

Title / Duration / Visa English teacher

3months January-March (exact time agreed upon separately) VOLUNTER VISA

Felm tutor / Partner tutor:

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Partner / Location

Luther Seminary of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand / Bangkok, Thailand http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/evangelical-lutheran-church-thailand
FELM partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thailand (ELCT) in its work in the country. The Church has almost 5,000 members and has over 30 congregations in Bangkok, north and northeast Thailand.

Short history of Luther Seminary.

Luther Seminary is an institution for theological education and bible study. It was established in 1986 in Bangkok. The first name of the seminary has been called LITE (Lutheran institute of theological education) to provide full training for Thai people about biblical study and since that seminary has been a member of The Association of Theological schools in Thailand. It has developed and became Luther Seminary for education for the Church members of basic biblical training, full time students for the level of Church ministry, diploma, Bachelor of theology, and short training program to the local church workers and volunteers.

The aim of Luther Seminary is to make the discipleships, to proclaim the Gospel and to follow God's commandment as the Bible written in Matthew 28:19-20.

Objective and duties of Volunteer

- increasing the capacity of the partners' English communication
- work together with seminary's staff to improve the English programme of Luther Seminary and prepare teaching material for the seminary
- increasing English communication skills of the staff, students and children of community

Short description of the tasks

A volunteer will teach English to staff and students of the Luther Seminary. Main part of teaching is in the seminary, but some part will be in the countryside in ELCT's congregations. There is special need of teaching Bible vocabulary.

As students' English skills vary teaching need to be arranged at different levels from basic to advanced.

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- contributing to the local community through teaching children on Saturdays and participating Sunday service and helping in special occasions
- increasing understanding of cultural and ethnic diversity among children and youth
- weekly day offs (2 days per week) may vary depending on the duties as Saturdays and Sundays can be working days because they are active days in congregational work
- accommodation will be arranged at Luther Seminary
- volunteer will have one week holiday during the volunteering period

Volunteer is asked to prepare English teaching material of different levels for the seminary.

Volunteer will also help to arrange activities for children and teach English to them on Saturdays and participate on Sunday service.

Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

Volunteers are to meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program.

Climate in Thailand is tropical. Though the required time is called cool and try season, rainfalls are common and temperature can rise over 30 degrees. As the tasks include traveling and working outside, good physical health is necessary.

A volunteer should be a mature person with skills and competence in living in a different culture context, being flexible, responsible, and independent. He/she should have confidence to communicate also without a common language.

Working/volunteering experience of teaching English and children and youth work is much appreciated.

The volunteer needs good speaking and writing skills in English. Any Thai language skill is very beneficial.

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: (please do not change or remove the text)

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- 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 –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks.

Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.