

Upportunities to volunteer through LCA International Mission

LCA International Mission partners with churches in our neighbouring countries to share the wonderful forgiveness and hope promised through the grace of God the Father, by the Son, through the Holy Spirit. As we partner, you can join us to proclaim and receive Jesus' love through volunteering.

You may be:

- > receiving a call from the Holy Spirit to join God in His mission to all nations.
- > seeking to use a gap year for a time of service.
- > pondering an overseas experience during a time of sabbatical.
- > retired and wanting to use the extra time to engage in God's mission overseas.
- > interested in sharing your skills and gifts (e.g., administration, English conversation, construction, website and information technology, finance and legal, youth and children, church ministry, evangelism and discipleship, agriculture, music) with people living in another country.
- > wanting to develop your own faith by being blessed and a blessing through service.

As you think about volunteering, consider the following:

> Pray for discernment and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Ask trusted friends and relatives to do the same.

- > Identify and list your skills and gifts. We offer volunteering opportunities where no special training is required, as well as specialised ministry roles requiring specific skills. If none of the opportunities included in this booklet are suitable, speak to us about other possibilities to suit your skills, experience and calling.
- > Decide how long you will be available to volunteer and if there is a particular country you would like to volunteer in.
- > Read through the list in this booklet. Contact LCA International Mission staff with any questions or decisions.

If volunteering through LCA International Mission, we encourage you to

- > be willing to respect the culture and customs of the country in which you serve.
- > be prepared to cope with a certain amount of isolation and loneliness which comes from living in a strange country with a different language.
- > be willing to adapt to a new lifestyle and situations which may differ from initial expectations.
- > if possible, learn the language of the people.
- > have a love of the gospel and a willingness to share the faith within the restrictions of a country where Christians are in a minority.



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Soccer Coach

Lead the soccer trainings provided by the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. Help organise tournaments and provide coaching training.

Qualifications: Lover of youth and soccer. Open to how the Holy Spirit can use these opportunities for evangelism.

Location: Phnom Penh.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

Website Creator

Update the Lutheran Church in Cambodia's current website to help them mobilise Cambodian Christians to mission.

Qualifications: Information technology experience.

Location: This role could be fulfilled from home after spending a short period of research time in Cambodia.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

Online English Teaching support

Support the Lutheran Church in Cambodia teachers who are using English classes as a way of building relationships with their communities and sharing Jesus. Observe current teaching practices, offer advice on how to improve the methodology and implement new methods if necessary to improve teacher quality and student learning outcomes.

Qualifications: Teaching experience, preferably in English.

Location: online.

Time frame: 1 hour per week for 10 weeks from 13 April 2024.

Children's Ministry support

Nurture and disciple children in faith by planning a program which includes Biblical content, crafts, games/sport.

Qualifications: Have a heart and a desire to invest in the lives of young people.

Location: Phum Krus, a small rural community 1.5 hours north of Phnom Penh.

Time frame: 0 to 3 months.













Vocational Educational Teacher

Teach practical skills, such as sewing, needlework, carpentry, motor mechanics and computer skills.

Qualifications: Knowledge in practical skills.

Location: Bibel Frau school, North Sumatra.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.

TESOL Teacher

The Seminary has an English program each year for the 100 first-year students. Take opportunities to build relationships with students who will go on to serve in a paid ministry role.

Qualifications: TESOL qualification preferred, but other teaching qualification or experience adequate.

Location: Medan, North Sumatra.

Time frame: 4 weeks during July and August.

Christian Education Support in Schools

The National Committee Lutheran World Federation in Indonesia are seeking support for their Program Officer for Education as she oversees the operation and growth of Christian education in schools in Indonesia.

Qualifications: Experience in teaching/overseeing Christian

education.

Location: North Sumatra.

Time frame: Minimum 2 weeks.

Occupational Therapist

Work with children who experience disability to achieve and maintain optimal functioning in interaction with their environments.

Qualifications: Occupational therapist qualifications.

Location: RBM (Community Based Rehabilitation Center) GKPS.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.











Music Instructor

Coaching is needed for students to learn how to play piano, guitar and string instruments to join in church worship services. Students may have had some previous experience with instruments but will benefit from further learning.

Qualifications: Music degree and teaching experience.

Location: Rural villages in Sabah,

East Malaysia.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

Kindergarten Teaching

Educate and work with children before they begin formal schooling. Organise educational activities and games that will positively promote stimulation and productivity in young ones.

Qualifications: Kindergarten teaching experience preferred.

Location: East Malaysia.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

Disability Support

Work alongside staff at the day care centre who are implementing best practice in education for intellectually disabled, visually and hearing-impaired people. Train the young people in functional skills as they work toward being socially and economically dependent.

Qualifications: Physiotherapist, occupational therapist, or a special needs educator with experience ministering to people with a physical or intellectual disability.

Location: Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (BCCM) Agape Centre in Sandakan, East Malaysia.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

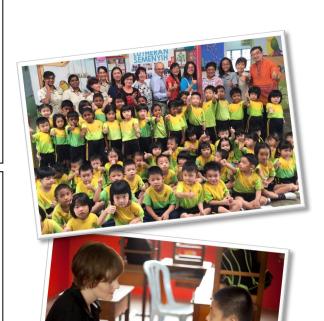
Digital Storyteller

Create promotional videos to convey the impact of their ministry which can be shared with supporters.

Qualifications: Experience in digital storytelling.

Location: East Malaysia.

Time frame: 0 to 3 months.











Music Tutor

Teach music lessons in the instrument of your choice for youth who cannot otherwise afford them. Instrumentalists will then use their learnings to support the music in worship services.

Qualifications: Knowledge in playing or teaching a musical instrument.

Location: Myanmar Institute of Lutheran Theology, North Dagon.

Time frame: Minimum 2 weeks.

Women's Ministry support

A guest speaker is required once every two years for a Women's Ministry Conference to equip the women with a deeper awareness of their Heavenly Father's love for them and understanding of how to use their God-given gifts for his service.

Qualifications: Female who is creative, flexible and willing to share knowledge on a particular topic.

Location: Yangon.

Time frame: 2 weeks.

Youth Worker

A creative and flexible person is needed to pioneer ministries for high school teenagers, college students and young people who are yearning to learn more about God's word and to build connections with other Christian young people.

Qualifications: Experience working with teens and youth. Cultural sensitivity and openness to learn and adapt.

Location: Yangon.

Time frame: Minimum 3 months.

Theological Lecturer

Lecturers are needed to teach students who are training for paid ministry roles with the Lutheran Church of Myanmar.

Qualifications: Minimum bachelor degree in theology.

Location: Myanmar Institute of Lutheran Theology, North Dagon.

Time frame: Minimum 2 weeks.









Librarian

Assist the local librarians to develop and manage a system to file and organise the collection of books located in the seminary libraries.

Qualifications: Librarian experience necessary.

Location: Various ELC-PNG

seminaries.

Time frame: Minimum 4 weeks.

TESOL Teacher

Martin Luther Seminary has an English program each for students studying theology. Take opportunities to build relationships with students who will go on to serve in a paid ministry role.

Qualifications: TESOL qualification preferred, but other teaching qualification or experience adequate.

Location: Lae.

Time frame: Minimum 4 weeks.

Village Birth Attendant Trainer

Train and support local women who assist with birthing to foster healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries – managing ante natal care, deliveries and post-partum care.

Qualifications: Qualified in midwifery and nursing.

Location: Opportunities in various hospitals located in Papua New Guinea.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.

Tradesperson

Tradespeople are needed for renovations to various Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea buildings. If you are qualified to teach your trade, you will have opportunities to mentor and train locals in your field of expertise as a consultant.

Qualifications: Plumber, electrician, carpenter, brickie or mechanic.

Location: Lae.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.











Women's Support

Support expectant mothers who may be unwed, without the support of their family or from an abusive relationship. Teach the women handicrafts, assist with keeping the grounds tidy, help to care for the babies who are born while their mothers are staying at Home of Grace.

Qualifications: Female, empathetic and non-judgemental.

Location: Home of Grace,

Bangkok.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.

Medical Mission support

Respond to physical needs through health-related ministry in an area where most locals are subsistence farmers and have limited access to medical facilities.

Qualifications: Medical experience preferred.

Location: Northern Thailand in the Nan province.

Time frame: Minimum 2 weeks.

Child Daycare Teacher

Spend time with children who attend the day care centre and live in the nearby slum. Teach the children action songs, read them books, help with meal and sleep times.

Qualifications: Love for spending time with children.

Location: Home of Praise, Bangkok, Thailand.

Time frame: Minimum 1 month.

Agriculture Advisor

The evangelists serving in northern Thailand use agriculture as a way to earn funds for ministry and to connect with local villagers. An advisor is needed to mentor those who are in charge of the farm and to teach sustainable farming practices.

Qualifications: Agriculture background.

Location: Northern Thailand in the Nan province.

Time frame: 2 weeks.













Editor

Edit articles/stories which are written to share what God is doing through LCA International Mission. Articles/stories will be loaded to the LCA International Mission website, included in publications and shared at speaking engagements.

Qualifications: Editing experience helpful.

Location: From your home. Writings can be sent via email.

Time frame: Approximately 5 articles/ stories written per month.

Video Producer and Graphic Artist

Help us enhance our ministry by producing videos for evangelism, course materials, events or promotional communication using photo-journalistic photography and story-based filming.

Qualifications: A talent for creating and producing videos, photography and story-based filming.

Location: Travel to our partner countries may be required.

Time frame: 3 to 6 months.

Mailout Assistance

Pack the Border Crossings magazine into envelopes for those who are subscribed.

Qualifications: No experience necessary.

Location: LCA Churchwide Office, 197 Archer Street, North

Adelaide. South Australia.

Time frame: March, July, October.

Seamstress/Sewer

Pastors from our partner countries need clerical shirts made to fit. Volunteer will be provided the pattern and measurements for the

shirts.

Qualifications: Sewing skills.

Location: From your home.

Time frame: Not determined.

