

## Journal 1

There was a war in Vientiane and everyone had to leave because I heard gunshots everywhere around the place. Everyone needed to get on a boat to leave the place of Vientiane and the safest place was Australia. I got on the boat, sat down, and felt scared from this war. The boat started moving and I was gone from Vientiane.

A few hours later, I felt sick on the boat and I saw other people a little sick on the boat too. Then I started getting hungry and I ask some people "Do you have some food?" and people said, "No I don't have some food sorry". We finally made it to Australia and I got off the boat feeling so hungry and sick from that ride.

I looked around me and I didn't know where to go now because I lost my family and my home from that war. Then someone came up to me and said, "Come with me and I'll take you to my place?" I didn't know whether to go at first because a stranger had come up to me and just asked me to come to his place for no reason. However, I said, "Yes, I will come." And the man said, "Great! Oh, I forgot, my name is Leo." I said, "My name is Jack."

So I can came to his place and I have been living here for 10 years and now I'm 18 and I have been researching that war from Vientiane. My home is now Australia and my name is still Jack and I'm still living with Leo - we are good friends. That's my journal.

## **Journal 2**

Let me tell about what I did in Australia.

I was lost with nowhere to go, just nowhere, then someone came up to me and this man was named Leo. He was friendly and nice. He told me to come to his place and I was thinking to myself "What should I do?" I asked him, "Is there food?" Leo said, "Yeah, there is a lot of food, come I'll show you". I said, "Thanks, I'm so hungry!" Leo laughed and he said "Come before it gets dark," and I walked with him, talked with him a lot, and told him about my home, parents and that war.

We finally got to his house and he opened his door and he said, "Come inside," and I said, "Thanks." Leo said, "Sit down; I'll get you some food. You watch TV if you want to." I said, "No thanks, I'll just wait and think if that's all right?" Leo said, "All right then, I'll get you some food."

So I just sat there and thought about if I could live here because my family is in the war and, the last I saw them, my dad said, "Go to the boat and leave this place because this place is not safe anymore." I started crying and said, "I don't want to leave you!" He took me to the boat and said "Me and your mother, we'll be fine, just remember guys. Now go." That's the last time I can remember them.

Leo walked in as I was thinking and he said, "I've got the food for you here." He placed it down on the table, I sat over at the table, and he sat down too. I asked him if I could live here with him because my parents are in the war. Leo said, "Sure you can live here." I said, "Thanks, I'm happy you said yes." Leo smiled at me and he said, "Come with me, I'll show you your room." I said, "Okay Leo," and I followed him and he showed me the room. I looked so nice and warm. Leo said "This is the room you are going to sleep in, Jack."