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VM Refugee: Dallas Community

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Status

Refugee

- Outside country of origin or habitual residence
- Persecution on account of:
 - Race
 - Religion
 - Nationality
 - Political opinion
 - Social group

Asylee

- Already physically present in destined refuge/country
- Meet definition of a refugee
- Not barred by law from applying for or being granted asylum

“Push” vs. “Pull”

Push

- Conditions that drive people to leave their home:
 - Political
 - Religious
 - Ethnic
 - Conflict/War
 - Poverty/Economic (depression or recession, wages)

Pull

- Conditions that attract people to a new area:
 - Political
 - Religious
 - New Life
 - Jobs and Wages

Iraqi Camp



Bhutanese Camp



Dadaab



Burmese Camp



Dallas

Indigo

- Apartment Complex
- Newly arrived

Vickery Meadows

- Apartment Complex
- Overcrowded, no new resettlement
- Average of 5 years in U.S.

Transition

U.S.

- A Whole New World
- Culture shock
 - Language
 - Food
 - City
 - Roads
 - Cars
 - Currency

Old to Young

- Parents/Grandparents
- Children

Current Status/Plan

- Pre-production Aspects
 - Equipment
 - Purchasing Canon 7D DSLR, lens, and tripod
 - Contacts
 - Organizations
 - Students
 - Professors
- Filming