The Family

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Introduction

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The Problem

Missing Home

Methodology

Young adults to middle-age adults

Living away from home, both domestic and international

Traveling, recently moved out, moved out for years

The Participants

A Chinese woman in her mid 20's showing her relatives around campus.

A 31 year old mexican janitor who moved to the US on his own.

A 60 year old Filipino man who has been in the US for 20 plus years.

A 40 year old Mexican who has created a family in the US.

The Questions

- Tell me about the last time you thought about home.
- When was the last time you were home?
- What things did you not miss about home?
- What places do you consider your home?
- How do you make your current living situation feel like home? What is something on you that reminds you of home?

Interview Results

Participant 1 - Asian Woman in her mid 20's

This interviewee was showing her relatives around campus. She works and lives around Stanford, so her sense of home has changed over the years.

Hometown-Zhejiang, China

Participant 2 - Chelsea, an asian woman in her late 20's vacationing in California

Our second interviewee was on campus as part of her vacation to the states. When asked about what she missed about home, she expressed a strong connection of her missing her parents and missing home.



Participant 3 - Everardo, a male Janitor of the Humanities House in his late 40's

Our third interviewee emphasized a strong connection with his mother when asked about feelings of home. For him, Mexico and his family there are what tie him back to home.

Participant 4 - Mel, a male Janitor working at Soto in his early 60's

Despite having lived in the United States for 26 years, Mel still associated the Philippines as his home. With a lot of family still in the Philippines, Mel plans to split his time between here and the Philippines.

Participant 5- Artemio, a male janitor working at Trancos in his mid 30's

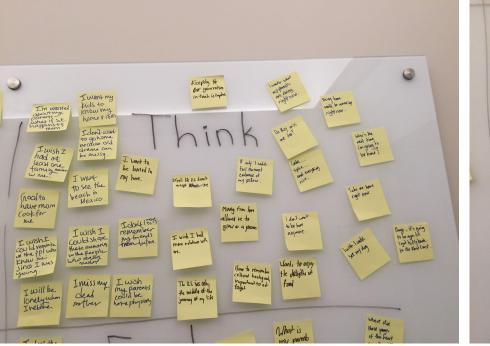
Unlike the other participants, Artemio expressed a sense of security in the United States. While he's been able to cultivate a new home in the States, he still misses not being able to care for his elderly parents.

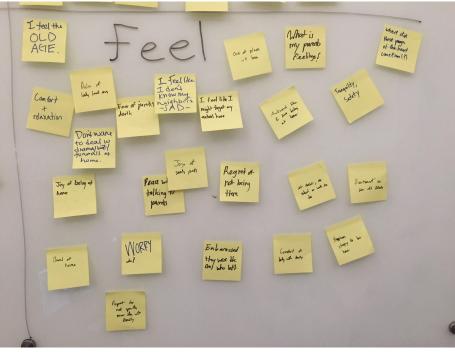


"I miss my parents most when I am in someplace nice like here, I wish they are here with me to share the memory."

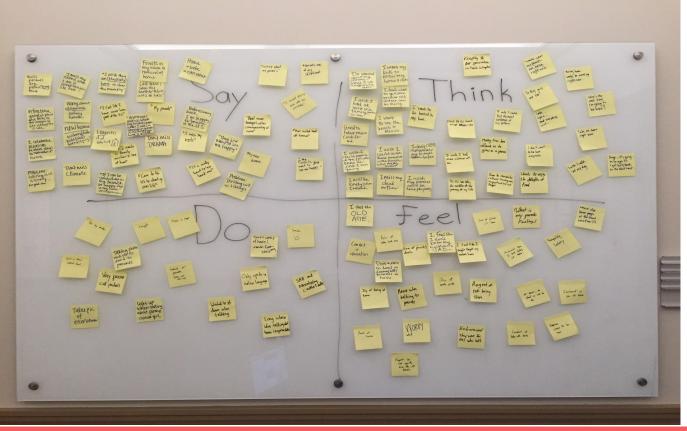
"I was feeling excited and very sad because I got to see my family but my mother was dead."

Inferences

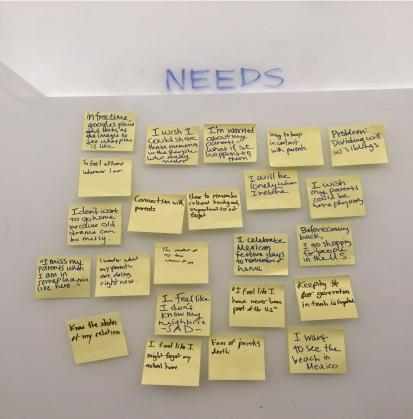




Empathy Map



Needs and Insights





Wrap Up

We found a couple main points.

Common themes: missing family, where they are now is their new home, but still maintain ties to their own home.

Home away from home - stay connected to their family

Home is where the stomach is - missing home-cooked meals