people in Thailand with TONNES OF HAPPINESS!

Thank you and Happy New Year to one and all!

Report by volunteer, Mr. Terry Sherwood;

GOH Mae Sot Christmas Trip 2017 Christmas Party, Clown Shows & Donations Trip (22-29 Dec '17)

Regular followers of the Gift of Happiness Foundation will know that I am prone to using numerous superlatives to describe my luck at being able to accompany and help Eddie on his many trips around the kingdom – this one is no exception! 😊

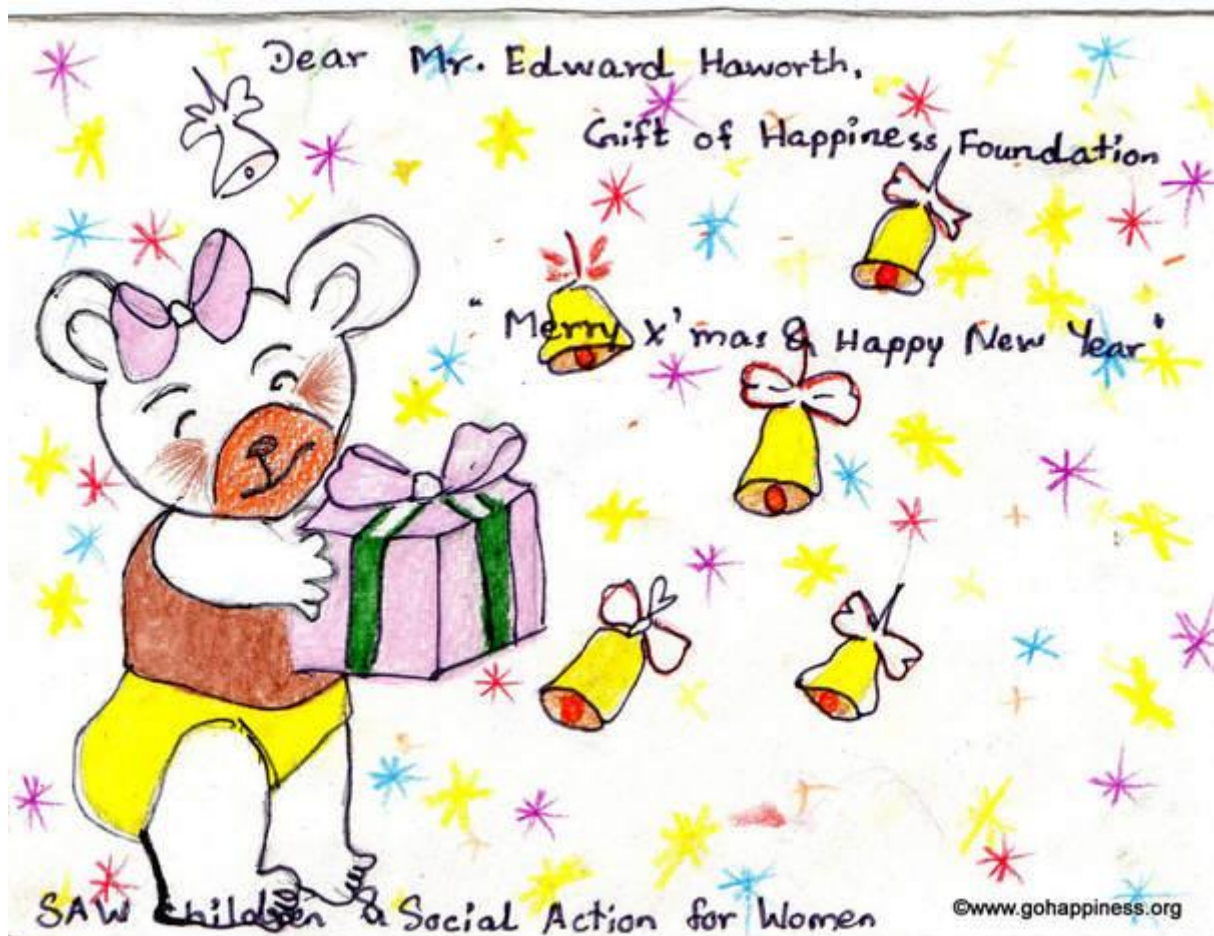
Departing on Christmas Eve, accompanied by my wife (Rapee) and our daughter (Jaci), we joined Eddie and another regular supporter (Sally) for the long trip – khun Baeng ("Bob") followed in the Monroe supplied pickup – with absolutely monumental amounts of goodies in both the newly provided trailer and the redoubtable pick-up truck all of which had been meticulously loaded throughout the days of 22nd and 23rd December by Eddie and Bob. This somewhat limited our normal travelling speed, safe and legal as always, meaning we didn't arrive at our regular guesthouse in Mae Sot, until a little after darkness fell.



There we were met by the vivacious Quintessa, a visitor volunteer from the USA, who quickly connected with Jaci as we all set off for an evening meal together at our regular Casa Mia café/restaurant after the trailer had been disconnected. An excellent mood was established at the meal which set us all up in great spirits for the trip – and provided an indication of the brilliant ribaldry between Sally and Eddie that kept us all constantly entertained. ☺

Fortunately, Santa managed to find Jaci before we set off and Christmas Day saw us arrive at Dr Zaw's Orphanage after the children had gone to school, now moved to a new location on the outskirts of town, with close to a ton or more of goodies to set everything up for a Christmas Dinner and Party for the children for when they returned later from school. We were all kept busy unloading and displaying the gifts, toys, clothes, toiletries and educational material as well as preparing the tables and stage with decorations, place settings as Eddie went of to spend a fortune at the local wholesale store, on food, Christmas decorations and other essential goodies for the children to enjoy. Then on his return to the orphanage he "did his cooking magic for a few hours" in the kitchen. Needless to say, the mood was brilliant among us all with quips and funny barbs flying across the place all day.

When the children arrived, which took about an hour and a half due to the new location and the various ages of and schools that the children attend, it was soon time for the real fun – seeing the joy and happiness on so many faces. Food was devoured with many being convinced to emulate "Oliver" by asking for more! By the time it came to the gift-giving in the early evening, emotions were very high among all of us – the children, staff and us volunteers. In short, the children and all volunteers had what can only be described as "The very Best Christmas Day Ever"



A lovely card given on just one of many Gift of Happiness Foundation projects serving around 1,300 children in need every month of the year since 2005.

We finished the day with another lovely meal at our "go to" eatery, the cozy Casa Mia, whose staff are always so utterly helpful even with items not on the menu.

A sound sleep saw Boxing Day dawn upon us and we all departed, after yet another hearty breakfast, to the awe-inspiring Mae Tao Clinic (which is more like a sprawling, but basic, hospital complex). Here more much needed donations were handed over to the staff who are as friendly, modest and efficient as always despite the daunting amount of much-needed work that they have to perform daily in their efforts to support patients and families from both sides of the border. They also gave us a couple of walking frames for use at one of the Bangkok slums where there is a great need for such things amongst the older members of those communities, Eddie will be delivering them before the new year starts.

We then moved on to visit the children at Sky Blue school whose families live off, and all live on, the massive municipal garbage dump. Here, after setting up for the show and laying out the many goodies being donated, Eddie did the first of his shows on this trip which had just about everyone present grinning and laughing like nothing else existed – mission accomplished Eddie! We collected three extra volunteers (Antoine/Antony, Lex and Paul) from the local airport on the way to Sky Blue school, and a hire vehicle to transport them, so their professional production expertise (and willing, helping hands) were readily welcomed.

Unfortunately, the trip was nearly ruined by the presence of an alleged pedophile hanging around the schoolhouse however Eddie and Sally's redoubtable characters refused to let this mar the wonderful experience the Foundation is here to provide for the children, and we all "soldiered on". Let's hope the authorities finally do their bit in ridding this area of despicable men like these as soon as possible.



The day was rounded off with a superb meal at the incredibly beautiful Botanic Gardens Restaurant nearby – a definite "must visit" to anyone visiting this area. Its' landscaped gardens, populated with flora and fauna from around the world is truly breath-taking and worthy of much higher praise than I can possibly describe.

Now our final day was upon us and it was time to visit two Border Patrol Police Schools in very remote (naturally!) locations. Everything possible was transhipped from the trailer to the Monroe pickup truck before breakfast and then we all set off along the "Off road" tracks. We all had our roles well synchronised by now and both the clown show's and gifts of donations were completed with, by now, the increasingly hilarious repertoire between Sally and Eddie and – of course – complete hilarity and enjoyment of the children and all support staff. The journey back was divided into Eddie taking off as early as possible to deliver Quintessa to the airport, accompanied by Sally, Rapee and Jaci, and then "Bob" taking the lead for Antoine, Lex, Paul and me to follow.



Quintessa; you were/are an absolute charm and I know that Jaci is so very proud to have a new "sister". You are a credit to yourself, a wonderful ambassador for your country and I know that your father is completely justified in being so unequivocally proud of you. We all wish you every success in all that you do, both personally and professionally.

The all-male journey back was eventually dubbed both "Bob's Mountain Tour" and "Google Maps Rescue Trip"! Suffice to say that all of us men and both vehicles eventually got back to the guesthouse a few hours later than Eddie and crew; sore backs, dirty footwear and clothes and vehicles pushed to their limits. Luckily, a final evening meal at the Casa Mia soon ensured that international humour was maintained at its' best with smiling faces all around.

We said thank you, goodnight and goodbye to Antoine, Lex and Paul and arose bright and early to transship as much as possible back to the trailer to maximise its' stability for the journey home. Said journey was marked by mountain drizzle and plain old rain for much of the way which, combined with the mandated trailer speed limit, meant that our final arrival was a little later than planned. Fortunately, a welcome shopping stop at Doi Muser market and its' incredibly fresh produce broke the trip nicely. However, as always, the ongoing banter between Sally and Eddie kept us even more amused – if not always neutral – and my wife and I are already reaping the "benefits" of those last few days of very British humour upon our daughter! 😊

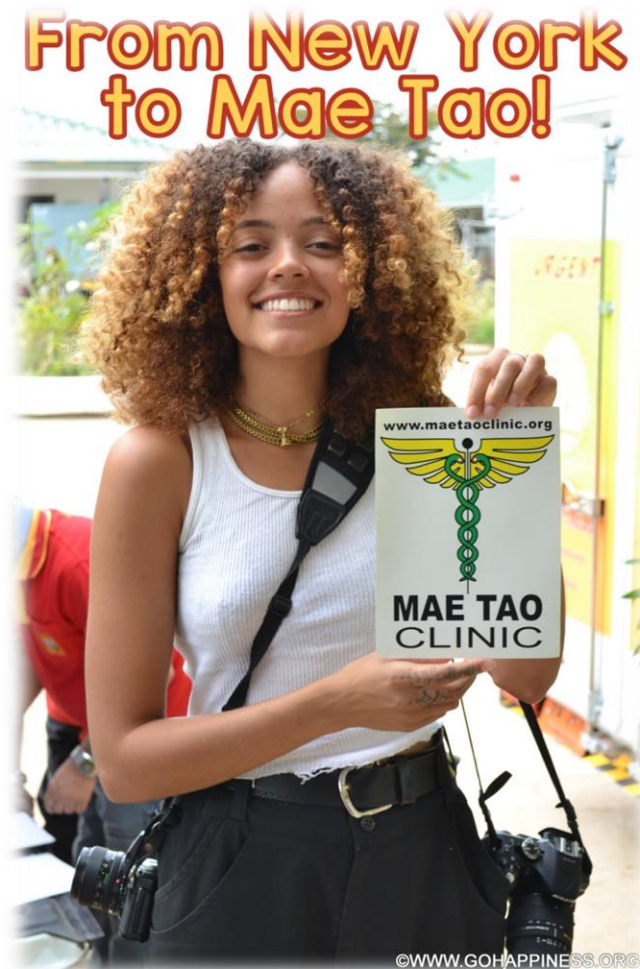
A final logistical ballet of Sally's car, the Monroe pickup and Eddie's truck and trailer were accomplished with the support of some of the Go Happiness Centre neighbours and then we all bade farewell once more.

On behalf of my gorgeous and ever patient wife, and our cherubic and (now) humour-enhanced daughter, thank you Eddie for allowing us the honour and privilege of accompanying you on your annual Christmas trip. We have learned so much more about this beautiful country, the many deserving people in the north, the wonderful people who support them and of course about ourselves.

Please, if you've never been on a trip with the Gift of Happiness Foundation, put this on your "must do" New Years' Resolutions for 2018.

End report by Mr. Terry Sherwood.

December 2017 Project;



Gift of Happiness Volunteer, Quintessa Swindell-Meekins USA, helping deliver the goods to Mae Tao Clinic and beyond!

Here's a lovely thank you letter from Mae Tao Clinic.

(GoHF have been serving this free clinic around 6 times every year since 2005 and will continue to do so right through 2018).



965, Thanon Mae Sot - Mae Dao Tha Sai Luat,
Mae Sot District, Tak 63110. Thailand.

Date: 26/12/2017

Re: Thank you for your donation to the Mae Tao Clinic

Dear Gift of Happiness,

Mae Tao Clinic is a community-based organisation serving Burmese migrant and refugee communities along the Thai-Burmese border, and patients from Burma who cross the border into Thailand to obtain health care.

Our clinic treats more than 100,000 patients annually, most of whom have no other access to health care. We also serve as a regional training centre for community health workers so that they can gain the skills and leadership to help their communities.

In addition, we have a comprehensive Child Protection programme that enables thousands of children to access safety and education.

We rely entirely on grants and donations such as yours, so I would like to thank you for your kind contribution to our project. We are most grateful for your support.

Dr. Cynthia Maung.,

Director, Mae Tao Clinic.



Gift of Happiness Volunteers give regular donations of essential goods to Mae Tao Clinic all year round.



Throughout 2017, Gift of Happiness Foundation gave regular donations of essential goods to individuals or small groups of poor people living in slum conditions in Bangkok.



The charity served 38 individuals and 217 street kids with things like babywear for single mothers, toys and clothing for street kids, educational supplies, bedding and towelling, furniture, beds, cooking equipment, fans and other important goods that those people cannot ever afford to buy for themselves.



Volunteers at the Go Happiness Centre in Bangkok simply give away essential goods to the poor. The charity does this without question or persuasion of the poor to engage with parasitic groups that exists all over South East Asia. Those groups often prey on the most vulnerable people by offering small trinkets to entice them into criminal networks, trafficking, slave labour, zealous religious gatherings or drug gangs etc.

Gift of Happiness Gives Freely and "Unconditionally" to the Most Vulnerable People in Thailand!

This can only keep happening if generous people like all those who have supported the charity since its inception in 2005, keep-up the good work in providing pre-cherished goods for recycling to the poor.

Here is where to give; <http://www.gohappiness.org/donating-goodsmoney.html>

Gift of Happiness Foundation (GoHF) Terms of operation.

- GoHF Board of Trustees and all volunteers are totally unpaid and receive no financial benefit whatsoever from GoHF or donors.
- Founder/Director, Eddie Haworth receives absolutely no income whatsoever from GoHF and is independently supported by the proceeds of his British State Pension and as a professional entertainer.
- Accounting and Legal work is properly maintained "at the lowest possible costs to GoHF" by SAS Legal Services, Standard Chartered Bank Building, Sathorn Bangkok and Baan Kru Bunchee Limited Partnership, Law and Accounting, Suan Luang, Bangkok.
- 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 and un-paid volunteer, Eddie Haworth and the GoHF paid driver, Khun Bob, (salary sponsored by Monroe Consulting Group).
- Sorting of donations are done weekly by Eddie Haworth and the GoHF paid administration supervisor/office manager, Khun Karn, (salary sponsored by Monroe Consulting Group).
- Unpaid Volunteer General Manager, Foundation Entertainer, marketing and website design/maintenance duties by GoHF Founder, Eddie Haworth.
- 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 Mitsubishi Motors, Toyota Motors and Taa Motor Services, Bangkok.
- All occasional project drivers, guides, other part-time staff are paid at the Thai Government approved daily rate by GoHF.

Founder's summary.

In 2017, Gift of Happiness Foundation has benefited and developed greatly in 2017, partly because of the addition of two full-time members of staff, sponsored by Monroe Consulting Group. This wonderful extra support has made it possible for the charity to help many more thousands of needy people in Thailand. The Foundation is now well placed to make even more of a positive impact on the lives of some of the neediest people in Thailand.

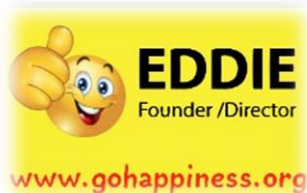
We are most proud to have been so well received by all the people we served in 2017 and we are very much looking forward to serving much more of our unconditional "Gifts of Happiness" to even more people in need right through 2018!

While our scheduling for the up-coming year is necessarily limited by the resources we can raise, we have scheduled 2018'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 lots of unconditional 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 groups of innocently poor people in Thailand.

Our future growth depends on YOU.

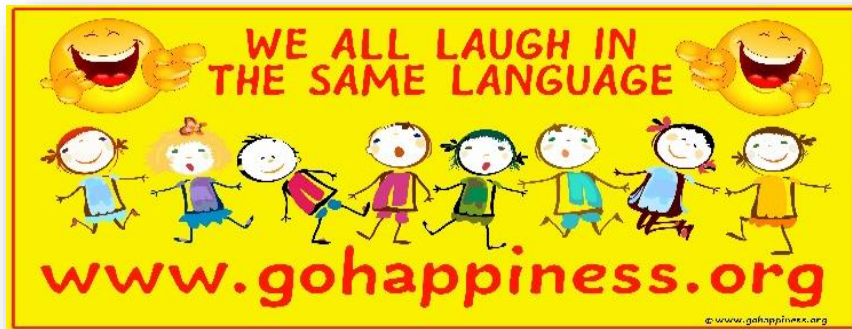
Sincerely
Eddie Haworth,



mailto:eddie@gohappiness.org

End Report

2018 Appeal



HELP US MAKE EVEN MORE PEOPLE HAPPY in 2018!

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.

This is where YOU can really make a difference!



<http://www.gohappiness.org/donate-to-gift-of-happiness.html>

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

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

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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.

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 most, contact us! charity@gohappiness.org**