



THAILAND

English Language Workshop

Dates: Flexible. Preferable months are March and October.

Individual Costs: Approx. \$895. This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include international flights, and is based on a team of 10 people for 11 days in country.

Project Costs: \$1,500. This includes materials, lunches for participants, volunteer team members and Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)-Thailand staff.



English Language Workshop

The team will work with the English outreach program of Concordia Into Light Lutheran Church in Bangkok. The primary ministry activities for the team members may include assisting with ongoing English classes; providing short term English tutoring; providing special opportunities for English conversation practice for members of the community; leading games and songs for the students during activity nights; organizing culture night activities; and planning and conducting an English fun fair day.

No special skills are required, but teaching experience would be helpful. The most important skills include being able to interact with people of another culture in a positive, enjoyable way, patience when talking with people who don't speak English well, and being able to share their faith and Christian teachings in a relaxed, friendly manner. The numbers and ages of the people participating will vary.

Class sizes are between 3-12 students. Classes are offered for young children, for high school and college students and for adults. Total number of students in the program will be between 25-40 people. The primary focus will be on building relationships through fun, friendly, positive interactions during classes, conversations, games and activities and finding opportunities to share the Gospel through words and a variety of creative means.

Project Location

The worksite location is a busy, large, metropolitan area on the edge of Bangkok. Although the exact location is not in a tourist area, foreign visitors will feel very comfortable with the lodging, restaurants and surrounding community.

LHM International Volunteer Trips provide the opportunity to learn through authentic cross-cultural experiences and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in touching lives, please call Chris Myers at 314-317-4268 or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4268; or by email christine.myers@lhm.org.

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival in Bangkok, Rest
- Day 2. Orientation, sightseeing
- Day 3. Sightseeing and visit ministry partners
- Day 4. Worship and travel to project site
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6. Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Workday
- Day 9. Workday
- Day 10. Sightseeing
- Day 11. Departure

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



Entry Documentation

- U.S. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond arrival date
- No visa is required if stay is less than 30 days
- Proof of onward/return travel

Embassy of Thailand

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Washington, DC 20007
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Sightseeing

In Bangkok, the team will visit many different sites for a rich cultural experience including the Grand Palace, several prominent Buddhist temples, and the large weekend market and night bazaar. To gain a broader understanding of Thailand and the Thai culture, they could also visit the coastal areas of southern Thailand and the highlands of northern Thailand where many minority tribal groups are located. This is a separate cost not included in the individual budget.

Insurance Coverage

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$3.30 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.

Lodging and Meals

Based on availability, accommodations will be made at TK Palace www.tkpalace.com. It is within walking distance to the worksite. Breakfast is included with hotel, lunch and dinner will be at the church facility or local restaurant.

Budget

Sample budget based on 10 people for 11 days

Insurance	\$3.30/day x 13 days, includes travel days	\$42.90
Lodging	\$37.50/day x 10 nights (double occupancy)	\$375.00
Meals	\$30 per day (breakfast included with hotel)	\$330.00
Bottled water	\$5 per day	\$55.00
Transportation	Only needed for side trips- \$45 per day (2 days worth)	\$90.00
Total		\$892.90

You must also budget for your international flights, miscellaneous cost with sightseeing and souvenirs. An airport tax should be included with your flight costs. Be sure to check this when booking your flights.

The budget is an estimate and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive, which would affect your budget. We generally over-budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds; 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

Project costs are \$1,500.00 which covers the materials for the English Conversation Workshop, lunches for team members, participants and LHM-Thailand staff during workdays. These costs are a shared cost from all the team members. The timeline for payment of both Project Costs and Individual Costs will be provided once specific travel dates are determined. Project Costs must be paid 4 weeks prior to departure and Individual Costs must be paid 2 weeks prior to departure. In some cases, if LHM needs to make hotel or transport reservations, we may ask for partial payments to be made on a different timeline.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

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 staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.

[Japanese encephalitis](#)

Recommended if you plan to visit rural farming areas and under special circumstances, such as a known outbreak of Japanese encephalitis, see [country-specific information](#).

Rabies vaccination is only recommended for certain travelers, including:

- travelers with high occupational risks, such as veterinarians
- long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a high risk of exposure
- travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals, such as wildlife professionals, researchers, veterinarians, or adventure travelers visiting areas where bats, carnivores, and other mammals are commonly found

Malaria

Areas of Thailand with Malaria: Rural, forested areas that border Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, and Laos. Rural, forested areas in districts of Phang Nga and Phuket. None in the cities of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Koh Phangan, Koh Samui, Pattaya, Phang Nga, and Phuket. *(Updated September 2, 2011)* ([more information](#))

If you will be visiting an area of Thailand with malaria, you will need to discuss with your doctor the best ways for you to avoid getting sick with malaria. Ways to prevent malaria include the following:

- Taking a prescription antimalarial drug
- Using insect repellent and wearing long pants and sleeves to prevent mosquito bites
- Sleeping in air-conditioned or well-screened rooms or using bednets

Some areas of Thailand have resistance to certain antimalarial drugs. See the [malaria information listed by country](#) to find out which antimalarial drug is appropriate for the area you plan to visit in Thailand. For detailed information about each of these drugs, see [Table 3-11: Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria](#). For information that can help you and your doctor decide which of these drugs would be best for you, please see [Choosing a Drug to Prevent Malaria](#).

To find out more information on malaria throughout the world, you can use the [interactive CDC malaria map](#). You can search or browse countries, cities, and place names for more specific malaria risk information and the recommended prevention medicines for that area.

This information 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://www.cdc.gov/travel>

Forms

Please return all required forms to LHM St. Louis if you have not already done so.

LHM Ministry Center-Thailand

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.

Contact Information

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