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Travel and volunteer work abroad for more than six years has helped me to truly become a knowledgeable, educated, open-minded, and skillful person. Independently I was able to absorb myself into various cultures with sometimes profound experiences. In new and stressful situations I learned to focus, find self-motivation, commitment, tolerance, and enthusiasm.

Cultural, Travel, and Volunteer Experiences:

- ✓ **China** - 2006 - As a foreign expert I worked side-by-side with Li Yang, the famous Chinese English teacher and founder of Li Yang Crazy English. Did research on the Mosuo people while spending a month at Lugu Lake on the border of Yunnan and Sichuan provinces in south-west China. Volunteered to teach English for native peoples near Yangshuo in Guangxi province. Visited Hong Kong for three weeks and I took Chinese language lessons while exploring the neighborhoods of Kowloon.
- ✓ **Thailand** - 2003 - 2006 - Mentored Hmong refugees with IOM - International Organization for Migration - to help meet educational needs at Wat Tham Krabok. Assisted with 2004 - 2005 Asian Tsunami Crisis victims in Krabi province and rebuilding effort for several weeks. Taught classes for impoverished parts of north-east Issan at schools and businesses.
- ✓ **India** - 2004 - Journey and pilgrimage through 23 Indian states ranging from north - Kashmir, south - Kerala, east - West Bengal, and west - Rajasthan. Worked with Tibetan refugees in Leh, Ladakh, Kashmir and Dharamshala, Himachel Pradesh under local Indian and Tibetan organizations.
- ✓ **Malaysia** - 2003 - English language adviser to vSource Inc. in Kuala Lumpur. Volunteered for eco-project for a short while in Taman Negara National Park on the eastern coast - oldest rainforest in the world. Explored indigenous cultures on the island of Borneo in Sarawak and Sabah states.
- ✓ **Laos** - 2003 - Collaborated with a Lao teacher involved with the EU's - European Union - Micro-Project Development Through Local Communities - MPDLC - project in Vieng Kham district at a village-level school. The school was a rural outpost mainly accessed by teenagers from several tiny villages.
- ✓ **Canada** - 2002 - 2003 - Led treks through northern British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. Resided in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, B.C. Provided private tuition for Asian ESL students who attended Malaspina University in Nanaimo. Spent two weeks in the Canadian Rockies in B.C and Alberta provinces hiking. Volunteered with SPCA - Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, did certification for rock climbing, and helped out a local radio station with on-air programming.
- ✓ **Australia** - 2001 - 2002 - Obtained a work visa for Australia through BUNAC. I enjoyed having studied urban planning in Melbourne. Traveled to Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, and other locations, including a three-week trip on the ground across parts of the Outback going from Victoria to Western Australia. Along the way, I picked-up odd jobs, fruit-picking, and farm work - WWOOFFing.

✓ **The Fiji Islands - 2001 - 2002** - On a shoestring, I traveled through many islands like Nacula, Viti Levu, Beqa, Levuka, Beqa, Kadavu, Vanua Levu, Rabi, Taveuni, and Qamea. Mostly stayed with local families in traditional Fijian and Fijian-Indian villages for a duration of five months. Vanua Levu, outside of SavuSavu, I did translation and proof-reading at Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort.

In addition, I have been to the following countries where I learned other valuable life lessons: **The Bahamas, Cambodia, territory of Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam.**

Education:

- ✓ **Portland State University** - Portland, OR, USA - Bachelor of Science - Sociology
- ✓ **Vanguard** - Ocala, FL, USA - KEY Club, DECA Club, Poetry Club, Astronomy Club, Basketball Team
- ✓ **High School, Deltona** - Deltona, FL, USA - Art Club, Computer Club

Employment:

Education - Full-Time Schools

- ✓ 2006 - Li Yang Crazy English - Qing Yuan, Guangdong province, China - English - Ages 4 - 65 - Intensive 10-day English camp for Teacher Li Yang. Recorded instructional English album in a recording studio.
- ✓ 2005 - Krungthep Vited Suksa - Don Muang, Bangkok, Thailand - Science (head), Health, Maths, and English - Ages 4 - 12
- ✓ 2005 - Nipat Wittaya - Surasak, Bangkok - English, Western Culture - Ages 5 - 16

Education - Part-Time Schools

- ✓ 2005 - CBC Corporate - Bangkok - Business English (Callan Method) - Ages 18 - 60 - Corporate classes for hospitality and I.T companies in and around Bangkok.
- ✓ 2003 - 2005 - Private Lessons - Thailand - Private 1-on-1 tuition with individual students or small groups, instructing and practicing the following: Conversation, Pronunciation, Grammar, Slang, Dialects, Geography, and Business English - Ages 4 - 39
- ✓ 2003 - River Ping Palace - Chiang Mai province, Thailand - Business English - Ages 18 - 28
- ✓ 2003 - Private Lessons - San Francisco, CA, U.S.A - Ages 28 - 36 - Private lessons about Conversation, Pronunciation, Grammar, Slang, American and California Culture, Dialects, Geography, and Business English. Students were from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Japan, Korea, and Mexico.

Education - Substitute Schools

- ✓ 2005 - Assumption Thonburi-Bell Language Centre - Thonburi province, Thailand - English - Ages 11 - 15
- ✓ 2005 - Thamma Satkh Long Luang Wittaya Kom - Rangsit, Bangkok - English - Ages 5 - 12
- ✓ 2004 - MTT Language School - Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok - English - Ages 1 - 6
- ✓ 2004 - Wat Raik Hung - Rangsit, Bangkok - English - Ages 16 - 18

Non-Education Related Work

- ✓ 2003 - **Suntrek Inc.** - Santa Rosa, CA., U.S.A - Led cross-country adventure camping tours for small international groups of travelers. Traveled along scenic

routes throughout North America. Met and greeted groups on first night, facilitated introductions, let them know what to expect, answered any questions and prepared them to begin their trek the next morning. Facilitated daily camp set-up and break-down. Loaded and unloaded camping gear and luggage from roof rack. Drove 15-passenger maxi-van between destinations. Worked with local vendors to arrange activities such as biking, horseback riding, river rafting, etc. Organized food shopping, cooking and cleaning duties. I was responsible for ensuring the clients had safe, fun, exciting tours conducted in a manner consistent with the varying dynamics and personalities of each group. Maintained daily documentation of expenses, mileage, receipts, etc.

- ✓ 2000 - 2001 - **CNM Network Inc.** - Simi Valley, CA., USA - Server maintenance and technical support on nationwide VoIP network. Responsible in tracking internal server issues and resolving client issues.

Personal and Professional Hobbies:

One of my favorite hobbies is web development; in which I own, operate, and administer several high profile websites in my spare time. My proficiency with operating systems like Windows, Mac, Linux, and Unix is very good. I have traveled extensively through North America, Asia, and South Pacific regions. Keenly I follow the world of Science, especially astronomy. I enjoy playing sports like basketball, baseball, American football, badminton, billiards. I like to explore, hike, bike, and swim.

[I have published two full books of poetry.](#) More than ten years I have spent on works of poetry.