

Seeking Safety

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The painful passage of a family fleeing persecution—and the power of Covenant voices

1. Do you know anyone personally who has immigrated to the United States? What circumstances caused them to come to the U.S.?
2. Adriel Tirado recounts a series of unsettling events that happened to him and his family before leaving his home in Venezuela to seek asylum in the United States. Why do you think he stayed in Venezuela as long as he did?
3. What was Pastor Abraham Bejarano's motivation for helping the Tirado family to such an extreme measure?
4. What surprised you about the treatment and detainment of Adriel and his family?
5. Letters in response to the *Companion* online story, written to senators and members of Congress, led to Adriel's release from the Folkston ICE Processing Center in Georgia. When have you raised your voice—by writing a letter, signing a petition, making a phone call, or expressing your opinion—in recent years?
6. The Tirado family's story is not yet finished. How does this article prompt you to act, either on their behalf or to help others in similar circumstances?