

Yi Leng Yang

What is your name?

My name is Yi Leng Yang.

How old are you?

I am 12 years old.

Where were you born?

Ban Vinai, Thailand.

Where did you live in Thailand?

Wat Tham Krabok.

How many years did you live in Thailand?

Ten years.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I have one sister, three older brothers, and one younger brother.

What did you do in Thailand?

In Thailand, we went to school.

Do you have any plans for the future?

Not yet.

Did you go to school?

Yes.

What are the differences between Thai and American schools?

The schools in Thailand are made of wood, but some are like the ones in America. Also, the schools in Thailand are dirty on the inside and the bathrooms are different.

Are there any similarities?

There are computers, tables, and chairs in Thailand schools, just like in the American schools.

How many languages can you speak? And what are they?

I can speak three languages. They are Thai, Hmong, and a little English.

Which language is the hardest for you?

The English language is the hardest for me.

What sorts of things don't you like about the Hmong tradition?

There's nothing I don't like about the Hmong tradition.

Do you prefer the Hmong culture or the American culture?

I like both cultures.

How old were you when you came to America?

I was 11 years old.

Did you know many people in America?

I didn't know a lot.

Who helped you when you arrived in America?

My aunt.

Why did you come to America?

I came to America because the Americans came to register us in Wat Tham Krabok.

Did you have any difficulties on the airplane?

None.

Do you like to ride in airplanes?

Kind of.

How did you feel about America when you arrived?

It's great.

Did you have any difficulties in America?

None.

What is your view about kids getting married at a young age?

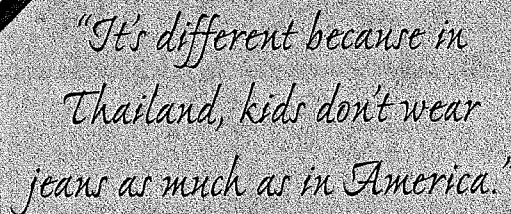
It's not good. Even though you're married, you're still very young.

What is the difference between the stores in America and the ones in Thailand?

In Thailand, the stuff they sell is different. For example, they sell stuff that doesn't use batteries. Also, the place is not as clean.

Is there anything that is the same?

Yes. There are shoes and clothes.



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Do you like the Hmong or American culture better? Why?

I like both of them because they are both good.

What do you think about the clothes that American kids wear compared to the clothes that kids wear in Thailand?

They're different because in Thailand, kids don't wear jeans as much as in America.

What do you like to do during your free time?

I like to play games.

If you could go back to Thailand, would you? Why?

No, because it's really dirty and there is a lot of trash.

Could you tell us about Thailand?

The Thai people kill a lot of people. If the Thai police catch you and you give them money, they'll let you go. The Thai people also steal money. If you wear any jewelry to the store, they'll just come and snatch it.