

TRAVELLERS: TEACHING PROJECTS THAILAND



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Teach English and other subjects to children in a rural Thai Village. A fascinating cultural experience awaits you in this land of smiles!

Embrace Thai culture while assisting others to perfect their English in a small community to the north of Bangkok. Your help is needed in the small town of **Muak Lek**, located in Thailand's **Saraburi province**, a 3 hour drive to the north of Bangkok. Here you'll teach conversational English to a classroom of excited students. You'll volunteer in the town's Seventh Day Adventist International School, a private organisation supported by the church. The school is run as a not for profit entity, so all profits are channelled back into the school for its benefit.

In 1989 the school consisted of just one classroom, but it has since expanded and developed into an international educational institution, located within a new building donated as a gift from the church. The school accepts students from various nationalities, backgrounds and religions (students do not have to be from Seventh Day Adventist backgrounds - in fact around 70% of students are actually Buddhist) and there are also many International students. All subjects are presented in English because the curriculum is based on the American Education System.

Many of the teachers at the school are also from international backgrounds, where English is not their first language. As such, exposure to native English speakers is crucial for the students progression and confidence in English. This is why your help is required!

You'll help students from the ages of 4 to 14 years to have conversations in English, as well as assisting with other lessons in Science, Maths, Arts and Crafts and Sports. There are around 200 students at the school, with class sizes usually not exceeding 25 at any one time. Facilities at the school include a Library, computer room with internet access, cafeteria, play ground, basketball court and students hall. There are 29 staff and teachers from various different countries such as Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, India, United States, and Thailand so this is a truly international environment to be based in!

The school are very keen to receive help from native English speakers to encourage fluency. Exposure to native English speakers is crucial for these students - interaction with you enables them to learn correct pronunciation and vocabulary and gives them confidence to use English. Occasionally you may be asked to



help with spelling and vocabulary as well as conversational English. Children also receive Thai lessons every day - for which you are free to participate if you would like to learn some of the native language!

Because of the religious background of the school that you'll be teaching in, there are some restrictions in terms of dress codes and general behaviour (such as observing Saturday as the Sabbath where no work is done). You'll be advised on appropriate behaviour once you've applied for this placement.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN THAILAND:

Teaching is available throughout the year for a maximum of two volunteers at any one time. During school holidays (June - August) there is a summer school which is ideal for volunteers to attend as it provides an opportunity for English to be taught in more of an informal setting, through games, drama, sports and music. Formal teaching at this time won't take place so you'll need to be prepared to be flexible in your approach. In 2010 the summer camp runs will run between the 21st of June and the 23rd July, with the school term starting again on the 16th of August. During the summer camp there are a lot of educational games and fun activities for the children to join in.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Don't worry about not having special qualifications. The whole idea of *Travellers* is to provide any help possible, whether it is merely enabling children to hear English pronunciation by native English speakers, or any additional help with other academic subjects or how to use a computer - anything you can offer is very much appreciated and everyone knows you are not a qualified teacher. The emphasis is on much-needed language development, additional learning and cultural contact. It gives your pupils valuable experience while saving you large sums of money on TEFL diplomas.

INDUCTION / INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNTRY

When you arrive you'll be welcomed at the airport by our Thailand Manager. You will travel to Muak Lek, where your placement will be based. During the first few days of your stay you'll have a familiarisation period so that you can learn about the country and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the phones, transport system, etc.



BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THAILAND

For many years Thailand has been a mecca for Travellers, with an estimated 10 million tourists now arriving each year. It's central position in South East Asia affords easy access to neighbouring Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia, making Thailand the ideal gateway for exploration of all things Eastern.

Thailand has remained a strong favourite amongst travellers, not least because of the ease of travel (buses and trains are affordable and comfortable), delicious cuisine and changing landscape. The trekking, rafting and scenery of the northern and central regions will suit adventure lovers, whereas the islands and beaches of the southern peninsular are perfect for the more laid back holiday. Whatever experience you are looking for, you'll find it here.

THE NEXT STEP

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website (www.travellersworldwide.com) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

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