



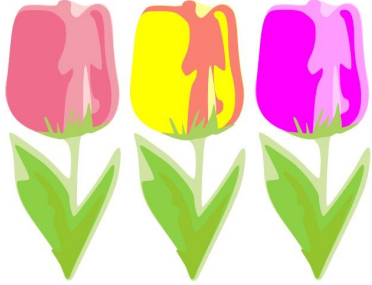
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Student Stories Please send us your stories or poems for the June newsletter



Our 25th Wedding Anniversary, by Takaw Say

On March 16 we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Our children helped us plan the ceremony. It was fun and beautiful. The reception had food, music, dancing and a cake. Walking down the aisle was special. Our Karen pastor preached, helped us exchange rings, and signed a marriage certificate. A friend from refugee camp came from Chicago.



My Adventures During Hurricane Florence, by Muki Wellgapot



When Hurricane Florence hit New Bern my family and I went on a vacation. My family visited friends and went to many places.

My family and I had to evacuate New Bern because of Hurricane Florence. My boyfriend wanted to take the family on a vacation. My boyfriend and I, three children and my mother went in one car. My sister, husband, husband's niece, two children, and two dogs went in another car.

I went to Washington, DC. I saw the Washington Monument. It was tall and no windows. I saw the White House. There were a lot of people taking pictures. My two sons ate hot dogs from a street vendor.

After that my family went to New York City. We took a boat to the Statue of Liberty. It was windy. We were inside on the boat ride. We took pictures of Lady Liberty. We bought t-shirts and pictures for souvenirs. We stayed in a hotel in New Jersey.

Next, we went to Niagra Falls. We rode in a boat and went under Niagra Falls. The water sprayed me. I wore a plastic coat. I saw a rainbow. After the boat ride we walked around and bought cheeseburgers and French fries. We stayed at my boyfriends' friends house.

Lastly, my family went to Ohio. We stayed two nights there. One night we slept in a hotel. The second night we stayed at a friends' house. We went to a Japanese food buffet and ate sushi.

My favorite place was Niagra Falls. It was fun visiting many states, but I don't want the hurricane to come back.

Happy Spring



Congratulations!

We celebrate our students who have passed their citizenship interviews:

- ◆ Mimi Than, tutor Maggie Nicholson
- ◆ Thang Hre, tutor Jimmy Long
- ◆ Sung Sung, tutor Jan Green
- ◆ Shee Lar, tutor Mary Traina
- ◆ Dhaka Yafai, tutors Jan Green & Carol Glatthaar
- ◆ Bwe Htoo, tutor Susan Frank
- ◆ Hay Dar, tutor Ray Arends



How I Became US Citizen, by Cher Ku

My name is Cher Ku. I came from Thailand in 2011.

I have one brother and three sisters. My older sister and her family moved to Australia when I moved to America. My other sisters are still in Thailand. I came to America by myself. My first year I lived with my friends. After 2012, I lived with my cousin in New Bern. I lived with my cousin for four years. After that, I moved to Minnesota. I lived there six months. I didn't like the weather because it's really cold. I moved back to New Bern. I lived with my cousin again. I got a new job when I moved here. I have lived in New Bern for eight years. After five years, I wanted to become a US citizen. I prayed to God to help me pass the test. God blessed me with the help. I took the test and passed. I'm so happy because I passed the test and became a US citizen. I'm very proud of myself because I can vote now and I can live a free country. I also love living in a big county.



My name is Mi Cho.

I come from Myanmar, the state Mon. When I was born the country was called Burma. My husband and I went to a refugee camp in Thailand in 2006. I worked as a seamstress, but there was no work for my husband. A group came to the refugee camp to help people move to other countries. My husband asked that we come to America. We waited several years before we got to leave. I was scared - I didn't know how to speak any English. Now I am here and happy. I like it here. Last year I became a citizen of the United States. Now my husband and I are both American citizens. I would like more of my family to move here, but I don't know if they will.



Chinese Buffet, by Maria Chavez



My first time at the restaurant with my husband was my first experience with the food. This is all different kinds of food for me. We went to Hibachi Buffet in Greenville NC for the weekend on one Saturday I think on that day I did not cook because it was my day off.

I'm very surprised when I went there. The walls were decorated with bamboo and the ceiling with bright lights. Every body has to serve themselves. They change the plate as many times as they went to the bar. Before you eat you have to stop with the cashier and pay.

If I like salad I stop for my salad first and fruit for appetizer. I would like for my salad, lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, seeds and ranch for dressing. With my fruit appetizer just peaches oranges and pineapple. For my main dish I'm going to take chicken, pork and grill steak. I had ice cream and vanilla cake for dessert.

A Chinese restaurant was different for me because everybody eats with a fork or chopsticks. When I left the restaurant I'm not satisfied with out tortilla-



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