

## Yer Chang

*Yer Chang is a 12 year old from Thailand.  
She has lived there for 11 years.*

***What is your name?***

My name is Yer Chang.

***How old are you?***

I am twelve years old.

***Where were you born?***

I was born in Vinai, Thailand.

***How many years did you live in Thailand?***

I lived in Thailand for eleven years.

***What was it like living in Thailand?***

It was very nice. There were a lot of Hmong, trees, and many mountains.

***Did anybody help you when you came? If so, who?***

Yes, my grandfather.

***When you got to America, what did you think about it?***

When I got here, it was better than Thailand. There isn't sand flying everywhere, and the roads are not made of sand.

***When you were on the airplane, were there any problems?***

No.

***What are you going to do to become a teacher?***

I will go to school.

***What are the differences between schools in Thailand and schools in America?***

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***What are some of Thailand's school rules?***

They don't let you run around the room and they don't let you wear shoes in the classroom.

***Do you think learning Thai is harder, or learning English?***

I think it's the same because if you live in Thailand and you've been going to school there, it'd be easier to learn Thai. If you just came to America from Thailand, learning English would be hard.

***Do you prefer the American culture or the Hmong culture?***

I like both of them.

***What do you think about inter-racial dating?***

I don't mind it.

***What do you think about getting married at a young age?***

It's not good because if you have any children, you won't know how to support them.

***What do you think about the kids in America?***

I think that they know a lot.

***What do you think about the stores in America compared to the stores in Thailand?***

The stores over here are better than the ones in Thailand. The stores in America have air conditioning and are in a building. The stores in Thailand are only in small tents.

***How is the weather in Thailand different from the weather in Wausau?***

The weather in Thailand is really hot, and Thailand doesn't have any nice weather like Wausau does.

***What do you think about the clothes in America compared to the clothes in Thailand?***

The clothes in America are better. They are also better looking, and more comfortable.

***Have you been on any trips?***

Yes, I went to the zoo.

***Which animals did you like?***

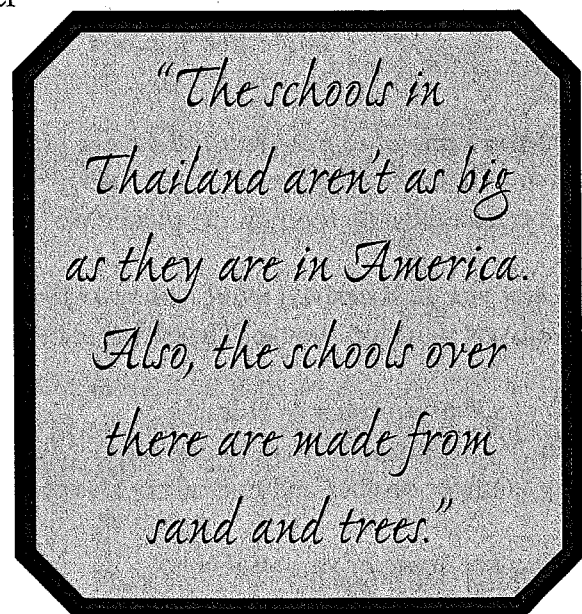
The birds. I liked the small birds.

***What was the New Year in Thailand like?***

They had ball tossing, people wore traditional Hmong clothes, and they sold stuff.

***If you have a chance to go back to Thailand, would you go back? Why?***

Yes, I want to go back. If you were to come over here, you would want to go back to visit.



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