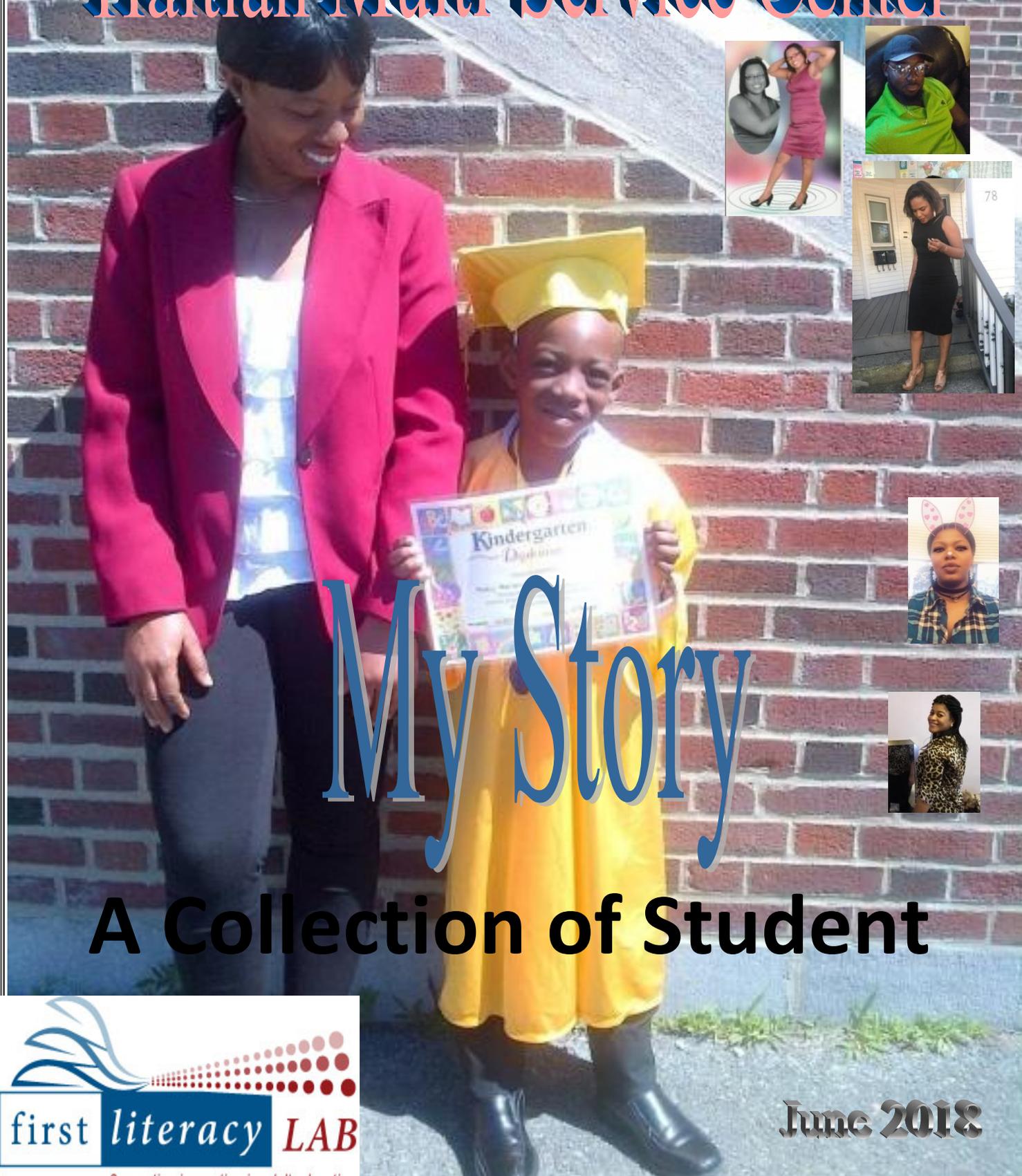




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My Story

A Collection of Student



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My STORY

By Jeff Roldy



My name is Jeff Roldy Jeune. I'm very happy to tell you my story because it's very funny. When I came to the United States for the first time on December 27, 2017, people talked to me in English on the plane but I didn't understand

anything because I didn't speak English. My kids needed a soda to drink but I didn't know how to ask it for them.

But now after 10 months I have lived in the USA, I go to school to learn this language (English). Now when someone explains something to me in English, I start to understand. I feel good in this country because people are very nice. So now I need a good job because I need a nice car so I can enjoy myself in this country.

My Story

by *Anite Philippi*



My name is Anite Philippi. I have been in this country for sixteen months. I am from Haiti. I was born in a city named Saint Marc. I came in this country for a lot of reasons. I heard it was a nice country. I wanted to move out to a different country soon as I got the opportunity. In my country I worked in the justice department. I worked as an Attorney. I loved my job in Haiti. It paid well and I felt comfortable there. In December last year I came to the United States. Now I am studying English. I want to integrate in the justice department in this country. I am planning to stay here.



Haitian Multi-Service Center Students



My Story

By Louloune Desulme.



My name is Louloune. I have been here for 6 months. I'm very happy to tell you about my life in this country. First: Since I came here, I have only had one friend. His name is Jun. He is always there for me. Sometimes we talk and we argue, after that we both cry and then we apologize. He's a good person that's why I prayed for

him all day for God to grant him good health.

I came here on May 18, 2017. After I came here, I went to school to learn English. In this country, I like the temperature but I don't like the snow that much. I admire the way people organized things. For example: health, insurance, electricity, education, it's really different from my country.

I want to stay to learn a profession in this country. I want to learn something where I can I apply my skills to help people.

My story

By Dominique Valery



I am Dominique. I was born in Haiti and I'm proud to be Haitian.

I have been here in the United States for 18 months. I now live in Boston, Massachusetts with my family. I'm a single mother. I have a beautiful daughter. She is 8 years old. In my neighborhood, I don't have friends. Thank God! I go to school. I am learning English at Catholic Charities. I love my school. At this time I'm very satisfied with my daughter. She is smart and she speaks English better than me.

Before I came here I was working as (BRANA) Brasserie Nationale d'Haiti. This is my 2nd experience. I was part of the administration. My job was to receive people, receive letters, and call the client who has a check. The hardest was to prepare the inventories. I stayed at the job for 2 years. Then I left because I had a little problem with one of my co-workers.

My last work was at a place where they sold building materials. I learned everything I needed to know to build a house.

In my new life here in the United States, I want to accomplish many things. One of my goals is to speak English fluently.

I want to live for Christ and do what He likes. I want to speak good English, so that I can communicate with everyone, especially with my teachers at my school.

Once I find my soul mate, I will get married and have two children. I plan to have a good job where I can feel important. I am a patient person. If I have a problem, I will wait until I can overcome it.

My Story

By Marie Dorcely

My name is Marie. I came to this country with my family. I came with my 3 sisters and 3 brothers. We didn't really come all together.

The sisters came first and after 3 years, the brothers came. After having been here for 3 years, one of my brothers, Technord went to Haiti to visit our family. He went there along



with his twin brother for one month. 2 days before they returned to the United States, as they were driving along with our older brother and his son accompanied with one nephew, to go home. They were stopped by a motorcycle gang asking for money. As the older brother was about to give the money, one of the gang members pulled his gun and fired some bullets at them. He took all their money and left.

The incident took place not far from the family house. In the house, someone heard the shots Bum! Bum! Nobody knew if the incident was related to our family. It also occurred near a church on a Sunday afternoon. At the Church, there were many people including my aunt, Rosemine.

My mother was at home eating as she waited for my brothers to come home. Later on, they heard the news. Everybody ran to see

what was going on. When my sister in law went there , she saw her brother in law laid down on the ground. Somebody was trying to take him to the hospital. My brother was in agony and kept saying that he could not breathe. After three times claiming he could not breathe, he died.

Do you know, in Haiti there is no justice? When the police came to ask about what happened, one witness told the police that three people were riding motorcycles that followed my brother's car until they stopped the car at the end the corner to ask for money. Even though my brother gave them money, the gan still shot at them. They try to save his life but all was in vain.

Anyway, I am from La Plaine, Haiti. I have been here for 3 years. In my country, my mother had a business; she sent me every week to buy large supplies of groceries for her store. When I came back, I would have to tell her how much I spent. Then she decided for how much she would sell the products

I decided to come here, because my father had applied for me. I thought it would be better for me to live here in the United States. Now I realize it is not. Life in the United States is not easy. Nobody can help you; You have to help yourself. I now live in Boston with my 11 year-old daughter, Sandy. I go to work and go to school to help improve my English. I don't like the weather here but I like the system and the opportunities that the United States

offers. My goal is to continue to go to school to improve my English so I can have a better job.



My story

My name is Elisemene Volmar Firmin. I come from Haiti. I have been in the U.S.A since 2012. When I first came, I didn't speak English. I went to Madison Park School Adult Learning Center to learn English as a second language and to understand the system in the United States of America. I started in level 2. After two years, I went to school a training program to become a nursing assistant. Then I became a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A). I work two jobs. I continue taking English Classes because I want to have my HiSET.



I like living in the United States, because if you want to learn, there are a lot of opportunities for everyone to do anything they want to do at any field. I don't like the weather because it is very cold in winter and I have to be out every day.

Life can be difficult here if you don't work and speak English. When I was in Haiti, I worked for the State. I advocated for women and children who had difficulties. I came here because, I was able to get documentation and I wanted a better life for my children and myself. One of them has already been in college for two years. Now, I have learned English. I can speak; work and I know some important information about life in the U.S.A. I can understand the system. My goal is to become a registered nurse. I know I am staying here in this country.

Story of my Life

By Dieune Exantus

My name is Dieune Exantus. I am from Thomazeau, Haiti. One day I came here to visit my family in Boston. I liked the country and I decided that I wanted to live in the United States. I liked the culture and the system. But I don't like the cold weather. In Haiti, I was the president of an organization called "***Espoir pour Tous.***" When my community needed some development, I was the one to send request to the government. If they responded I would be the one to make sure things got done.



I was able to help a lot of farmers. If the roads in the area were broken, I would be the one to contact the people in charge so they could fix the roads.

I was also a performer in my community. I was a gospel singer.

In November 2013, I wanted to get my music published. I was not sure how to do that. I remember what I was thinking, it was very important but I did not really have

money which was despicable. I always thought that God would help me realize my project which was to get my music album published. I always believed in God and I tried to stay holy. The reason I wanted to do that was because I wanted to be a star. After many years of trying and singing with many groups in Haiti, I finally published



one CD. It was a long story but I succeeded.

My Dream came true. I was really happy. Everyone was calling to request the CD. That was a dream comes true for me.

I really started when I was 15 years old. My sister

supported me greatly in everything.

Now I continue to fulfill my goal by composing music and singing in churches when requested.

My goal now is to have a radio station and a recording studio in my country. That is my dream for my country.

My Story

By Thomas Beneche

Hi my name is Thomas Beneche

When I was in my country, I had a big farm in a city called Archaie. My farm had 700 hundred different types of trees. I spent \$ 3000 dollars to maintain that. I also had livestock, such as cows, chickens. It was the most beautiful farm in the city. Everyone liked it, because it



was well established in the plain. I learned to maintain a farm from my father. He taught me a lot. I wanted to be an agronomist, but things were not as easy for me. I did not make enough money to attend an agronomist school. But I liked it. I earned \$25,000 Haitian dollar in my farm. It was a good investment if someone wanted to spend on farming, you would make a lot of money. Having a farm in Haiti was profitable for me.

If someone is interested in farming, it's a good way to make money. At the end of the season I still wanted to

produce more. Any season is fine for farming in Haiti. I used to make money from my farm before I came to the United States. I sold products in the markets. I used to make \$ 900 dollars per every twelve dozen of regiment of plantains. I also gave away some of them. While I was living in Boston, I still had money from plantain crops to spend.

Now I want to learn something different. My goal is to be an electrician. I want to have my own electrician business so I can make good money in my pocket. I want to change my life in this country. If I have the opportunity, I will buy a house in this country so I can reside with my family.



My Story



My name is Marie Evenante Fortune. I am from Port au Prince. I am a new Haitian. In this country, I go to school. I have lived here for three years. I live in Roslindale, on Hyde park Ave. I'm so very beautiful. I have black eyes, and black hair. I am petite. I am always happy. I am twenty-six years old. I'm a Christian. I love God.



My story

By Rosena Menard Nicoleau



My name is Rosena Ménard Nicoleau. I am 47 years old. I have two children, one girl and one boy. The girl is 5 years old and her name Shannnen and the boy is 23 years old and his name is Love Gerald.

I come from Cap-Haitien in Haiti; I have been here for one year. My profession was Medical Technologist and law In my country I worked in the laboratory of Hospital University, Justinien. I had worked in that Hospital since 2002

until I left it in October 2016 to come here in the United States.

I have not worked here but the Government takes care of my daughter and myself because I was a victim of domestic violence in my country.

Now I need a job to take care of my family and myself, to pay my bills because I need my freedom.

When the Government takes care of you, you aren't really free. You have to rely on it for your needs.

I am here at the Haitian Multi-Service Center to learn English so I can one day find a job and be able to take care of myself.

My story

By Angletta Georges.

My name is Angletta Georges. I have been here



in Boston for almost 2 years. I am from Haiti. In Haiti I worked as an accountant at Socabank and then I was an Academic Director for 13 years in my country. I come here

because of political turmoil. I like the churches in this country. I do not like snow. My plan here is to buy a house for my son and to be successful in everything. I would like to get a master degree in science accounting. After a few years, I want to go back to my country to start a new business in food distribution. I also want to open an orphanage for young girls.

Thank you.

My Story

By Maria Mendes



My name is Maria Mendes. I have been in this country for one year and 5 months. I live in Dorchester with my family.

I have here 2 children, 2 grandchildren, one daughter-in-law and my

husband.

I am from Cape Verde. In my Country I was an accountant.

I come here to stay with my son, and work, too. I like the health system. I don't like the weather. My plan here is to work until the age 65. Then I will go back to my country for my husband construction business.



My Story

By Manuel Goncalves

My name is Manuel Goncalves. I am from Portugal. I have been here for one year and four months. I was an entrepreneur in the construction area. I decided to come here because of family members who have already been here in the United States for a long time. I came here with a goal of fighting and being better. I want to experience the American dream.



I am now working in a chain of super markets name stop n shop, I work in warehouse company selector. Here in this country I want to go to college to study and do the same work I did in my country. I plan to stay here.

My Story

By Jonel Joseph



My name is Jones Joseph, but I can be called Djoe. I am from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I have been in this country for three months. In Haiti, I was a police officer for twelve years.

I came in this country for the first time in October 2015, with as a visitor. I visited many states. Such as, Maine, New

Jersey, North Carolina. In February 2017, when I was in Massachusetts, I met a beautiful girl who one year after became my wife. And so, I have decided to stay here. I haven't gone back since. I like many things in this country. The people are courteous, the security is high, the law is respectful, and there are many opportunities for the migrants. Now, I'm learning English and I am waiting for my green card. I would like to go to Harvard University to study Law. I want to be a good lawyer so I can make money. That's my dream. My plan is to stay here.

My Story

By Marie Nancie PIERRE LOUIS HYPPOLITE



I am from Haiti; I have been here for 11 months. I am married and have a boy who is now 10 years old. I worked as secretary and accountant in Haiti. I used to work for a company called QUALIDATA S.A. i worked there for 2 years. I left the company because they had to close. I

went to work for another company named LEATHERCRAFT S.A . i worked there for 16 years. I left the latter to move to USA with my son in December 2016 I rejoined with my husband who had been here for a long time. I always knew that one day i would be here with him.

I love the United States, especially the education and the healthcare system. I am living in Boston, Massachusetts. I do not like the way the system wants parents to raise their children in this country. I prefer to raise the way I did in my country. I would not like to stay in the USA for the rest of my life. My goal is to enter a nursing program. I want to work for 10 years and then go back to my country. I want to open a hospital in Haiti.

My story

By Farah Dormeus

I am Farah Dormeus. I have been here since September



19, 2016. Here I go to

school and work. I

decided to come to the

United States because

my mom was living

here. When she told

me, my case was ready

I was excited. I had

always wanted to live here. I'd heard it was a good country to live in.

When I first came here, it was very difficult for me. I didn't have anywhere to go. Everybody at the house was busy working. Now I'm feeling little more comfortable. I am now able to do things by myself. I can go places and even look for a job.

The one thing I found different in this country is that, I had much difficulty to communicate directly to people because my language was not sufficient. When I started to go to school, I discovered many things. I don't like the way they treat the children here. Children are too much tolerated. I have difficulty coping with the weather here. It is too cold and it is not good for me. It makes me sick. In two years, I want to be a nurse and work to help people. Here I want to get a master in nursing. Yes, I feel welcome here. I will spend the rest of my life here.

My story

By Toniel Daniel



I am Daniel Toniel. I'm Haitian. I come from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I like Christmas in my country. Every

December 24th, people from different streets organized parties. Christmas in Haiti is good. Everybody goes to church, to the movies. Every Mayor organizes parties in the public places for different

categories of people.

People go to restaurant. Children go for ice cream; they also go to the game stations. Everybody drinks beer, smokes, and eats fried chicken.

I came here on May 8th, 2017; I have been here one year months. I used to come here before. Now I am staying. This country is good; I like it because people are very nice. This country is good. I like the culture and the government system. I have access to everything. I like the temperature when it is cold. I like the snow. I want to stay here in this country. I am not quite sure what I want to do here but I plan to stay.



My story

by Ligens Lynce



My name is Ligens Lynce. I am from Haiti. I am thirty one years old. My mom lives in Haiti. She has 8 children. 5 sisters and 3 brothers. I came in the United State on September 13, 2015 with Visa B1 B2. I have been in this Country for 3 years. After 1 year I got married to my fiancé, while I was at church I didn't feel good. My wife calls Emergency for me because I was really feeling uncomfortable. When I got to the hospital the doctors performed a general check up. After the diagnosis the doctor told me that I needed an operation right away in my blather. I had the operation and it was successful. I like the Snow in this country. Now I go to school to learn English. I haven't got a job yet. Here I want to go to college. There are many things I want to study. I want to be a doctor. I was to stay here in this country.

My Story

By Katcha Eugene



My name is Katcha Eugene. I have been in this country for one year and nine months. I am from Haiti. I always wanted to come to the United States. I heard this was a beautiful and rich country. I decided to apply in July for a visa. I did and I got it. In my country I was a student. I am now living in Boston with my daughter, Gaelle; she just turned one year old. All my family lives in Haiti. I'm learning English. I like the security in this country. I feel safe. I want to go to college to study so I can become a nurse. I want to stay in the United States.

My Story

By Magdala Dor

My name is Magdala I have been in this country for one year. I decided to come here, because I liked the United States and it is different from my country. When I was in my country, I was a student. I went to school, to learn computing and cosmetology. I have seven siblings in they are living in Haiti. My mother and my father are also living in Haiti. I have a dream to work to help myself. I want to be able to communicate well with people in English.





My Story

By

Marie Claude Merilus



My name is Marie Claude Merilus. I am Haitian. I have a friend. His name is Jesus. He is my good friend. He never leaves me on the road alone.

My friend is so good to me that I love Him and He never forgets me.

I am from Kenscoff, Haiti. In my county, I went to school. I lived with a large family. I have five sisters and one brother. I have two siblings here and three in Haiti. I now live in Boston. I work Downtown. I go to school Monday to Friday. My dream is to become a nurse in this country. I don't plan to go back to my country. I want to stay here in this country.





Our Nutrition Class



My story

By Isma Badette



In December 2012, I left my country because of insecurity and came to America. When I was in my country, I worked normally and I had a life. I worked for the government for ten years as a biomedical technician. It wasn't bad to live in my country then I decided to come to America. Everything changes automatically once I've arrived here.

Before I decided to stay in America, I had contacted a friend I knew for a long time and I told him if he could accept me in his house. He said no problem, "You can come. My house is your house." While the first three months was good between us. After three months the money I was having was done and problem started. I spent almost two years in his house without heat when it was cold. At the same time I had back pain and all kinds of illness. I was really stressed because I left my country for a better life and it went wrong. I prayed God and he made his intervention for me.

Thanks God, now I got my paper.

Clara's Story

By Clara



My name is Clara Tamayo. I have been here since December 2015. When I arrived here, the changes were not easy for me. I was going through many things. First, I missed my country; second, I worried about my parents in Colombia; and third, I felt dependent and was not comfortable with that.

I decided to travel here in United States. When I got here,

I realized this was a mistake. My father was sick, and everything seemed upside down. I told myself it was a bad decision. I was wasting import time from my life without solution to my problems. For long time I felt sad.

Thereafter, I have changed my thoughts with the help from God and my family.

Now I am able to see many wonderful things in this country. I communicate with my family, my friends. I attend a new church that I feel brings me closer to God. I study and I also learn to enjoy the changes in the climate. So my parents are now well and happy, I can go to

Colombia to visit them, I always speak with them. My life is very peaceful.



I love my husband and my son. They have always been helpful to me in everything, so, I am always taking care of them. I work with *Gano Coffee* for it isn't easy, I will search for another job that can make me stable and independence I will take care of my needs. I want to learn many things. I wish to be more economically independent because in my country I was. I had more

freedom to make decision for my wonderful family. I loved my life in Colombia. The city where I lived in Colombia is generally cold while the other cities are hot. I was always with my parents and brothers in meetings, in parties. I miss them.



In this Country I want to continue to study so I can improve my English. In my Country I used to work as an accountant. Now I would like to work in administration.

My Story

Josette Darius



My name is Josette Darius. I am from Haiti. I have been here for five years. I have two children: one boy and one girl. When I was in my country, I went to school and work. I lived with my family. I am now living in Dorchester. Now I am working in

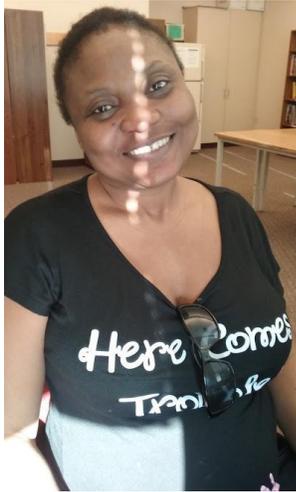
Newton. My mother's name is Filomène Paul and my father's name is Gabriel Darius. They both live in Haiti. I have two sisters, one brother. My sister is living in Framingham.

I like living in this country, but I don't like the cold weather. I very much like summer in this country. I also like the people here. They are very nice.

Here I want to go to school. I also want to work as a nurse. I hope that one day I get certified as a nurse. I plan to stay here.

My Story

by Maculène Jean Charles



My name is Maculène. I am from Ouanaminthe, Haiti. I have been for one year and six months. In my country I was a teacher. I liked it very much. I did it for four years. I came to the United States because my aunt wanted me to come. I came pregnant along with my daughter Delinx. I gave birth to here one week after I came here. I like the people here because they are very nice. This is a wonderful country. I don't have friends here. I like to go to church every Saturday to pray to God. Every month I go to the supermarket to buy food. Every day I go to school, after that I take care of my baby. I don't have a job but I need one; I am looking for a job because I need money to take care of my baby girl and my family. My baby girl is 18 months old. She doesn't have appetite. Her health is good but the weight is not good she gives me a lot of problem. I want to go to school to learn English so I can communicate. I want to stay here in the United States because here I can function better. Everything is fine here but I don't like the cold weather.



My Story

By Jasmine Jacquesaint



My name is Jasmine. I am from Haiti. I have been here for one year. When I first came to this country, I didn't like it. It was very cold and the snow was all over the place. I felt uncomfortable and scared. After six months, I became less frightened. Now I like it because it offers a lot of opportunities. I've been going to school to learn English. I want to be able to communicate with people in this country. I want to go to college to study so I can become a nurse. I'd love to be able to help my community and myself in this country.



My Story

By Maria Andrade

My name is Maria Andrade. I'm from Cap Verde. I live in Dorchester, on Auckland St. I have been since November 15, 2015. I am very happy to live here in the United States because it is a new page in my life. In my country I was a teacher. I taught Basic Elementary, for a long time. Now, I have an English class where I can learn to speak English. I like my job, It is easy for me. I take care of an elderly woman and I live with her in her house because she is sick. Here, in this country people, works, foods and houses are very different. Coping with this weather is a big problem for me. Here it is very cold and in my country it is very hot.



My goal is to have my own house. I want a job and I also want to speak English very well. I need to have a better life so I can help my three sons to come here. I feel welcome here because my God is with me every day. Every Sunday I go to the Nazarene Church in Dorchester.

In the weekend I go to visit my family in Brockton.

I want to live here, if God helps me, because the condition here is better.

My Story

By Blanc Dorcelus

My name is Blanc. I used to live in Carrefour, Port -au



Prince Haiti. I have many people in the Carnival Association in Haiti. Every

February I prepared the culture for many children dancing at school.

Many people go to rehearsal for the music central. At the direction the musician sing during the repetition

Every time me I like the gospel music. My brothers like the carnival music at home. My mother doesn't like the music, But I preferred to give glory to God. My mother goes to church every Sunday to St-Angela. I have been here for one year and six months. Every Sunday i go to church. I go to school every day. I go to work, three days per week. My supervisor is comfortable with me. I take the bus every day, or also train.



Reading is Fun

We Make Friends

Silver
Maple

Red
Oak

Here at the Center



My Story

By Almeida

My name is Maria Goncalves. I am from Cape Verde. I have been here for one year. In my country, I worked in an ophthalmology Clinic.



I came in America because my family, my mother, my father and brothers were here.

I like America so far. Everything seems good. I attend the center where I am improving my English. I like the food here and the people. I now work in a restaurant, Handy's Coffee, on Columbia Road. I like it there. The people are very nice. I have no problem with the weather here. My plan here is to study; work and one day buy my own house. It has been my dream to have my house here.

My Story

By Pascally Charles



My name is Pascally..I have been here for one year.. I'm from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I now live in Mattapan. In my country I went to school and I worked. I wanted to come here because my family lived here. I like this country because I am able to go to school for free. I want to be able to communicate with people in English. I like school in this country. My plan is to learn something here so I can work, make some money so I can help myself. I want to someday go back to my country to open a big mall.

My Story



By Marceline Georges

My name is Marceline

Georges; I have been here for 5 years. I'm from Haiti. I was a teacher for 30 years. I live here for helping my daughter to finish her sturdy because she

has 2 children. Every morning, I get up at 6 o'clock to help the children to get ready to go to school. I am so happy when I do that. But, my dream also is to speak English fluently. For that, I go to school at Catholic Charities.

Maybe I could work to take care of myself and my family.

Being all that, I don't like the cold because that makes me sick, it gives me real pain. Although all these, it is still a great country. My plan is: to stay here, find a job, to see my daughter's graduation and grow up my children.

My Story

By Maria Mendes



My name is Maria Mendes. I have been here for one year and 6 months. I live in Dorchester with my family. I have here 2 children, 2 grandchildren, one daughter-in-law and my husband.

I am from Cape Verde. In my Country I was an accountant.

I come here to stay with my son, and work too.

I like the health care system. I don't like the weather. It is too cold in winter and summer is too hot. I prefer spring.

My plan here is to study to learn English. I also want to go to school to become a nurse, get a certification and to work until the age of 65. Then I will go back to my country for my husband construction business. I have 2 children, 4 grandchildren in my country. They live with my 2 sisters. My husband is living here with me. He is working in the construction business.

I miss my home in my country. I have a lot of family members in Cape Verde.

MY STORY

By Noze Calixte



This is my story. Once I was pregnant, I went to the hospital in Lawrence. At that time I didn't speak English. The medical staff didn't understand me. They had to find a Haitian translator for me. That person was terrible. He disparaged me in front of everybody, because when I started to explain, he asked me why I lied. At this moment I felt embarrassed and I said "I can't believe it. You don't know me why did you say that?" and I continue to talk to

the medical staff, I told them that that person did not speak Creole and he didn't understand me. I asked them to change him. I preferred a Spanish person, doing that day, until now when I go somewhere and I see a Haitian person I feel uncomfortable never forget that.

I have been here since October 2014. Since then, every single day is a new story. I was in a shelter one day. I heard a knock at the door. When I opened the door, I saw a group of police officer, one ambulance car, and all outside. They said somebody called them to come to my place because they said I was going to kill my baby. I told them that I didn't say anything like that. They said maybe you have a mental problem. They wanted to take me to the hospital. I left with them to the hospital. When I got there. I was placed in a room. I remember the number, it was 13. After 2 hours two people came in the room. They told me that D C F sent them to take my kid. I asked them why. They said it was because the child was not safe

with me. I felt something inside me burst open. I could not explain how I felt
oooo my God i never feel like i felt that day.

They called me constantly to ask me about my baby. After that they gave
me a daycare for my son. The case has been close.

My goal is to go to college to be a professional I want to study surgical
technician. My dream is to work hard to give my son a good education.



My Story

By Evena Belizaire



I am Marie Evena Belizaire. I have been here since November 24, 2013. By next November 24, I will have been here for 5 years. When I was in Haiti I had a great experience. I lived with my family, and I worked. I had time for everything. I went to school; I visited my friends; I was able to go to the club. I liked to clean my house. I was never tired in my country; I had plenty of time to sleep. I enjoyed myself very well.

When I came here in the United State things have changed. I don't live with my family. My family missed me a lot in Haiti. I have been stressed. I don't like the weather here in America. Furthermore, my son is giving me a lot problem with his school. Every summer vacation I bring my son to Haiti to see the family. I find time to go to school and to work 7 to 7.

I have a car, and so I can drive to school. I am learning English so I can work and meet my goals. I don't like the weather and snow here because when I see it, it makes me sad. I like Boston because I have possibilities to work; I go to school for free. I don't have to pay tuition for my son's school. Transportation is accessible. It's just a great place to live.

I want to pursue my goals in United State because I need a new life. One of my goals is to find a new boyfriend, and I get a better job. I want to attend a career here. I also want to buy a house. I need a lot of money so I can build a better future for myself.

My Story

Bjork & the future

I am Bjork, I was born in Haiti, I wanted to have a better life. I don't like corruption. There is a lot of corruption in my country. I am clean. I want to get married. I work at North Quincy in a store. I like my job. I like the school where I go. It is the Haitian Multi-Service Center. I am learning English. I made lot friends. I like my money. I want to be rich some day.

When I was in Haiti I was a political Leader. I like United States of America. It's my favorite country. I like my country too. It's a wonderful country.

I like to read. I like to listen to the news and music. I like Compa and Gospel Music.

Thank you.



My Story

By Ana Mendes



My name is Ana. I was born in Cape Verde in July 1962. My parents were very poor. We hardly had anything to eat. They did not want me go to school because I did not have clothes or shoes to wear and even worse than that, I didn't afford school materials.

My dream was to become a pediatrician; so, at the age of 10 I went to school without any support...By the time I completed 6th grade, I was 17 years old. My Country had been independent for 2 years and most of the population was mostly illiterate. And so, the country needed teachers so to end illiteracy. The following year I started to work as a teacher.

I taught for 32 years. I studied and completed 10th grade and I took a middle course in the pedagogical institute in 1997.

I work hard to buy a house and to take care of my children that were 6 and 2 were my friend's sons. I took care of them until they were 2 years old. For 10 years I worked hard to reach areas where car did not travel. These were difficult years.

In 1989 I was transferred to the city where I was from and there that I resumed my studies. During this time I didn't take good care of myself. I just focused on my studies and my work.

I had a good career. I was successfully professional.

On April 2011 I got very sick. I had pulmonary hypertension. I had to go to Portugal for treatment. The doctor told me that my illness did not have a cure but if I took care of myself I could live for 4 years and furthermore, I would have to stay there for the rest of my life because in my country there was no medicine for my disease. This news cut my belly because I was not prepared for such information.

I had an 8 year old child in the United States. In 2002 he was born here as I was living here. Then we went to Cape Verde. In 2011, I went to Portugal for treatment and came to the US with my cousin.

I never thought to bring my son to United States until he turned 18 years old. But it was not easy to work and take care of him in the United States life was costly and the city where we lived was not safe.

At this time I was feeling bad because I didn't have too much time to live. I wanted to see my child speaking English so I would feel better before I die. After 4 months, I returned to the United States to see my son. It was here that I decided not to go back to the hospital in Portugal so I could realize my dream of my son. However, I was not in good physical and emotional conditions of caring for him. I wanted to leave him with my relatives and go away so that he studied and did not see me die, but my cousin did not let me go.

My cousin said to me that It good that I did not leave because I felt better. I had the opportunity to stay with my son and to see as he got to be a good student and a big boy and I was able to take care of him and myself.

Then I went to Boston Medical Center. My doctor, Dr. Feber, a pulmonologist, checked my pulmonary system and claimed that I was fine. I used not to work and I was always tired. After I saw the doctor, I now feel much better. I do a lot of exercises and I also performed voluntary work at the Food Pantry at the Haitian Multi Service Center. I am very happy. I want to pursue a degree in Pediatric. I want to stay here in the United States.

My Story

By Katcha Eugene



My name is Katcha Eugene. I have been in this country for one year and nine months. I am from Haiti. I always wanted to come to the United States. I heard this was a beautiful and rich

country. I decided to apply in July for a visa. I did and I got it. In my country I was a student. I am now living in Boston. I'm learning English. I want to go to college to study so I can become a nurse.

My Story

Maxo Marseille

My name is Maxo. I am from Haiti. I have been here since



December 2010. I used to work in construction when I was in Haiti. I liked it. In 2000, I went to Nassau, Bahamas. I didn't like the way people were treated in the Bahamas. I decided to come to the U.S.A. because I wanted to find a better place to live. I had a good job when I was in the Bahamas. I didn't like the immigration law in the Bahamas.

Even though you have work authorization, immigration law still forces you to work for only the person who applied for your work authorization. I figured that law was unfair. That compelled me to

come to live in the USA. I like it here because it is more possible for me to do things. One thing I don't like here, especially in Boston, is the weather. It is too cold sometimes in winter. The snow is terrible for driving sometimes. I haven't had my HiSET. I am now going to school and trying to get my High School Diploma. My goal is to work as a real estate agent. I am definitely staying here in the United States.



My Story

By Jean Lenonce Bourdeau



I am Jean Lenonce BOURDEAU. I remember when I was in Haiti. I thought about so many things because the country was so hard to live in. It is very difficult especially for the children to acquire their education. But, I am now in the United States, things are very different. People think differently. The weather in Haiti is very good it is always sunny all the time. My problems, the roads in Haiti are not structured.

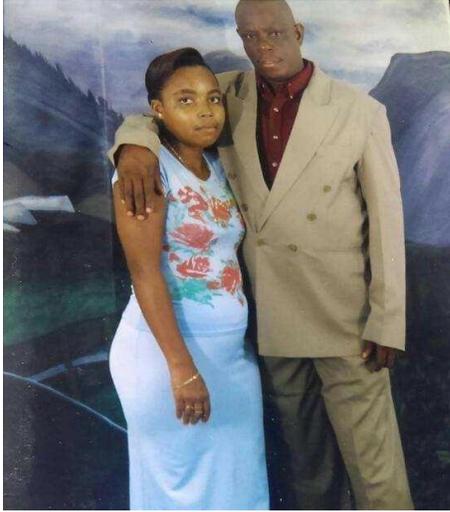
In the United States It is very easy to find a job. But in Haiti it is not easy to find works. The Haitians are going to Chilly to find jobs because of the lack of job in Haiti.

When I was in Haiti, I worked as a public administrator. I liked it very much. When I came here, my wife had already been living here for 26 years. Me, I've only been here for four months.

This country is very organized and I like it. Here I go school. At present I am looking for a job. I am not sure what I want to do here but I want to have a career so I can work and make money. I want to take care of my family members in Haiti and my wife and my two children.

My Story

By Wasmène Duplant



My name is Wasmène. I am from Haiti. I worked as a carpenter and a mason. I was a businessman. I enjoyed the work that I did in my country. I came to this country because my mother was sick. She has been here for over 20 years. I came here to take care of her. I don't plan to stay in this country. I have my construction business in Haiti. I would like to return there to continue with the construction business. In the meantime, I go to school and take care of my sick mother. I have two sisters living here in Massachusetts.

My Story

By Dino Florival

My name is Dino Florival. I'm from Haiti. Now I live in Boston. I have been here for on year.

When I was in my country I was an

engineer. I was in the

construction business. I worked at Lapaix Hospital. I liked it.

I now live here with my 2 sisters and 3 brothers. I very much like everything in this country. I even like the cold and the snow.

Right now, I work at Target, in South Bay. I am single. My favorite hobby is to work and listen to music.

I miss Haiti very much. After 10 years I will go home to start my own business in my country. I want to have a clothing store.



My Story

By Viviane Pauyo



I am Viviane Pauyo. I am from Haiti. I got married at 27. I have one daughter. I left Haiti on the 28th of September 2016. After a terrible event in Haiti, I realized that I could have died; so I decided to leave the country. I left my Mom and my Dad. I have been here in the United States for 1 year. In my country I have my mother and my father. My 4 sisters and my 4 brothers live in the United States of America. In Haiti I was a secretary. I worked with a lawyer. I was also a hotel attendant. I don't have a lot of experience here in the United States. My greatest experience was: I was pregnant in Haiti and I came here in the United States for the delivery. I had a first class doctor. He was excellent. He took good care of me and my baby. Despite my crying, the doctor took a lot of patience with me. On March 28, 2015, I was so grateful. It was the day I brought daughter into the world. It was a big day for me. It's an experience I could not forget it.

My Story

By Jones Baptisma



My name is Jones Baptisma. I am from Haiti. I have been here in America for six years.

In my county I was a businessman. I had a dance club. I liked it. I made a lot of money. I always wanted to come to the United States. It was always my dream.

When I came here, my wife had already been here for 13 years.

I like the security here and the education. I have more possibilities to learn. I have possibilities to buy anything that I want.

My goal is to one day buy a house here in the United States.

My Story

By Junior Phanord

Hi!



My name is Junior Phanord. I'm from in Haiti. I have been here in the United States for ten months. When I was in Haiti I was a student studying economics and social science I have a son.

I decided to come to the United States to continue my professional career in fashion by what I have a dream, I would like to realize my dream I am here to learn, and to realize good things, and then I would like to be a successful man in the United States of America. I want to be educated, and have a good job to make money to help my son, an my family. I have a several goals I would like to accomplish in the future.

My Story

by Melissa Christi Villard

My name is Melissa Christi Villard. I'm from Haiti. I have come to USA with a lot of dreams . First, I want to learn several languages, such



as Spanish, English, Portuguese and Arabic. Second, i want to become a lawyer to support my family. Third, I want to travel all around the world to gain experiences to help my country. I know what my goal is so far but I have to study harder to achieve my goal. Anything is impossible.

Everybody told me, I'm a genius just because i speak six languages such as Creole, French, Chinese, Thai, Korean, and Japanese. I don't think, I'm a genius because everyone can do that, the only thing

you want is motivation and what you want to become in the future.

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My story

By Evenson Pierre



My name is Evenson Pierre I am from Haiti. I am 30 years old. I study communication at IFJ institute francophone of journalist in Haiti. My mother's name is Marie José Tham and my father's name is saint Louis Pierre. They .they have 4 children tree girls and one boy. I am the third child in my family. I left Haiti in July 2016, because I was being persecuted by the Martelly

government in November 2016 for I denounced the police who had miscarried Georges Fortune in November 2016. For this reason I received many threats from the Haitian government. In November 29, 2016, I left Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. In June 2016, I returned to my town, Belle-Anise. I received a call by a member of the government. It said that they were going to kill me. The voice said that they know where I was. When I heard that, I told my mother. She said to me, "Evenson, you have to leave Haiti." In July 2016 I left Haiti to come in United States. I asked the US government for protection because my life was in danger. This is the reason why I live now in America. I like America because my life has changed. I have a fulltime job. I make more money than I did in Haiti. I take care of my family. I have accomplished many things in America. This is my story.

MY story

By Macean Citeau



My name is Macean Citeau. I am from Jacmel, Haiti. I have been in this country for 8 months. When I was in my county I worked at hospital Saint Francois de Sales. I came in this country because I wanted to work. I am learning now English for freebie like to school, I like to work's want to work and I want to school. I am staying in this country.



My Experience in this Country

By Francois Lukusa



My name is Francois Lukusa. I have been here for one year. When I came to this country, I went to the Catholic Charities Center to enroll in an English class to learn some English. I decided to come here because my daughter wanted me and my wife to come and live with her. My wife and I accepted to come

together. So in October 2017. My life was good in my Country. I was working and I had a good job. The difference between my Country and this Country is: here there is peace. I like the American people. They are very Kind. The roads are good, and there is a lot of food. There are jobs and there are many opportunities. The weather is one big problem when it is cold. I don't like that. But in summer I am very comfortable. I can walk on the streets. I can walk out and I can go shopping on foot. After long time I will probably be fine with the cold.



My Story

My name is Nolaire Elisnor. I'm from Haiti. I have been here in this country for ten month.



When I was in my country I worked I went to church.

I come to this country to learn English. In this country I go to school; I go to the gym. In this country I like certain stuff. In this country I would like to be an engineer. I want to stay in

this country because I like it.

My story

By Roodelyne



My name is Roodelyne Cetoute, I am from Ganthier, Haiti. I have been in this country for 6 month. When I was in my country, I used to work at La Colombe Hotel. I used to travel to Dominican Republic. I bought the clothes sale

to Haiti; I had a business I made special beer. I came to this country because I wanted to work I also wanted a lot of money. Now I work and I go to school. In this country I like the hospitals, work and school. I want to have my own catering business. I want to stay in this country.

My Story

By Jolibrin Guivenage

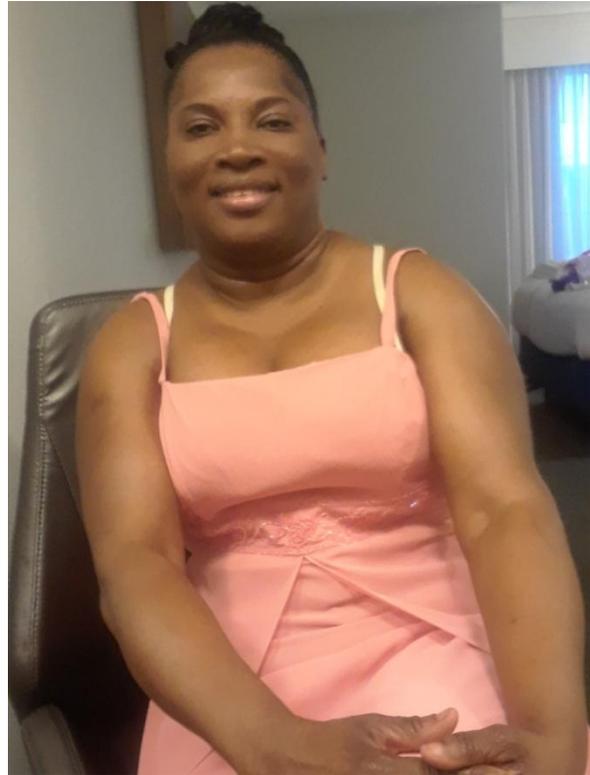


My name is Jolibrin Guivenage. I have been here for six months in this country. I am from Haiti. I live in Boston. I was a student in this country. I came to this country to work. In this country I go school. In this country I like girls, some of them. In this country I want to be a doctor. I want stay in this country because I like.

My Story

By Tamara Odenat Jean Baptiste

My name is Tamara Odenat Jean Baptiste. I am from Haiti. I now live in Boston. I have been in this country for ten months. I haven't got a job. I came to this country because I like to live in America. I go to school now in this country.



I like this country because of summer. I want to go to school to study to become a nurse. I am staying in this country.

My Story

My name is Marie René Balan.



I'm from Haiti.

I have been in this country for ten months.

When I came in this country, I found things that I like.

I come to this country to learn English.

In this country, I would like to become a nurse.

I want to stay in this country because I like it.

My Story

By Teofilo Perez.



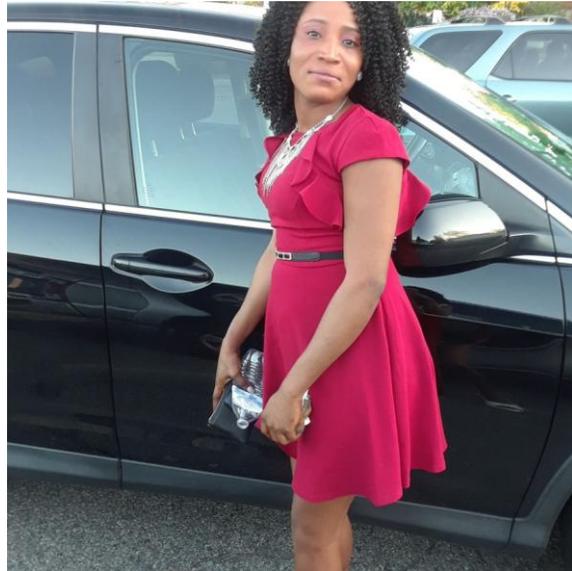
My name is Teofilo Perez. I am from Dominican Republic. I have been here for about 15 years ago. I was a student of arts in my country, but stopped it because my mother made a claim for to live here with her and my brothers. Now I

studying English for get better opportunity to find a good job. In this country I have the opportunity to work and study, I hope grown economist to help others family in my country. I am staying here, because the live in my country is very hard now... without opportunity to work and grown as all people want to be.

My Story

By Cadiana Elisnor

My name is Cadiana Elisnor. I am from Haiti. I have been in this country for 6 months. I now live in Waltham, MA. I came to this country



because I liked it. I now go to work and school in this country. I like this country because of summer. I want to be a nurse. I am staying here in this country.

My Story

By Carlin Alexis



My name is Carlin Alexis. I'm from Port-au-Princes Haiti. I have been in this country for 6 months. When I was in Haiti, I went to school. I liked school. I'm now studying

English. About this country, I like the school the food the work too. I want to have a bachelor in Electrical or mechanical Engineering after that; I will serve in this country. I'm staying in this country because I like it in the United States.

My Story

By Roseline Elisnor



My name is Roseline Ellsinore. I am from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I have been in this country for one year. In my country I went to school. I came to this country to learn English. Now in this country I am working. About this country I like

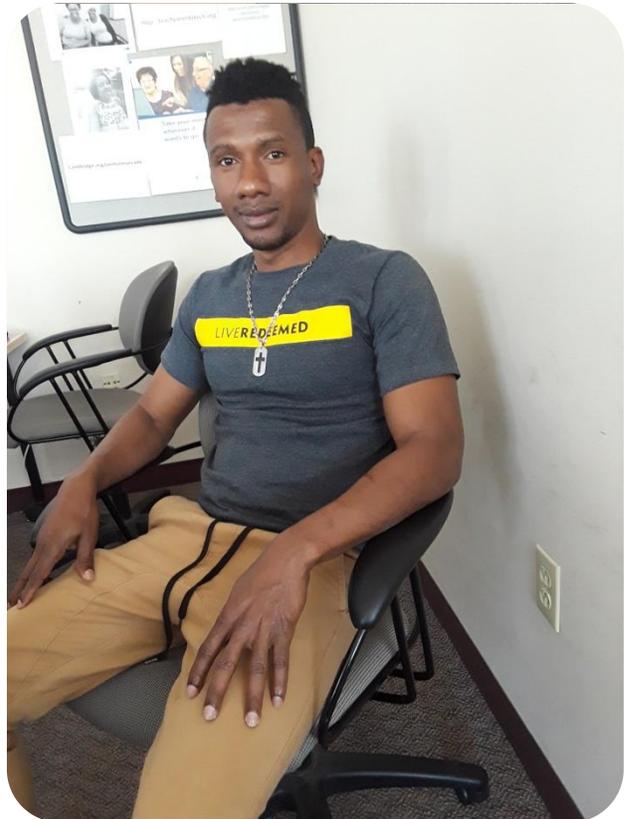
everything except the snowing. I want to do in this country so I can become a doctor. Yes I staying in this country because I like this country.

My Story

By Joseph v. Iralien.

My name is Joseph V. Iralien. I am from Cayes, Haiti. I have been here in the Unites States for 10 months. When I was in Haiti, I was a technician in a factory. I came in this country because I wanted to expand my knowledge. I am now learning English for free. I like the development of this country. I want to go to school to study Mechanical Engineering. I am staying in this country.

Thank you.



My Story

By Betty Bernadeau

I am Betty. I don't have much experience in this country, because I have only been here for one year. I am from Thomonde, Haiti. In my country, I worked as a secretary. I liked it very much. I was also the Mayor of Thomonde. I was the first woman Mayor in Thomonde. I left Haiti because of



problems. I could not deal with the political dilemma. I now live in Framingham, Massachusetts. In this country I



go to school to learn English and I am trying to find myself a job. I like it here but I don't feel comfortable because I don't have a job. However I like being here in this country. Things here are different. The culture is vast. It is a mixture of people from different countries. The seasons are also

different. I'm not feeling well when it's cold but I like it. I love seeing the snow. My goal here is to be a bus driver. God can decide for me. No one can really plan; only God can decide. I know only God can make goals for me.

MY STORY

BY Germinal Vilson



My name is Germinal Vilson. I have been here for 6 months. I am from Haiti. I came to the United States for a new experience. I had a good life in

my country. I really like my country. I was a Physical Education Teacher. I also worked as a coach. I took care of children in a soccer team. In this country I see a lot different things. The United Sates is a big country with many different nations. The culture in this country is more diverse than my country. In this country I like the weather. I love winter especially the snow. I know how to cope with the cold weather. I don't like the outside Diplomacy in this country. The US goes to any country they want and do whatever they want. I have a lot of goals. Here I am working and going to school to learn English. I want to go to college after that. In this country I'm feeling welcome. I like this country, but I don't want to spend the rest of my life here.



My Story

By Dorlens Myrtil



My name is Dorlens Myrtil. I have been here for 7 months. I am from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I am 23 years old. I have 2 sisters and 2 brothers. I was a student in my country. I came to the United States for a new experience. I have my first job here in the United States. I work at a McDonalds in Hyde Park. I am now learning English for free. I am an ESOL Student. After, I want to go to college. I want to be a doctor. I love the girls in this country. I don't like the snow in this country and I don't feel well when it's cold. My plan in this country is to get a new job because I need more money. I want to get married after 5 years. I want to have a house in my country so I can go back and live in my country.

My story

By Alix Clerveaux

Hello to everyone today is a marvelous day for me to tell about myself.

I have been here since November 16, 2016. I was born in a little country named Haiti. In my country I worked for 10 years in the Haitian Department of Police National.

Coming to the USA was not my decision because I left my job that I liked so much. It was my mother's decision and I could not do anything about that.

I like this country. I like the way things are done here. I am talking about the US government. They protect their nation, nature, and justice for all people.

One thing I don't like is the weather in this country because I was living in a country with hot temperature but everything else is fine.

Right now, I would like to become a nurse practitioner. I am working very hard to make my dream come true.



My story

By Rose N Cezar Williams



My name is Rose Navita Cezar Williams. I come from Haiti. I am a business woman. I used to work at Little Brother of The Good Shepherd as a manager in Port au Prince, Haiti. My boss, a preacher liked the way I managed the business. He decided to send me to the United States. He told me in USA when someone has a talent you can get support and you can even make money out of it.. I have now been in the United States Since 2005. I used to live in New York before I came to Boston. Life wasn't too good for me, because I left my daughter back in Haiti. Her name is Lucsenskovly. She was only five years old. At that time, I didn't have a green card or a social security number; and so I could not go to work. My cousin, with whom I was living, found me a school so I could learn English. After a couple of months I found a job at a dry cleaning place. I had to quit that school so I could go to work. I had to work because I had responsibilities in Haiti; I needed to send money to Haiti to my families, so they could take care of my daughter. After a year and a couple of months, I met someone from my country who had been here before me. He wanted to help me. He helped me a lot. I became pregnant for him. I had twins. He gave me a house of four bedrooms for me to live with my babies. After six months, he went to Haiti and married another woman in my country, so now after two years it's time for me to think, because I

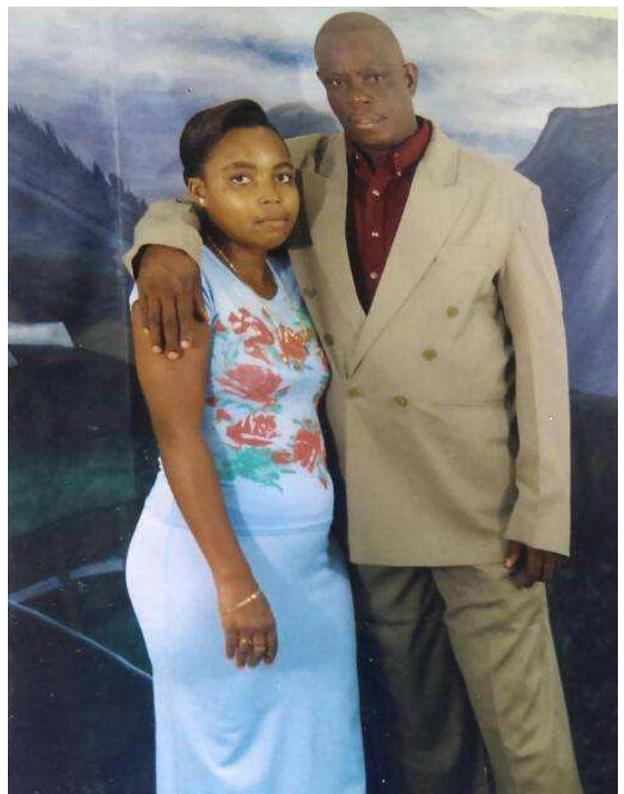
didn't have a green card. I met someone else who really loved me. He wanted to married me. He helped me with my status in this country. After that I went back to school to learn more English, and after awhile I went to take the CNA class. After a year, I went for my driving permit test and I passed it. In 2012 after a long fighting, I brought my daughter to this country. She has now been in Boston for five years.

My goal here is to finish with the HiSET. Then I want to go to college so I can become a nurse. Now I am working as a nurse's aid. I like it very much.

I am definitely staying in this country.













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