

## Chong Xiong

*Chong Xiong came to America when he was 12.  
He now resides in Wausau.*

***What is your name?***

My name is Chong.

***How old are you?***

I am twelve years old.

***Where were you born?***

I was born in Ban Vinai.

***Where did you live in Thailand?***

I lived in Ban Vinai.

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

About six years.

***Do you have any brothers or sisters?***

I have two sisters and two brothers.

***What is the average life like in Thailand?***

It was fun, but there was no food and no water.

***Did you go to school in Thailand?***

Yes.

***Who helped you during your time of arrival?***

My aunt.

***How old were you when you came?***

When I came, I was 12 years old.

***Why did your family decide to move here?***

There's food and water here and lots of advertisements.

***Did you want to come?***

Yes I did.

***What did you think about America when you first arrived?***

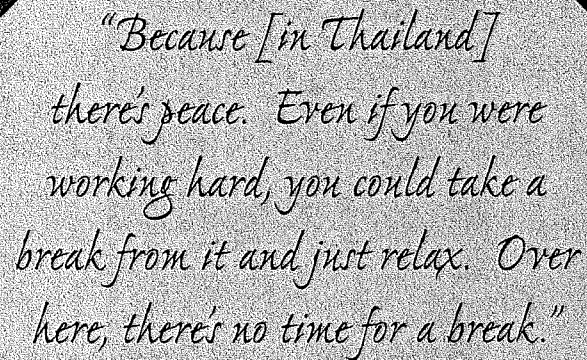
I thought that America wasn't like Thailand because in America, you don't stay outside as much. America is cold and in Thailand, it's hot. When we lived in Thailand, we farmed and we didn't have to pay. Over here, if we wanted a plot of land to farm on, we'd have to pay the owner in order to farm on the land.

***Would you go back to Thailand if you could?***

Yes.

***Why?***

Because, there's peace. Even if we were working hard, we could take a break from it and just relax. Over here, there's no time for a break.



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