

Thailand 2009 Children's Day Camp

Dates: Flexible – The camp can only be held in the months of March or October, which are the months when schools in Khok Kloi take their breaks. Teams can discuss potential dates with LHM. Optimal timeframe is 10 days in country, excluding travel days.

Individual Budget: Approx \$800 – This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation (incl. roundtrip flight to Phuket), translators and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include international flights and is based on a team of 10 people.

Materials for Project: \$3,000. This includes transportation for children and food and drinks for children attending the camp. The volunteer team must also bring all components of the camp materials (similar to a VBS) with them from the U.S.



Children's Day Camp

Since the tsunami of December 2004, Lutheran Hour Ministries Thailand (LHMT) and Khok Kloi Lutheran Church (KKLC) have been doing a number of outreach activities and relief and development projects in the Khok Kloi area. Through these efforts God has blessed us with many close relationships with tsunami victims and others in that community. Some have even come to faith in Jesus, been baptized and joined the church.

Recently the parents have requested LHMT to return to Khok Kloi to conduct special activities for children at least two times each year during the school breaks. In their community there are not many positive activities for children to do during their free time. The parents are concerned that the children often spend too much time watching television, playing computer games, and just sitting around home doing nothing. To respond to the request from these parents, LHMT is planning a 5-day Children's Day Camp for 50-70 children aged 10-12 years.



From 9am until 3pm each day, the children will enjoy singing, playing games, and doing art projects based on Bible stories. A team of volunteers from the United States will work together with the LHMT staff and KKLC pastor and members to plan the camp, prepare materials, and lead the songs, games, and activities.

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival and rest
- Day 2. Orientation, visit LHM office in Bangkok, tour city
- Day 3. Flight to Phuket, tour area and plan for camp
- Day 4. Worship and evening in Phuket
- Day 5. Camp
- Day 6. Camp
- Day 7. Camp
- Day 8. Camp
- Day 9. Camp
- Day 10. Return to Bangkok
- Day 11. Worship and free time/sightseeing/shopping
- Day 12. Departure



A detailed itinerary will be customized and provided to you by LHM according your travel days and team size.

Travel Documentation

U.S. citizen tourists staying for fewer than 30 days do not require a visa, but must possess a passport and may be asked to show an onward/return ticket. Effective October 1, 2006, persons entering Thailand without a visa will be allowed to stay in Thailand for 30 days per visit. The total duration of stay in Thailand for persons who enter Thailand without a visa cannot exceed 90 days during any six-month period, counting from the date of first entry.

When a traveler enters the country, Thai Immigration stamps in his or her passport the date on which the traveler's authorized stay in Thailand will expire. Any traveler remaining in Thailand beyond this date without having received an official extension will be assessed an immediate cash fine when departing Thailand

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REGISTRATION/EMBASSY LOCATION: Americans traveling in Thailand are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Thailand.



Vaccinations

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Southeast Asia, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.

Drugs to Prevent Malaria (Antimalarial drugs)

If you will be visiting a malaria risk area in Thailand, you will need to take one of the following antimalarial drugs: [atovaquone/proguanil](#) or [doxycycline](#). Malaria risk area in Thailand: Risk in rural areas that border Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar (Burma). Very limited risk in Phang Nga and Phuket therefore prophylaxis is not recommended for these two areas. No risk in cities and in major tourist resorts. No risk in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Pattaya, Koh Samui, and Koh Phangan.

This is based on current information from CDC and often depends on where the team travels in Thailand. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationThailand.aspx>

(Information from CDC website – March 2008)

Lodging & Meals

The team will be staying at hotels in Bangkok and Khok Kloi. All hotels are air-conditioned and provide clean sheets and towels. The team will eat their meals at a choice of local restaurants.

Sightseeing

Sightseeing will include a tour of Bangkok and free time in the coastal town of Phuket. The group will also have to somber opportunity to visit the tsunami affected areas and the associated memorial sites.

Budget

Costs for Global Work & Witness teams are split into 'Individual Costs', which is your food, lodging, transportation, etc., and your 'Project Costs', which is the cost of the materials for the actual project you participate on. Whether it is a VBS or a construction project we ask that your team cover these costs as a group.

Sample budget of **Individual Costs** based on 10 people traveling 11/12 days:

	Based on team of 10 people	
Insurance	14 days @ \$2.75	\$38.50
Lodging	11 nights @ \$20 (based on double occupancy)	\$220.00
Meals	11 days @ \$10	\$110.00
Bottled Water	Approx \$5 per day	\$60.00
Transportation	Daily use of bus - incl. Gas and driver	\$70.00
Transportation	Roundtrip flight from Bangkok to Phuket	\$300.00
Total		\$798.50

You must also budget for your international flights, entry visas, sightseeing, souvenirs and departure taxes (if necessary).

The budget is estimated and your team may choose to eat a little more expensive or a little cheaper meals, which would obviously affect your budget. We tend to try and over budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds but it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

Project Costs for this project is \$3,000. This includes transportation for the children and lunch and drinks for those attending the camp. The volunteer team must also bring all components of the camp materials (similar to a VBS) with them from the U.S.

Insurance Coverage

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$2.75 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when you return.

LHM Ministry Center

Journey Into Light (JIL), the Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) ministry center in Thailand, primarily concentrates on using mass media technologies to proclaim the Gospel to the Thai people and to support local churches and LCMS missionaries in the area of evangelism. LHM's work is rapidly expanding out of Bangkok into the central, southern, and northeast portions of Thailand. The ministry center uses radio and radio drama to promote the use of tracts and **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**.

LHM-Thailand broadcasts five different 30-minute programs each day that have been effective in touching people's hearts with the Gospel and the love of God. It also has two adult courses and one children's course. Radio, the **BCCs** and the ministry's Web site are the most successful of LHM's tools to bring God's Word to millions in Thailand. The Web site has downloadable radio programs, dramas, and Christian music, as well as **BCCs**, bookstore service, and free booklets. It also encourages daily devotions through the World Wide Web. Its relief ministry accomplished a great deal of outreach following the December 2004 tsunami.

LHM-Thailand also has an energetic telephone ministry, shows Christian videos, and carries on social ministry programs proclaiming Christ's love. The office provides follow-up for its evangelistic crusades, as well as for individual radio listeners. **Equipping The Saints (ETS)** conferences are equipping and engaging active lay people in churches to serve as LHM volunteers. According to staff members, there is great potential for bringing the Savior to millions of Thai people who don't know Him. Currently, the government and people are quite open-minded and receptive to this message.

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