

Narrator: Phụng Trần

Interviewer: Jasmine Doan

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Narrator Life Map

- 1952 Born in Sài Gòn
- 1957 Dad leaves for Thailand
 - Enrolled in Marie Curie Elementary School
- 1959 Transferred to Colette Junior High School
 - Attended Huỳnh Thị Ngà high school but cannot recall what year
- 1971 Started to work at an electricity company as an accountant
- 1973 Meets her future husband: Phan Tấn Anh
 - Got married after six months of dating
- 1975 First-born child, Phan Anh Thư, was born in March
 - Unable to participate in Operation New Life due to complications of the birth
 - Sent to reeducation school for three days
 - Husband was sent to reeducation camp
- 1978 First escape attempt in Nha Trang
 - Quit her accountant job
 - Captured during their escape attempt
 - Children under 15 and their mothers were released after one month
 - Phụng paid gold to get her husband out
- 1980 Birth of second child, Phan Thị Hoàng Anh, was born
- 1986 Left Vietnam to Cambodia
 - Moved to Thailand for two and a half years awaiting approval from the US
- 1989 Moved to the Philippines to learn English and get use to American daily life
 - September: arrived in Hollywood, California
- 1999 Moved to Austin, Texas, to work for Dell with her husband
- 2001 Laid off and returned to California
- 2002 Moved to Rosemead, California

- 2002 Returned back to Vietnam for the first time since leaving
- Did philanthropy work on this trip and the following Vietnam trips
 - Philanthropy works examples: funding for doctors and transportation for remote villages, donations towards cataract and uterine cancer surgeries, built wells, released fish