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Christ Moo	Where is your original birthplace and how many years have you lived there? After that Where did you move to and how many years did you live there? Finally, what brought to American and for what purpose?	Interrupted by my mom
Eh lee	I was born in Myanmar (Burma) and lived there for 20 years. After that I moved to Thailand and lived there for 25 years also. Finally, I came to American, since I moved to Thailand it was for them to support and help us due to the struggle and hardship that we went through, and it was for 25 years. After that American accepted us then, applied for American and came to American because of that and have lived in the U.S. for 8 years.	
Christ Moo	Describe a tradition or practice that you learn from your family?	
Eh lee	The tradition and practice that I have learned from my family is learning languages and Karen language. As for the belief and religion is believing in God and being a Christian. Since my father and mother was a Christian and a believer of Christ, I also became a Christian. Tradition and practice are Karen culture and as for the tradition, when a new year happen, they would do a don dance wish is a Karen and Poe Karen culture that they do every new year.	A little bit a laughter by my mom
Christ Moo	What language do you speak? How of languages do you know? How did you learn about it?	
Eh lee	The language that I speak is Karen, Burmese, and a little of Poe Karen. How I learn is by going to school at Poe Karen town where they speak their own language and managed to learn from that. That's also, how I learned the Burmese language As for Karen language it come from my family.	
Christ Moo	Are there any parts of your culture you have not passed on to your family?	Distracted by my mom
Eh lee	No, I haven't but, I want for my children to still remember and learn how to write and read about their own language. Since they came to American for years now and know how to speak English. I wanted them to re learn their own language and pass it down to generation to generation so, that your own Karen language won't be forgotten. I hope that in the near future my children would work on re-learning their own language.	
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Eh Lee	<p>What was your childhood like? How did your childhood different from what you see children living today?</p> <p>When I was a kid in Myanmar, it was hard for me, for us due to not fully having school accent and as for school it wasn't good as it is here, when going to school at Kawthoolei we didn't even finished our school year because we always have to run due to Burma army coming up to our village, then everyone would run away and our village would be burn down, as well as our school and then we would have no teacher nor student. Everyone would run away and hide up in the mountain and juggle. Each year people wouldn't finish their school years due to that. Is only when you go and live in a near big town then we can go to school. Even if Burma's military would come, we wouldn't have to fear for our life. Is like you're the citizen of the Myanmar country but, as before if you live in Kawthoolei you would always have to run. As for today kids that have lived here and go to school here like us. Everything for them is provided and given a good opportunity. There is a big difference. As for how I live we have to pay for the school in order for us to go to school. It depends on the country, as for you it's a very good thing. Is up to you if you wanted to be successful and how much hard work you are going to put in.</p>	
Christ Moo		
Eh lee	How many of children do you have? Are they boy or girl?	
Christ Moo	I have 5 children. They are all boys and no girl	
Eh lee	<p>Was it hard for you when you started to have children and how did it affect you?</p> <p>When my children were little and live in refugee camp at Thailand, we would get donation of food like rice and as for other things such as money it was hard to find and get so, that made it harder for us by a lot. It was even harder than here in American. Here in American there is a lot of work you can do and is available for you but, in Thailand refugee camp there is no work you can do and if you want to get out of the camp to find jobs to do you have to do it in secret and if they found out that you have gotten out of your camp you would be put in jail by Thai police if, you don't listen to their order. When living in American there are opportunity and work for you fully. Living there is hard but, here is much easier.</p>	
Christ Moo	How is Karen ancestral have been descended?	Moms help out with the question
Eh lee	Karen people have been descended through generation through generation, our Karen ancestral is not fully well known but, Karen people have said that it come from Mongolia and descended from there. After that they would separate into groups and those groups,	

<p>Christ Moo</p> <p>Eh lee</p>	<p>we don't much about or have information of and don't understand about it fully. Some group would go to north, east, south, and west. Some group would go to the Thailand side and go back to the Myanmar side. Karen people would call Myanmar a dark country because our great, great grandma and great, great grandpa would called it a dark country because there is too much evil in there.</p> <p>How is it like today?</p> <p>Just like I said before living here now is easier to find jobs and can live here safely. Also, can go to work and work safely. There is a good opportunity for us. Blessing is working safely, can live comfortably, don't have to run away anymore since living here in an American full of opportunity, freedom, foods and have things fully for us. Live comfortably, eat safely and comfortably, don't have to fear, and worry.</p>	
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