

word by word. One Sunday I went to my father's church and I spoke it. It ended, 'I have many friends in refugee camps. Please help me. Thank you.'

"When I finished the people stood up and started clapping. I looked out at them and said to myself, 'Hey . . . this is all right. These people were really listening.' And I thought that even though I was young, I could move people if I could just learn enough English. I could help. The English teacher I spat on didn't give up on me. A year and a half after that first speech in church, I was able to write my own speeches and say anything I wanted."

WHAT HAPPENED TO ARN CHORN?

He later found out that no other member of his family had survived the Khmer Rouge. He continued to learn English and to speak out for Cambodian refugees. In 1984, Arn and his friend Judith Thompson co-founded Children of War, a group that brought young people from war-torn countries together and gave them a chance to tell their stories to large audiences throughout the United States. He currently lives in Massachusetts, where he works with an organization that helps Cambodian immigrants adjust to life in the United States.

