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 Thu, 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 - Phung 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