

Name: Chris Omar Rodriguez

Age: 11

COUNTRY: Honduras

Background: His father was robbed + murdered by gangs while working as a security guard protecting a food truck.

Journey: Used all his money that his mother gave him to pay off the gangs to leave him alone.
He made it safely to the US.

Name: Kayla Perez

Age: 15

Country: Honduras

Background: Traveled with her 2 children: 18 months, 2 yrs, Mother, and 3 siblings. Wanted to get away from her father who raped her. Also fled from gangs

Journey: grueling, however they traveled by bus. They all had enough money to pay smuggler who got them to safety

Name: Mario Nelson Age: 17

Country: Guatemala

Background: He grew up in Guatemala. and was abused by his dad. After several attempts, he fled to the U.S. for a better life.

Journey: He was threatened by gangs. They told him if he didn't give them his money they would kill him. He ended up giving them the money and got to the U.S. safely.

Name: Cecilia Reyes

Age: 16

Country: Guatemala

Background: This is her 5th time trying, she hired a smuggler to get out of the country to go to the U.S. for freedom.

Journey: Traveled alone, lasted a month. Beaten and robbed. Arrived in Texas at a gas station by armed smugglers demanding their \$1,000 pay.

Name: Maritza De Jesus

Age: 18

Country: El Salvador

Background: In El Salvador, gangs take young girls, rape them + throw them in plastic bags.

Journey: 2 days to make it out of El Salvador.

- used the train to travel through Mexico.
- Arrived at the U.S border with a broken arm from falling off the train.

Name: Daniel Penado Zavala

Age: 17

Country: El Salvador

Background:

- gang members killed his father
- would kill him if he resisted their wishes

Journey: used a coyote to get him from El Salvador to Mexico, then a smuggler over the Texas border