

<p>Title / Duration / Visa Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand, District 5, Nan</p> <p>2 x 3 months September – December 2023 (exact time agreed upon separately) - VOLUNTER VISA</p> <p>Felm tutor: Mrs. Riikka-Maria Kolkka</p> <p>Partner tutor: One of the local Lutheran evangelists – name will be specified later</p>	<p>Partner / Location</p> <p>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>District 5, Nan Nan Province is located in Northern Thailand bordering Laos. ELCT works in Nan among Lua language minority who live in small, isolated, mountain villages on the slopes of the mountains in Bo Kluea area. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is growing rapidly among Lua people and there are 4 congregations and 5 preaching places in the province. The distance from Bangkok to the city of Nan is about 650km and from Nan to Bo Kluea area 120km of winding mountain roads. There is very limited public transportation between Nan and Bo Kluea. The nearest FELM employees (including Felm tutor) live in Chiang Rai, 300 km from Bo Kluea.</p>
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<p>Objective and duties of Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaching English to children and youth both in Lua congregations and in local Thai schools - teaching music/crafts/Bible/dance choreography/sports and other similar skills to children and youth, according to their own skills - assisting Lua/Thai evangelists in their congregational work and participate in the activities of the congregation, e.g. worship services, youth activities, etc. - Occasional teaching of the Finnish language to the children of Felm employees - Other assigned duties as jointly agreed. - Orientation to work either in Bangkok, Chiang Rai or Nan. 	<p>Short description of the tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increasing the capacity of the partner through teaching English, Bible and other skills (music/baking/handicrafts/sports) according to their own skills. - contributing to the local community through teaching English language in the local schools - assisting with other duties (participating in congregations etc.) - 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 (2 days per week) may vary depending on the duties. Often Saturdays and Sundays are working days because they are active days in the congregational work.

Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- Meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program
- Finnish or International Motorbike/Motorcycle license, own helmet and previous experience riding a motorbike: the work requires travelling on winding mountain roads, often unpaved, between different villages and places
- Felm Volunteer with skills and competence to live in a different culture with rather simple living and working conditions
- Fit and healthy
- Work context and teaching: English and Bible (and/or other skills) mainly 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: Written and spoken English, some basic knowledge of spoken Thai language (basic phrases) is highly recommended
- Being able to communicate and live without a common language, due to the fact that English is a very rarely spoken language in the area. There are no interpreters available most of the times in the area. Fortunately, online Google translator may assist in practical situations.
- Lots of flexibility and being able to adapt to changing situations, tasks and conditions.
- Beneficial/preferred: basic knowledge of spoken Thai language, knowledge of (church) work with children and youth.
- 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: (please do not change or remove the text)**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 –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks.
Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.