

Most Thoughtful Son Pham

TT - From empty hand reaching up to business success, Son Michael Pham has shared time and money for children's cause at the heart of this world of all children.



Son Pham handed photos to the children of the Go Vap Children's Center (photo taken on 4-4) -
Photo: Thanh Đạm

The sounds from the students in Daniel's primary school in Redmond, Washington (USA) reading and viewing the messages and images pasted around the school ground. The message: "these are photos of children in a small caring shelter ... the little child needs attention, we can help many children around the world, as they are our friends at the same age. A few more weeks I will be there, so you can support by contributing what you can and I will bring these to them. "

Encouraging more Daniel

Daniel's message just went out and immediately received numerous support. Hundreds of youths brought Christmas gifts such as clothes, books, children shoes and even diaper to school, all placed in the donation bin prepared by Daniel. All gift came with emotional love which Daniel will deliver to the Center for Raising Children in Go Vap - Ho Chi Minh City the morning of March 30, when Daniel and his parents arrived in Vietnam .

Humanitarian action by a 2nd grade kids derived from the value of spiritual awareness that he and others were inspired through Kids Without Borders, an organization which Son Michael Pham is directed, and guided. One of the programs, "Teach Me To Fish" (teaching orphan how to support self) inspired children to love each other, and help others, help children with unfortunate circumstances.

Left Vietnam for the United States, Son and his family arrived with bare hands. They started with nothing except the caring of the surrounding community when settled in Chicago. He worked hard, gained experiences and soon became a successful entrepreneur in America.

Before founding Kids Without Borders, Mr. Son view the world in the spirit of "all kids, one world" (all children, in one world). Committed to do something for the children whenever he heard or seen the hard life and the pain children incurred. In January

2001, he started Kids Without Borders to devote more time in helping children. "When you help the children, you really do it for yourself. Helping a little baby, one can feel the inner peace, the comfort, the happiness, and the luckiest "- said with his gentle smile.

"We wait for Uncle Son so much"

Hard to describe the joy of the babies and the caretakers of the nursery at Go Vap when they saw the sight of Mr. Son at the gate of the center of the past April 4. The older kids ran out and grabbed his hands with happy faces, asking questions with excitement. The babies made 'e' and 'a' sounds, dancing feet and waving hand, beating the cribs to show joy. He said proudly: "All 136 children here are all my children. I love these kids".

In this visit, Mr. Son brought photos from his last visit. As soon as the kids saw Son, all of them followed him, fought for his hands and demanded "Uncle Son" to come to all rooms. Little Phuong Lan, 14 years old, woke up from her nap, rubbing her eyes not believing that she were seeing Chu Son. She spoke softly: "All of us wait for Uncle Son so much, because each time he visits he brings gift for us, buy books, buy story books, and take us out, and go eat and much more ...".

Ms. Kim Loan, Deputy Director of the Center, shared her feelings: "That's Mr. Son, each time he visits he takes the kids out to eat. This visit is not even a week long, and he must also travel to Hai Phong, then Hanoi, still he puts enough times to be with our kids visiting them three times. Most touching was when his plane arrived in Saigon at 11 o'clock, he rushed here because today is Sunday, with classes in English organized by him for free and taught by his volunteers. He always wants whatever he brings to be fulfilled."

The buffet dinner party at the Bong Sen restaurant is the gift of Mr. Son and his groups of volunteers during his visit for the hundreds of children from the center. Seeing him working hard, the security guard commented while watching how the children were taking care of: "He is someone that very "kind"! Always bring these young children here! One year up to two or three times I recall". Throughout the evening, Son was too busy running back and forth with the children, not touching his chopsticks. Everyone jokes asked if he does not eat any food then how he can stay healthy to care for the children, he laughs with affection: "I am full by seeing the children. I am very healthy now".

Banquet end after 9 pm. As all of the kids were placed in taxi, he carefully handed to each child a gift, a photo, himself placed a hat on each kid, squeeze in each hand a new li xi envelope, then rested as waving farewell hands as the group of taxis started to roll bringing the children back to the center.

No time to rest after a hard day, his wife Judy and Son hurried back to America the following day to continue the campaign, calling help for children less fortunate in his homeland ...

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Besides businesses and care for Kids Without Borders as the founding executive, Mr. Son also participate and help collaborate with many charities around the world. He represented the board of the Organization of Children Health Care (Boyer Children's Clinic), Rotary Club of the University in Seattle ... He also collaborate and support many NGOs as advisory representatives, such as the American Red Cross, Asia Injury Prevention Foundation.

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