

Nang Yang

*Nang came to America with his mother.
His father and brother are still in Thailand.*

What is your name?

Nang.

Last name?

Yang.

How old are you?

13 years old.

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I like to play soccer.

How many people do you have in your family?

I have nine people.

How many brothers, sisters?

I have one older brother, two younger brothers, and one sister. I am the third child.

What year did you come to the United States?

I came in 2005.

Who did you come with?

I came with my Mother.

Since you came with your mother, is your Father and siblings still in Thailand?

Yes, my father and older brothers are still in Thailand.

How come your Father didn't come to America with you?

My father was arrested in Thailand; therefore he wasn't able to come with us.

Would you like for your father to come one day?

Yes, I do.

When you first came to America, what did you think?

I like it here, because it has better schooling.

Would you like to go back to Thailand one day?

Yes, I would, to go back and visit my Father.

Did you go to school in Thailand?

Yes, I did, first grade through fourth grade.

How old were you when you first started?

I was seven years old.

If you finished school there, what would you want to become?

I don't know.

What did you like doing in Thailand?

I liked playing.

What did you do?

I would go and hang out with my friends.

What did you like to eat there?

I liked eating rice, because there was nothing else.

What did you guys do for a living, to make money?

My brother was the one who went to work.

What did your Mother or Father do?

My Mother stayed at home, and my Father was arrested.

What do you like to do here in America?

I like school, and playing sports.

Since you like soccer, do you like other sports?

Yes.

Like what?

Basketball.

How come you like those sports?

Because I get exercise from them.

What do you do at home?

I play games.

On the computer?

Videogames.

What do you think of the schools here?

I think that they are very good.

Do you have a lot of friends here?

Yes, I do.

Do you know anybody of Thailand that has come to America now?

No, I do not.

What do you think of the schools in Thailand?

I don't know, I just went because my parents told me too.

Who sponsored you guys to come to America?

I don't remember.

Do you want to go back and live in Thailand?

I do not want to go back and live there, but I want to go visit it, for my father.

Is there anybody that you would like to bring here from Thailand?

I would bring my father.

When you first came here, whom did you live with?

I lived with my sister.

Do you still live with your sister now?

No, we live in our own house.

Where does your Mother work right now?

My mom does not work.

Do you guys have a car?

Yes.

Who knows how to drive the car?

My brother.

Why did you guys want to come to the States?

My sister was here.

Where did your plane first land?

At first Japan, then to New York, then onto Wisconsin.

What did you do on the plane?

I watched movies.

Do you like eating anything else?

I like eating Mexican food.

Why is that?

I have a Mexican friend.

What did you think of the Hmong-Americans here, when you first came?

I didn't think of anything.

What do you think of them now?

I don't know.

What do you think of Americans?

I don't know.

How about other races?

I don't know many.

What do you think of the Hmong people in Thailand?

They're good people.

What do you think of the winds here, compared to Thailand?

Here it is cold.

What do you think of the cold?

I don't know.

How about the summer? Is it hot and humid?

Yes, it is just like Thailand.

What religion do you partake?

I do go to church.

Did you go to church in Thailand?

No, I did not.

Why did you guys choose to go to Church?

There are people sponsoring people us in that church.

Did you participate in any religion in Thailand?

Yes, we followed the Hmong rituals.

What do you think of these two religions?

I don't think anything of it, I do whatever my Mom does.

Which one do you prefer?

I prefer going to church, because I also learn there.

Do you think the Hmong traditions here are any different from the ones in Thailand?

Yes, I do believe that they are different.

Since we have holidays here, such as Valentines, or Halloween, do you know if Thailand has any other holidays that they celebrate?

They have a day where you can throw water at each other.

Do you have any stories that you would like to share with us?

No.

Did you hear any myths about America, before coming?

No, I did not.

Do you have anything else to say?

No, I do not.