

<p><b>Title / Duration / Visa</b></p> <p><b>ELCT Home of Grace Felm Volunteers</b>  <b>2+2 x 3 months</b>  <b>February-April &amp; September-November (negotiable)</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Visa</b></p> <p><b>Felm tutor / Partner tutor:</b>  Anja Markkanen/Ms. Pisara Pangsiri (HG)</p>	<p><b>Partner / Location</b></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 a day care center, scholarship program and a shelter for pregnant women and their babies called Home of Grace. It is in Bangkok and 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 the secondhand shop in HG.</p>
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<p><b>Objective and duties of FELM Volunteer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work together with Home of Grace staff to provide a safe and caring environment for mothers-to-be, new mothers and babies.</li> <li>- Arrange activities for mothers to help them relax and empower them as well as help them get new skills and trust to the good future.</li> <li>- Encourage and guide mothers to take care of their babies.</li> <li>- Be a good, mature role model for young mothers.</li> <li>- Help to improve activities in the Carden Café of Home of Grace.</li> <li>- Work at the Secondhand Shop by keeping it tidy and developing the process of second-hand sale.</li> </ul> <p>-Possibly help in a day care center by arranging activities and teaching English for children age 2 to 5 years.</p>	<p><b>Short description of the tasks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participate in daily life at Home of Grace, having day and night shifts as needed. Volunteer will be nighttime alone at duty, but a staff member lives nearby.</li> <li>- Help staff to keep the home tidy.</li> <li>- Assist and guide mothers taking care of babies.</li> <li>- Arrange activities, like teaching English and life skills, baking, handicrafts etc. according to volunteer own skills.</li> <li>- Assist to bake and work at Garden café and Secondhand Shop as well as participate to develop them.</li> <li>- Participate in the church activities like Sunday service as part of the work at Home of Grace.</li> <li>- Possibly arrange activities and teach English for children in a day care center in Bangkok once a week.</li> </ul>
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**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 flexible, responsible, and independent
- able to communicate without common language as translation is provided only in scheduled times
- minimum language requirement: good spoken and written English
- beneficial/preferred: knowledge of Thai language, working experience with mothers and babies, children, and/or secondhand markets
- the volunteer must have a credit card

As the task is to work with children, 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 and partner ELCT**

- providing the tasks, materials 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: Suvarnabhumi airport – Home of Grace –Suvarnabhumi 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 other 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 and feedback session
- travel insurance

**Felm Volunteer**

- 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, first visa, baggage insurance, not work related travel, food, laundry and other personal expenses including credit card)
- commitment to provide feedback
- commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland

The logo consists of a solid red rectangle. Inside the rectangle, the word "Felm" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. To the upper right of "Felm", the year "1859" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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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.