

Mai Vang

*Mai Vang lived in Thailand for 10 years.
She now resides in Wausau.*

What is your name?

Mai Vang.

How old are you?

13 years old.

Where were you born?

Vinai.

Where do you live in Thailand?

Wat Tham Krabok.

How many years did you live in Thailand?

About 10 years.

How many brothers and sisters do you have?

I have eight brothers and one sister.

What did you do in Thailand?

I went to school and worked at home.

What are some differences between Thai and America schools?

In Thailand they used woods to built the school and you shared chairs. In America we're in a building and are in different chairs and tables.

How many languages do you know? What are they?

I know three: Thai, Hmong, and a little English.

What language do you think is the hardest?

English.

Do you prefer the Hmong culture or the American culture?

The American culture.

Did you know a lot of people in the U.S. before coming?

Not really; just my big sister, my big brother, and some of my other relatives.

Who helped you during your time of arrival?

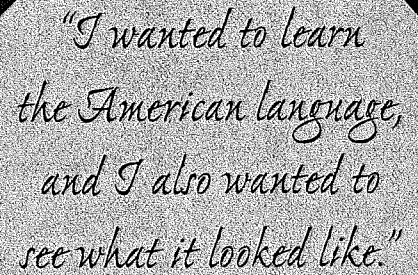
My big sister helped us get here.

Why did you come to the United States?

I wanted to learn the American language, and I also wanted to see what it looked like.

Did you have any difficulties in the airplane?

No, we didn't have any problems. I liked the ride, and I want to ride it again.



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