



This is a little silly, but significant. Contentment characterizes my Thai family. It is a contentment that was not there in the past.

Here is a "mugshot" for you. This is an old photo and this is the mother of a young man (one of the very first in the family) receiving his college diploma. A Happy day, no? Well you cannot tell from her mugshot.

I used to always have to say, "Smile, this is not a prison photo." Didn't always work. But here is the good news which I would not have realized without seeing this old photo...

You see last night we met with a couple of families and they showed me their pictures, you know, mom, dad, brother etc. They were "prison photos."

I am joking, but they were all serious and no smiles.

I was looking for a "prison photo" from our family pictures. I had to go back and back and back in time to find a picture that was not filled with smiles. It is a little thing but it made my day.

Contentment,
George and Awn