



The journey
trought his
eyes

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Title: The journey through his eyes.

The story speaks about all things that my father had to happen to travel to the U.S.A. You can see the four times that he has to travel and left to his family. You can know how many risk that you have to take for travel to the country of the hopes and dreams. You can know what feel a person when he has to travel and has to left all that have in his life also you can know what mean to travel illegal to the U.S.A and how dangerous is to travel to the U.S.A, this story is the story a father, a husband, a son, a friend, that have to do things, that sometimes we think that are impossible but he never gives up, he knows that if you want to do you can do it.

This story is about my father Cruz Antonio De Paz. It is a real story that happen in 2001 After the earthquake My father was worried because he didn't have money, and he has to bring home the bacon, and this moment he did 'n have work. He wanted to give a best life to his family. And he though what he could do. In that moment he had to work for his wife, his two kids a boy, and a girl and his mother He thought if he continued working in the country side it is difficult to give food to his family. The house is in bad condition is possible that the house fall to the floor. He continued thinking I own money in the store. I can't continue with a lot of problems. He always hard work and he did all for the family but in that moment it was difficult to earn money for four people but he never gives up.

on February in 2001 my father speaks with my mom and they make the decision that my father had to emigrate to the U.S.A. This decision it was the hardest decision that my father and my mother had to make. The dream of my father in that moment was to give a good life to my family. He knew that he didn't have money to travel to the U.S.A but he spoke with my mom and they thought that a family member of the family of my father could lend money and they went to speak with my father's aunt if she can lend money. He can travel to the U.S.A, and she said yes of course I can lend you money but you should pay me 30% of interest per month. He accepted the condition because he didn't have another option.

The American dream started with the hope to give a best life to his family, but he had to do some things before to start traveling. The first thing that he had to do was to look for a person who help to travel to the U.S.A (COYOTE). This kind of people are people that only want money but He should to look for a coyote. He felt fear what talking to this kind of people but He went to speak and she said yes I can bring to the U.S.A, but he needed money before my father have to give money to the coyote.

Chapter 1

My father needed to travel to the U.S.A and after that he gave money to Coyote that help him to travel to the U.S.A. He was so happy because all had happened in a good form, but he didn't know the risk that he had to take. He started his trip with a lot of dreams. I remember that he took his backpack and said I love you daughter see you soon. He gave a kiss to my mom and said good- bye mom. He left the house and started his trip.

He told me that he had arrived to Guatemala that day at night. He found with people that were illegal too. That people to had different reasons to travel, the true is that they needed money. While my father was traveling through Guatemala he had to face a lot of things. He didn't have food he had to sleep in the mountain, but he never gave up, also the woman told lies to my father. She said that she was going to give food and a place where he could take a rest, but all was false. My father had to suffer a lot.

When my father arrived to Mexico, was so happy. He thought that he was near of the U.S.A, but when he stayed in Mexico my father his partners had to face difficult things. They felt angry and tired and they had to trough Mexico that is a big city. When he was walking through Mexico sometime he didn't eat. Sometimes they ate one time per day, but my father continued traveling.

Chapter 2

My father had to walk per days. He was tired and hungry. The worse part was when he and his partners had the opportunity of eating, they ate fruit that they found in the way for example: banana, mango or other fruits that they found. When my father was thirsty he had to drink water in any place that he found water.

One day while he was walking he listened a strange noise, but he didn't know what happened. Because he was worried about to run, but after a few moments later around 8:00 pm a group of men said stop to my father, and more than five second my father and his group were attacked. My father had fear because the group of men had guns. The men told to my father that he could kill if he wanted, even the man hit my father and the other men that were in the group. The group of men is called (Zetas). They are bad men that want money or blood. My father and his partners suffered by the hands of those men, and they stole money to my father and his partners, and the group of men stole the clothes of all group.

In that moment my father was tired, naked, hungry and worried because he didn't know what he could do.

Chapter 3

My father and his partners were strong. They did never give up. My father decided to continue walking, but someone of his partners decided to say stop to his trip. My father decided to work in the way to have food, but each day was difficult.

The worst moment that my father had to live was when migration caught my father. Migration took my father to prison. He had to suffer different kind of things because when you are a migrant the official of migration treat bad.

He was in prison per three months. After three months my father came back to el Salvador. He returned to El Salvador without money. He was in debt and his debt was growing per day.

My mother said to my father don't worry. My father said I didn't know what could I do. I don't have money said my father. My father start to work in the country said in coffee plantations, but in that moment it was really difficult because my father earned around four (colones) per day, but my father always felt worried because his aunt said that he must paid the money that she had lent him.

Chapter 4

When my father returned to El Salvador, was worried about his debt. His aunt wanted that he paid the money that she had provided. Each weekend his aunt asked for the many. Each day my father felt terrible, so my father started to look for a job and he didn't find work. He had been thinking about going to work to the country side because he went to give his CV to fourteen companies, but he didn't find work.

My father started to work in coffee plantation, but the money that he earned wasn't enough because he had a big debt, but he always smiles. My mother felt worried about my father because she knew that he was bad about the debt.

My mother helped to my father to work in bean planting, and corn field, but sometimes there wasn't enough money, and this avoided buying food was a hard moment for my father was when my little brother asked for food there was nothing. My father cry in that moment. He didn't know what to tell my little brother, but the following day he went to the store and he asked for credit in the store, and he brought some food. He knew that he had a debt and he debt money in the store.

Chapter 5

One day, my father decided to go to look for a job on the city, but he didn't had luck. He was traveling for one month, but he could not find a new job. My father all days felt worried, but he continued working in the country side.

My father missed his old Job, but he knew that he could not come back because he was gone long of his job. My father has to forget his old job and to set his heart on his new job in the country side. Father received a letter all Saturday for a long time. Those letters were sent by his aunt. The first letter said that she wanted the money, and if my father didn't pay she could take our house. When my father read the first letter for five minutes he felt sad. After one month that my father received letter his aunt continued receiving letters. He wanted to said stop to his aunt, but he could not to because his aunt wanted her money.

My father though that his decision of traveling to the U.S.A was going to bring many consequences on his life and the life of his family. He only wanted his family to have a good future, but the things didn't in the way that he wanted.

Chapter 6

One day, when my father was arriving of his job, he told to my mother that he wanted to recover his money, but my father felt worried because the coyote was a bad person. My father said that he always loses his money. He went to the house of the coyote and asked for his money. She said to my father that if she wanted in that moment she could kill him. She told him that his money was hers because he had traveled if he couldn't arrive to the U.S.A it was his problem she showed a gun to my father and told him that he should go away. My father told to the coyote thank you.

My father came home and told the story to my mother was crying and my father told my mother that she didn't felt worried about it. He told to my mother that he wanted to try to travel to the U.S.A, one more time, because he had to pay his debt, and he didn't have another idea and could only pay if he could go to the U.S.A. He didn't want to travel, but he couldn't earn money in El Salvador. My mother told to my father that she didn't want that he travels, but he didn't option. They had fear because they didn't know what could they do with the money. They had done anything in the time that my father was in El Salvador.

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