

<p><b>Title / Duration / Visa</b>  <b>Diakonia work</b>          3 months January-March &amp;          3 months October-December          (exact time agreed upon          separately)          VOLUNTER VISA</p> <p><b>Felm tutor / Partner tutor:</b>          Anja Markkanen or Kirsi Salmela /          partner tutor will be specified later</p>	<p><b>Partner / Location</b>          The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand / Bangkok, Thailand.  <a href="http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/evangelical-lutheran-church-thailand">http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/evangelical-lutheran-church-thailand</a>          FELM partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thailand (ELCT) in its work in the country. The Church has almost 4,000 members and has over 30 congregations in Bangkok, north and northeast Thailand. The church has wide diakonia work in order to strengthen families, including trainings, a day care center and scholarship program (and a shelter for single mothers and their babies).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home of Grace is giving advice for women who face difficulties due to their pregnancy. They can temporarily live at HoG before and/or a while after the baby is born. The women get counseling and receive information about different options for their future. Activities include handicrafts, cooking, cleaning, Bible and English lessons, learning life skills and working in the secondhand shop. Home of Grace is located in the suburb of Bangkok.</li> <li>• Strong and safe family program includes trainings for church workers and volunteers as well as communities about children rights, protect from human trafficking and caring relationships in families. Scholarship program supports education of poor and vulnerable children and youth through congregations.</li> <li>• The daycare center is located in the slum area near one congregation.</li> </ul> <p>We believe that even though circumstances may be difficult, there is hope of a good future for everyone. Facebook page is called: We make dreams come true.</p>
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<p><b>Objective and duties of Volunteer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increasing the capacity of the partner through arranging and improving different activities in ELCT diakonia work</li> <li>- contributing to the local community through participating Sunday services and helping in special occasions</li> <li>- work together with staff to provide a safe and caring environment for mothers and babies at Home of Grace</li> <li>- being a good, mature role model for young mothers, children and youth</li> <li>- increasing English communication skills of the staff</li> <li>- increasing understanding of cultural and ethnic diversity among children and youth</li> </ul>	<p><b>Short description of the tasks</b>          are divided according to the needs of the diakonia department</p> <p><b>Home of Grace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a volunteer will live and participate in daily life in Home of Grace, including night shifts as if scheduled</li> <li>- arranging activities for women; teaching English, handicrafts, exercise, baking or other life skills according to volunteer own skills</li> <li>- helping in the secondhand shop at HoG</li> <li>- helping staff to keep the home and garden tidy and safe</li> <li>- participating in Sunday services and other church activities</li> <li>- helping to arrange activities and teaching for children, youth and adults on camps and trainings (to help understand</li> </ul>
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- 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 the congregational work
- accommodation will be arranged at Home of Grace for female volunteers and at main church compound for male volunteers

women rights, safe environment, diversity, human trafficking)

**Strong and safe family**

- helping to arrange activities and teaching for children, youth and adults on camps and trainings (to help understand children rights, safe environment, diversity)
- assisting with other duties

**The daycare center**

- possible helping staff to look after children (age 0-4 years) and leading English games and songs

**Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:**

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

Climate in Thailand is tropical. Though required times are called cool and dry season, rainfalls are common, and temperature can rise over 30 degrees. As the tasks include travelling 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 without common language as translation is provided only in scheduled times.

Working/volunteering experience with mothers and babies, children and youth in diakonia and/or youth work is much appreciated. Studies in the diakonia, social or healthcare field are an advantage.

The volunteer needs to have 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)

**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

**Felm Helsinki office**

- 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.