

FIELD ASSIGNMENT # 1

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My week four field assignment is being written according to an interview with one of my clients that has turned into a good friend Tami Truong. Although she came to the USA longer than five years ago her story is filled with cultural and immigration depth that I could not pass up. Tami is the daughter of a South Vietnam war general who fled Vietnam after the war. He first took his children to Hong Kong with the help of the USA because of the ally relationship they forged during the war. Tami, her father, and siblings lived in Hong Kong for one year. Then they finally made their USA homestead in Seattle Washington where she would grow and finish high school. She went on to attend the prestigious UCLA in California. She married to a man of Jewish descent, who's family fled Germany during Hitler's reign to Belarus.

Tami speaks fluent Vietnamese and English. Her core values revolve around family, whether you're blood or friend. She is loyal to all that surrounds her and believes in equality for all. She believes anyone can achieve anything if their life they dare not to give up. Her position as an immigrant proves her core values to be true and working in her life. She is a successful business owner, wife, mother, and the pillar of her family. She says her greatest communication difficulty was adapting to western culture that included the language barrier. The adjustment from leaving a communist ran country to now having all the freedoms life affords.

Mrs. Tami likes the fact that the USA give anyone an opportunity to be successful, even if you're from another country or culture. The opportunity to have access to education that teaches you world events not just communist brainwashing rhetoric. Her greatest dislikes are the excuses some American born citizens use to support their misfortunes in life as why they are not successful. Mrs. Tami visits her mother in Vietnam for eight weeks every year. This was the

first year we had to do business while she was abroad. It seems as if we didn't miss a beat do to the communications that reached across cultural boundaries. Communication such as phones, computers, internet, and international banking. My relationship with Tami is evolving each day and she is teaching me more about her culture and it is allowing her to embrace my culture even more. Hopefully as time goes on our relationship prospers I can take her up on the invitation to visit Vietnam and stay in the palatial ocean front home she built for her mother in sister on the coast of southern Vietnam. Until then I plan to use our relationship to open truths of the Vietnam culture to help me pass this class and understand Mrs. Tami and her people better.