

A Country That Welcomes Migration

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Summary of the Story:

Many people, like Gonzalez would have to move from their country to Columbia for economic opportunities, and avoiding the violence in their home country. As other families would come to Columbia to improve their life unlike what they had at their home country. Other countries doesn't accept migration or have rules for migration so the families saw that Columbia was a safe place.

Why did people migrate to Colombia?

It was due to violence, government, wars, money problems, food and water problems.

Imalay Gonzalez

- ★ It starts off with a Venezuelan mother named Imalay Gonzalez who had to make tough decisions for her family of two children of ages 3 and 6, along with her mother whom she lived with. They barely if every had enough food most days as well as the water since it was so scarce. She was scared and worried of what would happen if one day her and her kids got sick since medicare in the South America was slowly deteriorating. She knew of other Venezuelans who had travelled to Colombian in search of work so she did the same for her family but for 2 years she did not find work and returned empty handed and disappointed with a sense of defeat but she did not give up and went back to colombia after getting pregnant once more

Karen Rodriguez:

Karen Rodriguez arrived in Colombia in August with her 3 year old son qualified for a PEP. Rodriguez who was 20 was seven months pregnant when she and her son traveled more than 300 miles from their home in Valencia to join her husband where he had left before the rest of the family to rent and rented a room inside a home in Cucuta where he also had a job as a part of a crew who earned Colombian pesos as a luggage carrier of people who crossed the countries daily.

The Questions:

What caused them to move to Columbia?

How did they feel about them leaving their home country?

Do they think that when they first moved to Columbia, they would be on the streets or getting help?

How harsh were the other countries rules to the immigrants?

Outcome of the story:

Many immigrants would view Columbia as a safe place for them and their family. They are able to start a new life with a head start with other people. They won't have to worry about living in the streets in their home country. They would have a new life to start with.