

First of all, let me tell you about Vanthong. His name is Mr. Vanthong PHENGGHAMTA. He



was born on 08 October 1986. He is 29 years old. He is Lao and lives in Luangprabang at Kuathineung village, but he was born at Sob Van village, Muang Ngoi District. He is an orphan boy and street urchin; his parents passed away in 1999 when he was fourteen years old. He has two older sisters and one younger brother and a younger sister. He was very poor because nobody could take care of him and his family during that time.

But he has done many things, has worked very hard as a farmer in place of his parents in order to support himself and his brother and sisters.

But in 2000 he was a novice at the temple. He stayed at temple for one year and six months. He enjoyed life at the temple because he could learn many things about buddhist texts book, but he still had to look after his family.

He wanted to study very much but he didn't have any chance to get to school because nobody could support him. His two older sisters never took care of him and of his younger brother and sister because it was also very difficult for them, when they lived with their family or husband. He understood both of them because they were in the same situation. He struggled very much for his life until 2002.

In 2002-2003 he decided to leave his family and to stay in Luangprabang to get a job, but it was the first time he had left his family and gone so far away. He was staying in Luangprabang but he had no accommodation, no food, and no money.

He worked very hard. He is a worker. He worked in a bricks factory to produce bricks.

In 2004 he got a better job he could work in an restaurant in Luangprabang. It is a French restaurant, it was a big challenge for him. He could not speak any language and he applied to work there. After he got the job in the restaurant he felt very happy and he could have a chance to study.

From 2004 to 2012 he has learnt many things in the restaurant. He has finished English administration business and tourist studies at Manivanh College in 2011 and then he continued to study English at University in Luangprabang. He finished University in 2013.

About his personality

He is a pretty shy person, but when he has free time, he likes to study English language and Lao history, to use a computer with his friend and read in English (Vientiane Time , magazines and history books).

He is always a person who worries about himself for the future. He likes to make plans for the future because he is a guy who has suffered much in his life. He would like to help people if he can. He wants to help people because he doesn't want to see people like him when he was young. That's why sometimes he has insomnia; therefore he is a thin person.

When he was young he wanted to be an English teacher and later be a tour guide . Now, he is.



Nowadays he has just got a married on 3rd, May 2014.

Now he is working as a freelance guide ; he takes people from different countries to travel in Laos country. And he has a part time job as an English teacher at his apartment. He is a person who likes challenges in his life and he would like to help lao students speak English language for their future. He thinks that knowledges could change their future.

Even if he has a job, he looks forward, and he will continue his project to help Lao students. He says that if he had a school he would take care of Lao students who are orphans or very poor in order to give them a good chance to study forever.

Anyhow he says, he never will never forget his sponsors who always supported him and gave him a direction.

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