

<p>Title / Duration / Visa</p> <p>ELCT FELM Volunteer 2021 Mukdahan Lutheran Children and Youth Life Development project</p> <p>2 x 3 months January-March 2021 - VOLUNTER VISA</p> <p>Felm tutor: Ms. Kirsi Salmela Partner tutor: Rev. Mrs. Jongkolnee "Sim" Sampachyanon</p>	<p>Partner / Location http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/evangelical-lutheran-church-thailand FELM partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (ELCT) in its work in the country. The Church is active and growing and currently has over 5,000 members.</p> <p>Mukdahan Lutheran Congregation, 8/1-4, Tad-kaen Rd., Muang, Mukdahan 49000, Thailand Mukdahan Lutheran Congregation is one of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand. Mukdahan is located right on the banks of the Mekong River, in northeastern Thailand, on the border of Laos. From Bangkok to the city of Mukdahan, it is about 650km as the crow flies (about 800km by public transport). The nearest FELM employees (including Felm tutor) live in Bangkok.</p> <p>The Mukdahan Lutheran Children and Youth Life Development project is an afternoon and weekend activity project whose participants come from challenging family circumstances. The project runs from Tuesday to Sunday and provides support for homework and group skills, education on children's rights and safety, and global warming and recycling, and provides a daily hot meal and a safe place to be a child (corporal punishment is prohibited).</p> <p>Volunteers live in an accommodation building (camping house) on the parish grounds, with a common accommodation room with bunk beds and a toilet-shower room. All the rooms in the house are not available for volunteers. On the same (large) plot is the parish church, the assembly hall, and the family home of the parish pastor (partner tutor). The distance from the church to the nearest shop is about 1 km and to larger shopping centers about 3 km.</p>
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<p>Objective and duties of Felm Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assist Thai project staff in day-to-day tasks - teach English to children and youth - according to their own skills to teach children and youth - music/crafts/baking/dance choreography/Bible/sports and other similar skills - to lead games and songs - participate in the activities of the congregation, e.g. worship services, youth activities, etc. - Other assigned duties as jointly agreed. - Orientation to work in Bangkok. 	<p>Short description of the tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building the capacity of the partner through teaching English, Bible and other skills (music/baking/handicrafts/sports) according to their own skills. - participating in the program of the Mukdahan Lutheran Children and Youth Life Development project different sectors as qualified and assigned - assisting with other duties (participating in congregations etc.) - Planning, preparing and keeping program of the project together with permanent staff and other volunteers. - Most of the time volunteers work independently with local colleagues. The Finnish tutor connection is via telephone/internet.
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- Weekly day offs are Monday and Tuesday (may change depending on the duties)
Usually day offs are never Saturday or Sunday, because then the project has full days of activities.

Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program
- Felm Volunteer with skills and competence in living in a different culture and work context and teaching: English and Bible (and/or other skills) to the children and youth.
- education/work experience: Church, educational and/or social studies, work and voluntary work are considered an advantage
- minimum language requirement: moderate written and spoken English
- able to communicate without common language as translation is not available at all times
- Lot of flexibility for the changing situations, tasks and conditions.
- beneficial/preferred: knowledge of thai, knowledge of (church) work with children and youth.
- Other skills that are useful
- readiness for independent work without the on-site support of a Felm missionary.
- As the task is to work with children and youth, the volunteer must present an extract from the criminal record (rikosrekisteriote), which is likely to be required to be presented with the visa application as well.

Benefits and commitments:**Felm country office**

- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer before volunteer period
- Felm will cover in-country expenses related to the volunteer task, such as work-related travel, sim-card and computer if necessary at work, etc.
- Advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Volunteer with visa invitation letter, and cover the costs if Volunteer needs extension of visa
- Providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions, starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- Accommodation (furnished apartment or bedroom with shared kitchen and toilet)
- Introducing the Volunteer to Felm's partners work in the project areas

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- Recruiting a suitable Felm Volunteer
- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer
- Orientation session
- Feedback session
- Travel insurance
- Criminal records extract for volunteering if tasks include working with children
- Small reimbursement of expenses

Felm Volunteer

- Following the FELM Volunteer agreement and its guidelines
- Following the Code of Conduct and Safety Instructions of LWF and tutor's instructions in destination
- Purchasing his/her own travel tickets from Finland to the country of placement and visa
- Obtaining a health certificate before departure
- Taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, first visa, baggage insurance, not work related travel, food, laundry and other personal expenses)
- Commitment to provide feedback
- Commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland (organizing by Felm)

Lähde liikkeelle or Min Mission –course is a prerequisite for applying to FELM Volunteer tasks.

Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status including additional financial support.