

The unfortunate / helpless people, who can not take care of themselves without the help of others.

Dear Benefactors,

The Reaching Out Foundation is now recognized as an IRS 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and has continued its second decade to work to help orphanages, handicapped children, the poor and the *unfortunate/helpless* people in Viet Nam.

Many times, after our presentation at fundraising nights, questions were raised about the definition of “*the unfortunate/helpless*” people. We answered each question separately. Today ROF would like to use this report, to explain the meaning of the “*unfortunate/helpless*” conditions as illustrated by the examples below:

I. **The Poor:** There are various circumstances of poverty, but being poor may, or may not, imply being *unfortunate/helpless*. For now, ROF’s activities do not particularly focus on the poor because: (1) *The poor may not be completely helpless, and may still be capable to take care of themselves, though sometimes barely.* (2) *ROF does not possess the capability of a big organization, which can support numerous poor people.*

II. **The Unfortunate/helpless:**

Example 1:

Mr. Tam’s family includes his wife, three kids, and an elderly mother. The whole family depends on his daily hard labor to live. One day, he was involved in an accident and was hospitalized, because of his serious injuries, Mr. Tam not only lost his physical strength, didn’t have money to cover the cost of the surgery and hospital stay, but he also could not continue to support his family. He lied in bed with a lot of pain and worries.

Without help, Mr. Tam’s family became desperate.

But, with ROF’s assistance, Mr. Tam has been able to pay his hospital bills as well as to continue to support his family.

With your help through ROF, the Tam family was out of the unfortunate/helpless condition, and was able to return to their normal life.

Example 2:

Many cancers, broken bones, internal injury patients indeed needed operations, but lacking money, they had no hope to be treated and to return to their normal life. *ROF helped bring their lives back to normal.*

Example 3:

Many patients, coming from far-away villages for treatment, have been hospitalized for a longtime; their houses were sold to pay for the hospital bills. *Going broke, they are the unfortunates that need ROF's assistance.*

Example 4:

ROF supports the schools for the disabled, including the schools for the blind, and the deaf. *ROF helps them because they have to depend on others for their survival.*

Million of thanks to you, the benefactors

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