

# The **Joy** of Giving and Receiving

**Klong Toey** is the oldest and biggest slum area in Bangkok, Thailand. Substandard housing and the lack of basic amenities are a common sight there. As one weaves through the narrow and dark lanes in Klong Toey, one will be struck by the poor living conditions of many of the dwellers there.



A number of youths involved in our youth development program are from Klong Toey. Besides providing these youths with enriching and education activities on a weekly basis, our project hopes to meet some of their basic needs as well.



Recently a group of our volunteers went into the slums to visit the homes of twenty of these youths. Besides finding out how the families are doing, we also distributed a goody bag consisting of rice, oil, noodles and other basic necessities to each of these families.

Though to many of us these are daily necessities which are well within our means, the smiles on their faces when they received the goody bags revealed their deep appreciation towards such a gesture.



"The joy shown on their faces when they received the bag of necessities is something I will not forget for a long time to come," shared one of our volunteers.

It is through your support that our project can continue to show care and concern to the families of these youths.