

Julie's Story



To give someone the opportunity to engage in conversation and form relationships through the art of language is one of the most beautiful processes. Each learner in the literacy program will flourish and become more involved in the world, and the diversity of human culture will thrive. Julie is one of the learners at The Literacy Council. Throughout her life, she has traveled and lived in a variety of places. She was born in Burma (now known as Myanmar) which is a small country in southeast Asia populated with more than 100 different ethnic groups. At the age of 18, she decided to move to Thailand where she resided for the next 11 years. During this time of her life, Julie sewed clothes in a factory every day, and she began to learn the English language. Typically, starting to learn a new language at an older age can be more difficult, and Julie experiences this challenge in her daily life.

Even though she struggled learning the English language, she decided to move to America, where she now has lived for the last 8 years. During her time with The Literacy Council, she has worked to improve her pronunciation, her ability to speak and understand English, and has begun to build a promising future for herself and her family. She has a husband and 2 children and works in a store with Asian heritage. Her new knowledge of the English language even helps her at work. Julie says "At the store, I can place orders on the phone. When I call for an appointment I can understand the person I am talking with." When Julie is not at work, she enjoys cleaning the house and cooking meals for herself and her family. Julie is improving her English literacy each and every day with the help of her tutor. Now, she has a better understanding of English and helps her children with their school work. She also gained the ability to talk to her children's teachers without needing a translator when her kids are having trouble.

Being with The Literacy Council has opened up many opportunities for Julie, and she still has so many more to come. Without this program, it would have been hard for Julie to have obtained help on understanding, speaking, reading, and pronouncing English.

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