

Charity Review    The Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand  
(Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King)

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**Charity Purpose** To provide professional services and management to the visually impaired, improving their quality of life and helping them to live in harmony with themselves and other people.

The Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King "CFBT" and is registered by the Ministry of Finance has approved to be a public charity No. 174.

The Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand offers education and rehabilitation Financial Report through 8 branches in Thailand. Donations to the Christian Foundation of The Blind in Thailand are tax deductible from taxable income in Thailand.

### Our review Process:

We visited Home for the Ban Dek Ramintra (Home for Blind with Multiple Disabilities) in August, 2013. We reviewed with management team and teachers as follows details:-

- 1 Mr.Winit Moonwicha - Deputy Director of CFBT
- 2 Mr.Peera Pilarit - Manager in charge of MIS
- 3 Ms.Chansiri Tawmani - Chief of Coordinator Office
- 4 Ms.Duangchan Pathum - Deputy Director of Ramintra School

We toured the home and could see the facilities and activities of the children.

We found that they have audited financial reports which help us to obtain confidence in regards to the charity activities and financial management.

We could clearly see the home is run by dedicated professional management and staff. Whilst touring the facilities we could understand the patience and diligence required to educate and assist the blind and multiple handicapped children.

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	<u>2012</u>	
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Staff</u>
1 Educational Center for the Blind (CFBT Khon Kaen)	144	35
2 Home for the Multiple Handicapped Blind Children (CFBT Bangkok)	60	40
3 Educational Service Center for the Blind (CFBT Nakorn Ratchasima)	73	40
4 Educational and Rehabilitation Center for the Blind (CFBT Roi-et)	144	36
5 School for the Blind and Multiple Handicapped Blind Children (CFBT Lopburi)	61	31
6 Thammasakorn School for the Blind Hadyai (CFBT Songkhla)	77	
7 Thamik Vitaya School for the Blind (CFBT Petchaburi)	45	
8 Educational Service Center for the Blind (CFBT Nakorn Nayok)	62	34
<b>Total blind children who attend the project</b>	<b>666</b>	
Remark :	Number children : From annual report year 2012	
	Number staff : From website of CFBT'S branch	

#### Background to the Need for the Charities Support:

The Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand (Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King) was found in 1978 by Mr. Prayat Punong-one, a blind teacher. The first thirteen students were taught and supported by Mr. Prayat. The success of the first thirteen students bring the CFBT expand its work to all regions in Thailand and has register.

Year 2009, the home for the Blind with Multiple Disabilities was changed the name to be "Ban Dek Ramintra School" on 16 May 2009 by HRH Princess Srirasm, the Royal Consort to the Crown Prince of Thailand at the opening ceremony.

The home for blind with Multiple Disabilities (Bangkok Branch) is the project of Christian Foundation for the blind in Thailand, under the Royal Patronage of Majesty.

In 1985, the foundation started with 40 blind boys and girls from the education center for the blind in Khon Kaen. They volunteered for a walkathon and carried the banner with a message "WE STILL HAVE HOPE", their main purpose was to make public awareness of the abilities of blind people to study, work, and live like other people in our society. They walked 450 kilometers from Khon Kaen to Bangkok.

Because of this activity, the foundation received many responses from kind donors, including the Christoffel Blindenmission (CBM) from Germany, which has been most generous, and donated funds to build and staff the foundation's facilities.

In 1986, they bought a house for the blind with multiple disabilities children. The first priority was taking care of the blind children with multiple disabilities from the over-crowded government.

In 1988, five small bungalows were built to afford family-type living, with ten children per house and a housemaster/ teacher. Food and medical care, physical and emotional rehabilitation are the primary needs targeted for the children at the home. The training is an emphasis on daily living skills, so the children can be as independent as possible (depending on the level of their physically and intellectually problems). Educational opportunities and training are also provided.

The CBM has kindly supported the project for many years, but is now helping out in neighboring countries such as Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar. Since 1997, The Multiply Handicapped Blind Children has been dependent on full support from local and private donors.

At present, the Home cares for 64 kids ranging in age from 2 to 15 years of age. The school Home Ramintra is for invention and development opportunities, the lack of options for seating and standing

in society. This study conducted in a boarding school for students from pre-kindergarten grade 6, aged 2 years to 16 years and then they are sent to study at the School of education of the Blind with multiple disabilities in Lopburi until the end of grade 3. The children which have ability to study at higher levels will have the opportunity to study in other schools of the Foundation or vocational training for blind with multiple disabilities in Nakhon Nayok.

#### Description of Activities for 8 branches:

The blind children need special care and train as follows:-	<u>Children</u>	<u>Staff</u>
1 Providing care about the rehabilitation and development of children can help themselves in the daily routine.	473	
2 Encourage blind children to social reality, from education by sending their children to school with normal children.	225	
3 Provide scholarships to blind students at higher education	89	
4 Provide learning, instruction to teachers and students		
5 Promote and improve the quality of life for the blind children	596	
6 Provide the rehabilitation of the blind children in community.	333	
7 Take caring for the blind children with multiple disabilities.	218	
8 Establish the school to teach scientific for blind children	19	
9 The future mission is to teach the blind children with deaf.		

#### Primary Supporting Organisations:

- 1 To provide budgets from government (count for head count of children).
- 2 To appeal the supporting from the public donors directly more than 50% of donation.

#### CFBT's Fund Raising, benefit and volunteer Programs

1. Donation of money
2. Donations of supplies (Dried foods, supplies such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc. and teaching equipments such as Braille paper, blank tape etc.)
3. Treat children the meals at the home (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
4. Join and participate in some activities like volunteers to help efforts:
  - Public holidays, New Year, Children's day and Songkran, Loy Krathong, etc.
  - Participation in youth camps, Rehabilitation and Therapy Camps
  - Visiting public facilities such as parks, fresh market, Shopping Center, Temples and schools.

Media Articles:      [web.stagram.com/location/1752957](https://www.instagram.com/location/1752957)  
 (Examples)              [cfbtbkk.blogspot.com/](http://cfbtbkk.blogspot.com/)

#### Key Performance Indicators

Administrative Expense efficiency (lower better)

Fund Raising Expense efficiency (lower better)

#### Rating

0

**Charity: The Christian Foundation for the Blind in Thailand**

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Income

Donation	80,190,539
Interest and bond return	10,415,220
Miscellaneous revenue	7,437,580
Donations only compensation costs	27,277,540
Total income	<u>125,320,880</u>

Expense

Salary and welfare	37,745,330
Wages temporary staff	2,653,780
Compensation	1,130,524
Cost of living	19,625,709
Cost of materials	8,117,839
Cost of utilities	3,960,740
Miscellaneous	5,944,303
Deduct depreciation of equipment	23,480,494
Total Expense	<u>102,658,719</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>22,662,161</u>