



The Gift of Happiness Foundation

In the year 2000, Edward Haworth (aka Clown Eckie, a British professional clown based in Bangkok) was asked to perform for some children suffering from AIDS at one of the cities large orphanages. The experience made such an impression on him that he decided to devote much more of his time to bringing a little laughter to those children whose lives may sometimes lack these important pleasures. So, he gathered a small group of friends and together they managed to raise enough money to establish the Gift of Happiness Foundation which finally achieved full charitable status on the 15th December 2009.

The Gift of happiness Foundation has been helping poor families in Bangkok, Mae Sot, Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Sankhalaburi, Kanchanaburi and other Thai provinces since the year 2000. They also give their services to poor Thai families, refugees, displaced and migrant Burmese, people on the Thai-Burma border. They help people who have nowhere else to live but in Slums, Orphanages, Crisis Centres for abused women and children, HIV/AIDS centres, homes and schools for physically & mentally challenged children.

They also serve the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot, other medical centres, communities of migrant workers and their families as well as people displaced by civil war. All the people working for the Gift of Happiness Foundation are un-paid volunteers and often cover their own costs when helping with show tours or donation.

Clown Eckie continues to perform at slum schools, orphanages, hospitals and other places where children ordinarily would never get a chance to see his inane antics - or enjoy an afternoon of laughter and fun.

The Gift of Happiness latest video on You Tube can be seen [here](#) and more information on the organisation, including reports on their various charitable projects and how to donate, can be found [here](#) .

Edward Haworth (aka Clown Eckie) founder of the Gift of Happiness Foundation