



Fund for Food and Education for the Needy Children

by

Foundation of Education and Buddhism
in Mekong Region, MCU, Chiang Mai Campus

Project Background

The Foundation of Education and Buddhism in Mekong Region, MCU, Chiang Mai Campus has been established since 2005 with the key purpose to preserve and prolong Buddhism, to preserve folk art and to sustain the unique culture and the beautiful local traditions in the Mekong Region. The foundation also serves the under privileged by providing them shelter and education, helping them to gain self development and become self sustaining. The Foundation has constantly implemented various projects to serve all key said purposes.

One of the projects of the Foundation is located along the Thai-Myanmar border. The area is situated in a remote location right next to the Thai-Myanmar checkpoint which remains politically sensitive. The majority of people who live there are those who have fled from Myanmar, escaping from the conflicts and fighting between the military based government of Myanmar and the minority group (Tai Yai or Shan people). They have nothing but temporary built shelters on Thai soil. The camp is allowed by Thailand's generosity and the recognition of human rights by Thailand. The people there are considered refugees. They are a mix of children, teens, old people and the Buddhism novices. Being in a remote location, it is not easy for people there to access to the necessary public services. Furthermore, they have no Identification Card. The adults have only a document issued by the Thai government certifying that they are allowed to live in the area but cannot



travel outside this permitted area. Hence the adults will not be able to have proper employment opportunities even though they are in the prime working age. As for the children at the camp, the chance to get to a proper education is close to zero. This makes the cycle of poverty inevitable. They are indeed underprivileged compared to most of us who are way more fortunate.

The Foundation of Education and Buddhism in Mekong Region established and run by MCU Buddhist University, Chiang Mai Campus therefore took the initiative to setup the project entitled **“Fund For Food and Education for the Needy Children Project”** to serve the novices and the hungry children who reside at Wat Fah Wiang Intra and at the camp. There are currently approximately 300 underprivileged including novices and students who are in need for the education from the primary school level up to the senior high school level.



The Project's Objectives

- To provide an opportunity to educate the novices and the underprivileged children so that they will be able to have a self development
- To aid the poor and hungry children with necessary food
- To allow people in the society especially those who have more, to share with those who have less

The Project Duration

The project commences in 2008 and will be implemented on an ongoing basis



Types of Supporting Funds

The donors can opt to support the underprivileged in many forms, such as:

A. The Students Scholarship for their Education

1. The scholarship for primary school students

- 1.1 USD 50 per student per semester
- 1.2 USD 100 per student per academic year (2 semesters)
- 1.3 USD 600 per student for a primary school level completion (A completion of primary school level takes totally 6 academic years)

2. The scholarship for the junior high school students

- 2.1 USD 100 per student per semester
- 2.2 USD 200 per student per academic year (2 semesters)
- 2.3 USD 600 per student for the junior high school level completion (A completion of the junior high school level takes totally 3 academic years)

3 The scholarship for the senior high school students

- 3.1 USD 150 per student per semester
- 3.2 USD 300 per student per academic year (2 semesters)
- 3.3 USD 900 per student for the senior high school level completion (A completion of the senior high school level takes totally 3 academic years)

B. Fund for Food

This fund can be donated up to any amount to support the novices and the underprivileged.

The Expected Outcomes

- The ability to aid novices and underprivileged children by giving them access to education
- The ability to get novices and poor children to be able to develop themselves through education
- The ability to offer necessary food to hungry children



- The opportunity to help those who are less fortunate
- The opportunity for those who have much to share with those who have less
- The ability to learn how to share with the needy

For Donation

Bank Transfer Details for Donation to the Project

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