Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

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Interviewer: Paul Do  
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Life Map

- Enjoyed his schooling and education

1975  Communists came to Saigon and took over the city and country.

1982  Escaped during the summer on a boat.  
- Made his way to the refugee camp based in Singapore.  
- Transferred to a second refugee camp in Indonesia.

1984  Sponsored by his older brother to come to the United States.  
- Lived in Westminster, California as his first stop in the States.  
- First job was working at the Costa Mesa swap meets.

1991  He started working for Toshiba based in Irvine.  
- Sent to work in Japan to work temporarily.  
- Younger sisters came to America.

1993  Married to his current wife on May 15th.  
- Moved with his wife to Seattle, Washington for job opportunities.

1994  Joe had his first son in Seattle, Washington.

1995  Moved to Houston, Texas to pursue other working opportunities.

1999  Had his second son.

2001  Received his real estate license.

2002  Moved to another district of Houston, Texas.

2005  Went back to school to study and receive a medical coding license.

2011  Moved back to Southern California to pursue other working opportunities.  
- Began working in the field of medical research.
Present  Currently working in the health field and is residing in the Fountain Valley/Orange County area.