



The Jubilee Journal / Winter 2017

COMER, Ga. – Hello!

This is the third issue of the Jubilee Journal, a collection of work by the students at the Jubilee school.

Here are several stories about home — to borrow a theme from the newsletter. This includes a bit of advice for new arrivals making a home in the U.S., a recipe for a good home, and some reflections from the pre-K class on the hard work of putting a house together.



Four language learners look over an assignment during break

A bit of advice about the United States by the green class

There are many things that are important to know because the culture can be so different sometimes. For example, in El Salvador we don't use special chairs for little kids like in the USA people do.

Be polite. It's another thing you have to learn because if people don't understand you, you can't be aggressive for that.

In the USA, you have to be so clean. You can't throw out the trash wherever you want. You can get a ticket for that. There are places where you go to throw the trash there.

Be patient and learn English a lot.

Here, the weather is so hot in summer and when it's fall or winter it's so cold. Some people said in winter sometimes there is snow, but the time I have lived here, I have never seen snow.

And the other thing is if you have kids, you need to put the seat belt every time.

If they want to drive, they need to have a license. And if they want to work, they need to have social security.

You also have to know that you can't be noisy at home because the neighborhood would be mad.

If you have children you must send them to school every day because you could be in trouble if you don't do it this way.

Also you have to know that health in the USA, it's expensive. If you get sick and you want to go to the hospital, you have to have insurance. If you don't have insurance then you will pay a lot for medical treatment. You have to take care of your health as much as you can so you don't have to go to the hospital often.

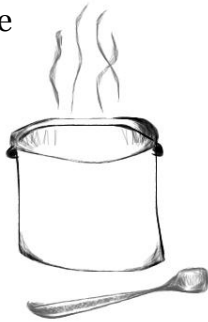
So for the summary, the USA is very strict. Almost for everything, it's not the same like other countries in Central America.

Recipe for a good home

 by the yellow class

3 cups family
1 cup vegetables
3 cups music
10 cups love
3/4 cup humor
1 sofa
3 Tbsp. chocolate
1 Tbsp. cleaning

Mix well.
Share.



Yellow class in session (photo by Jardely Martinez)

Home: then and now

 by the blue class

I live in Carlton. There are four people in my home. I live with my parents and my sister. My parents work as painters. I live in a house. There are three bedrooms in my house.

Before I came to the U.S., I lived in El Salvador. There were eight people in my home. I lived with my grandparents, my sister, two cousins, my cousin's wife, and her baby. My grandfather was a farmer and my cousin worked with computers. There were four bedrooms in my house.

– Elisa

I live in Comer. There are seven people in my home. I live with my wife and my children. I work at the chicken plant. I live in a house. I have two bedrooms and two bathrooms in my house.

Before I came to the U.S. in 2010, I lived in Thailand. Before I lived in Thailand ten years I lived in Burma 15 year. There were eight people in my home in Burma. I lived with my parents and my siblings in Burma. My father and my mother worked. They were farmers. There were no rooms in my home. I like living in the U.S. because America has freedom. I miss the food in Burma.

– Bi Sha

I live in Comer. I have five people in my home. I live with my husband and children. I work at the chicken plant. I live in a house. There are three bedrooms.

Before I come to the U.S. I lived in Burma. There were three people in my house. I lived with my father and my brother. My father was a farmer. I lived in a house. There were no rooms. I like living in the U.S. because better for my children. I miss my cousin in Burma.

– Htay Mon



The who, what, and where of home

In red class, our beginning English level, we spent time with intermediate students discussing qualities of our homes. Who lives there? What is day-to-day life like at home? What fills our days? Below is a collection of our thoughts.

Where we have lived

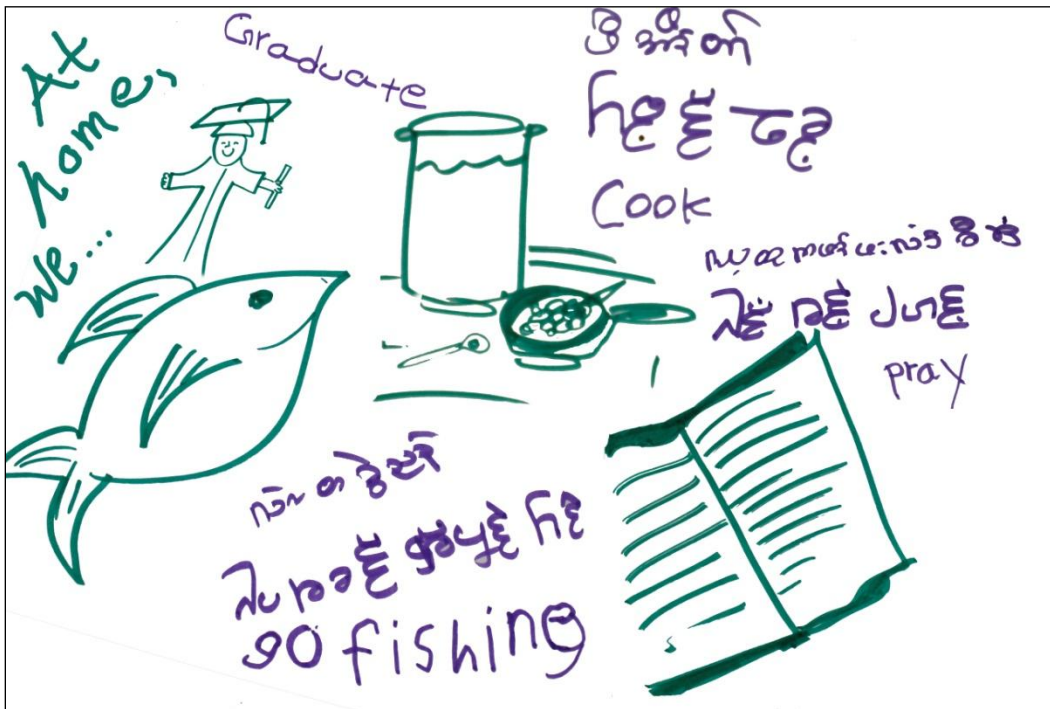
- Comer, Georgia
- Thailand
- Burma
- Indiana

Who we find

- Mothers
- Fathers
- Husbands and wives
- Children
- Grandmothers and grandfathers
- Friends

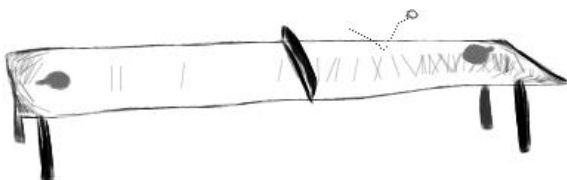
What we do

- Walk
- Eat
- Sleep
- Cook
- Clean
- Give animals food
- Go to school
- Go to work
- Pray
- Pray after singing
- Take care of an older parent
- Take care of children
- Children watch movies.
- Children play games for a long time.
- "[My daughter] listens to music. She is dancing."
- "My husband, every week, will go fishing."



Red class comments on home life in English, Karenni, Karen and in pictures

The ping-pong table



During break time, the school's ping-pong table is probably the second most popular spot with students and teachers. (Now that it's getting chilly, the woodstove is most people's top pick.)

This has led to some spirited, eight-person rounds of the game known as "around the world."

Learning about houses by the pre-K class

All this fall, construction has continued on houses #1 and #6 at the Welcome Center. Intrigued by the work, the pre-K class took a short field trip to see the resident builder, Dave, and some of the other folks who have been working on the project.

We toured the work site and asked several questions about home-building. Our questions were:

- Do you use windows?
- What kind of house does Peppera Pig live in?
- Did you use tools to work?
- When are you going to put a fish in?
- Are you using all of your tools?
- Did you make a window?
- Why is a bag covering one of your tools?
- How many of every animal can fit inside a house?
- How many mice & grapes can fit inside?
- Why do you use a lot of screws?

Then we drew pictures of houses.



Child care with mom (photo by Jardely Martinez)