

Title / Duration / Visa	Partner / Location
<p>ELCT Home of Grace Felm Volunteers</p> <p>2 x 3 months, autumn 2021</p> <p>Volunteer Visa</p> <p>Felm tutor / Partner tutor: Anja Markkanen/Ms.Pisara Pangsiri (HoG)</p>	<p>FELM partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thailand (ELCT) in its work in the country. The Church is active and growing and currently has almost 5,000 members. Church has wide diakonia work to strengthen families, including day care centers, scholarship program, assist for elderly people and a shelter for pregnant women and their babies. The Home of Grace in Bangkok provides help for pregnant women living in difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Home of Grace (HG) is a temporary shelter for women who face difficulties due to their pregnancy. They can live at HG before and/or a while after the baby is born at no charge. In HG we believe, that even though circumstances may be difficult, there is hope of a good future for both the mother and the child. The women get counseling and receive information about different options for them including raising their child by themselves, use of foster families and adoption. Activities include handicrafts, cooking, cleaning, Bible and English lessons, learning life skills and practicing in the coffeeshop and secondhand shop at HG.</p>

Objective and duties of FELM Volunteer	Short description of the tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together with Home of Grace staff to provide a safe and caring environment for mothers-to-be, new mothers and babies. • Arrange activities for mothers to help them relax and empower them as well as help them to learn new skills and trust to the good future. • Encourage mothers to take care of their babies and themselves. • Be a good, mature role model for young mothers. • Help to improve activities in the Carden Café and secondhand shop • Possibly help in a day care center by arranging activities and teaching English for children age 2 to 5 years and • Participating in other activities in diakonia work 	<p>The volunteer will participate in daily life at Home of Grace, including day and night shifts as needed. Nighttime she will be alone at duty, but a staff member lives nearby.</p> <p>On duty she will assist and guide mothers to take care for babies. She can arrange activities to mothers, like teaching English and life skills, baking, handicrafts, exercise etc. according to her own skills. She may assist working at Garden Café. Some house cleaning is included to daily duties.</p> <p>She is asked to look after the secondhand shop when on duty and she is welcome develop the concept of secondhand shop and Garden Café. She is expected to participate in the church activities and Sunday service as part of the work.</p> <p>She may also arrange activities and teach English for children in a day care center in Bangkok.</p>

Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program
- a mature person with skills and competence in living in a different culture context, being a responsible adult
- able to communicate without common language as translation is provided only in scheduled times
- minimum language requirement: good written and spoken English
- beneficial/preferred: knowledge of Thai language, experience working with mothers and babies, children and youth. Work experience in secondhand shop or gardening is beneficial.

Benefits and commitments: Felm and partner ELCT

- providing the tasks, materials, travel insurance and instructions for the Felm Volunteer
- advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Felm Volunteer visa-invitation letter
- providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Felm Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions: starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- transportation: Suwarnabhumi airport – Home of Grace –Suwarnabhumi airport + transportation related to FELM Volunteer tasks
- accommodation at Home of Grace with a western toilet, bathroom, kitchen facilities, water and electricity, WIFI
- introducing the Felm Volunteer to Felm's / partner's work at the area

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- partner and objective based needs assessment in recruiting a suitable FELM Volunteer (applicants hold a certificate of Felm's education)
- orientation session
- feedback session

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- following the Felm Volunteer agreement and its guidelines
- following the tutor's instructions
- taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, visa, travel insurance, local travel not related to Felm Volunteer tasks and spending money)
- commitment to provide feedback
- commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland



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.