

Dao Lor

Dao Lor was born in Thailand. He now resides in Wausau with his family.

How old are you?

I am 13 years old.

Where were you born?

I was born in Vinai.

Where did you live in Thailand before coming to the United States?

I don't recall.

How long did you live in Thailand?

13 years.

Do you have brothers and sisters?

Yes, I do.

How many?

I have 3 sisters. One didn't come to the United States yet. The second one goes to summer school and my last sister stays home. I also have three brothers.

What was your life in Thailand like? Was it fun?

Yes, it was fun. We played tag like over here.

Did you go anywhere else?

Yes, we did.

Where did you guys go?

Well, we went to the mountains.

What do you want to do in the future? Why?

I want to become a doctor. You earn more money if you're a doctor.

Did you go to school in Thailand?

Yes, I did go to school.

What was the name of your school?

I forgot after we came to live here.

What did they teach you?

They taught us how to read in Thai so that we would be good at it.

How many languages can you speak?

I know Hmong. I can't speak Thai or English well.

Which language do you think is harder to learn?

Thai is harder than English.

Did you know a lot of people in the United States before you came?

No, I didn't know a lot of people.

When you first got here, what did you think?

I thought it was good.

What was good about it?

It was good because of the houses and grass.

What do you think about the schools here and do you like them?

Yes, I do like them.

When you first got to the United States, did you have any problems?

No, we didn't have any problems.

What do you think about the Hmong American children?

I don't think about them much.

When you were getting ready to come, how were you checked?

I don't really know.

Did they examine you? What did they examine?

Yes. They checked our eyes and stomach to see if we had any kind of disease or sickness.

Did they draw your blood to make sure that you were healthy?

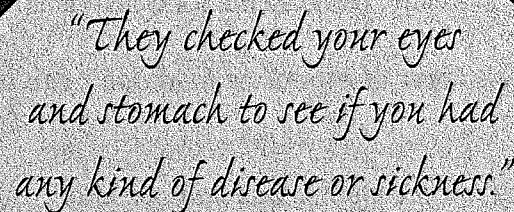
Yes, they did.

Did you go to the stores here?

Yes.

What did you think of the stores?

The stores here are good.



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What is the difference between the stores here and the stores in Thailand?

In Thailand they sold products outside. In America they sell their products in buildings.

In Thailand, what did you eat?

There are lettuce, bamboo shoots and peppers.

How different are the foods over in Thailand compared to the foods here in America?

In Thailand, we ate rice with lettuce only.

What do you eat here in America?

Rice with meat, eggs, and soup.

So you've eaten American food?

Yes, we have.

Do you like the taste of American food? Why?

No, not really. Because the food here is not as tasty as in Thailand.

Which kinds of American food don't you like?

Bread.

What are the clothes in Thailand like?

The clothes in Thailand are short and the pants are not jeans.

And the clothes in America?

In America there are long sleeve and short sleeve shirts; they wear jeans a lot.

What is the weather like in Thailand? America?

They're the same.

Where is it hotter?

In Thailand.

What do you think about the snow?

I like the snow.

Have you played in the snow at all?

Yes, I did play in the snow.

Are you happy that you get to see snow?

Yes, I'm happy.

If you could go back and live in Thailand again, would you?

I don't want to go back.

"The clothes in Thailand are short and the pants are not jeans. In America, there are long sleeve and short sleeve shirts, they wear jeans a lot."

Why don't you want to live there anymore?

Because over there it's not like over here.

So then, would you go back to visit?

Yes, I would like to go to visit.