



I want to study english for my dream to become a reality

Migrant parents think their children's education is much more important than their situation

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My name is Kyaw Myo Naing. I was born Mawlamyine in Myanmar on 21st May 1997. I lived in Mawlamyine for six months after birth. Then I came to Thailand with my family. Before there were seven members in my family. They were my father, mother, two older sisters, one older brother, one younger sister and me. But now everything is changed and different. There are five people in my family. Everything was changed rapidly, and there were many failures to make my life flop.

First, I lost my mother in my life. She died on 27th December 2013. After my mother died, my two older



"Education is the most powerful weapon with which you can change the world."

Nelson Mandela

sisters were separated in apart. They left our house and lived by themselves. I was wounded in my heart after my mother died. She had an ovary cancer. As soon as we knew, my father supported my mother to cure in Hat-Yai hospital in Thailand. It took about three months. But the cancer disease was getting worse. Therefore, she had to transfer to Yangoon hospital in Myanmar to have a better treatment. The doctor said that the patient needs to take time for a long period for the operation. It may cost much money and also he cannot give an insurance of her live if she is going to have an operation. My father already knew that the cancer disease cannot disappear in a short time. But he agreed to the doctor to have an operation. He borrowed money from others to have an operation. Finally, my mother died we had the debt to pay about 280000 baht and he had to pay the interest about 28000 per month. Because of these many reasons, I worked with my father as a carpenter after I finished year four at Marist Asia Foundation.

Second, I worked as a carpenter for one year and three months. Our dept was decreasing month by month. Now we only have to pay a few amount of debt. I was not happy to work as a carpenter because the work is too hard and rough for me. I usually had to work under the sun and I had to use the electrical machines like plane, drill and circular saw. That is very hazardous to our lives. When it is raining it is more dangerous to our lives. We may shock and die if we are wet and touch the wires. On the other hand I was also happy because I was helping my family as long as I can even I had to work really hard.

By working as a carpenter, I had got many experiences and knowledge about migrant people. I became more mature and I knew more about migrants people here in Ranong. How they work and solve their daily life's situation, how they support their families and how they had to live with difficulty. Most of migrants workers are the parents and they are really working hard for their family to live well and their children to study smoothly without any worries. They still patient to their employers even their employers scold to them. They

think their children's education is much more important than their situation. They still support their children even they are facing with financial problems. I realized that working outside from the school, I had more maturity and had more experiences. Due to being a child of a migrant people, I would like to study hard as a dutiful child.

Third, I started my study or education at Soi Jet Burmese learning center. I studied for many years until grade four and I had to joined at Marist Asia Foundation. I studied four years at Burmese Migrant Secondary Programme. I got an opportunity to attend or study Sunday group when I was studying at Marist Asia Foundation. I was really grateful to Sunday group because I learnt many topics from that group such as English skills, preparing for teaching, practical teaching, critical thinking, seven habits for teenagers to succeed, and sharing the ideas and opinions. I got many knowledge from Sunday group but unfortunately I had to quit from Sunday group because of my family's financial problems.

I also have my own dreams like everyone else. My main dream is to be good in English. I hope if I have a good English skill I can have a better job for my family and it is good to continue my education like study abroad or further studies. At least I can share and teach my English skills and education to my own people. My past job was really hard and rough for me and I want a better job in life. I also want to help my family as long as I can. Therefore I want to study English for my dream to become a reality and I hope I can succeed or get an achievement in life one day.