

Fleeing for Their Lives: Children Try to Escape Death by Seeking Safety in the U.S

“My grandmother is the one who told me to leave. She said, ‘If you don’t join, the gang will shoot you. If you do, the rival gang or the cops will shoot you. But if you leave, no one will shoot you.’”

Kevin, from Honduras, Age 17



Every year, thousands of children from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador make a treacherous journey north to the US alone and unaccompanied. Why would their parent do such a thing? They are sending their children north in a desperate effort to try and save their lives for they are faced with a grim choice. If they stay, the children will be forced to join a drug gang or be killed. Here are their stories.

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