I lived in Antipolo in the Philippines. The Philippines are the country with 7641 islands. It is located near Malaysia and Vietnam. It is well known for their beautiful beaches and delicious fruits.

I live in the City of Antipolo with my mother, father, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. We live in a big house located in the village called Cogeo. My favorite part about my neighborhood was the Sari-sari store. The “Sari-sari” means “variety.” This store sells a variety of things very cheap. You can get soda in plastic bags there for less than 10 cents. I love going there with my friends and we would hang out there and buy snacks after school. My favorite food there is sinigang. Sinigang is sour, savory soup. The reason why it’s sour is because of the fruit tamarind. The meat used is either pork or shrimp.

I love going to Quiapo Church in Manila with my grandmother every Sunday.

Quiapo Church is a famous church because of the Nazarener Mass. The Black Nazarene Feast is celebrated with a grand procession called Traslacion. And millions of devotees would go to touch the statue when it is being carried through the streets. The reason why people try to touch the statue is because it is believed to symbolize healing and can cause miracles.