

BORDER PERSPECTIVE

MINISTRY RESOURCE



Border Perspective provides immersive border trips and uses gallery-like exhibits, written stories, and artist talks to challenge beliefs and understanding about a complex and tumultuous region of our country. We believe Border Perspective has the power to transform the immigration conversation and influence our culture to make informed decisions about how to handle the complex political environment surrounding the border and the perception of immigrants living amongst us.

Border Perspective started as an exploration trip along the U.S./Mexico border, showcasing real stories of the people who live there. In early 2017, Yonathan and Jordan Moya took a 9-day photographic journey along the border, traversing almost 2,000 miles through the southern states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The Moya brothers have lived most of their adult lives in the Midwest, but they grew up on the border. Yet, despite their upbringing, they realized they didn't know everything about life on the border, for people on both sides. "As much as we wanted to share about the border with others, we also wanted to learn more for ourselves."

The purpose of their initial trip was to gain and share a fuller perspective on what life on the border is really like. They had no agenda—only to document life on the border and learn by listening to the perspectives of the people who live there. As they took part in different dialogues, they embraced a fuller understanding of the place they still call "home."

Their hope was to provide those who haven't traveled the U.S./Mexico border with a glimpse of the existing fence structure and to share stories and perspectives of the people who live there.

Now, to continue sharing what they learned, the Moya brothers have created **this experiential and visual ministry resource**. We hope it is valuable for people of faith in helping set a larger context for the ongoing conversation about immigration into the U.S. from Mexico.

Border Perspective has been featured in: [MASHABLE](#), [UNIVISION](#), [MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO](#), [THE MONITOR](#), [BETHEL MAGAZINE](#) & [NATIONS](#).

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

PODCASTS



THE NEW ACTIVIST

Sarah Quezada takes listeners on a journey deep into the world of the U.S. immigration system.

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Evangelicals push back on Sessions' use of Bible passages to defend immigration policy.

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SOUNDS GOOD

Humanizing the Mexico / U.S. Border with Yonathan Moya

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CHASING JUSTICE

Immigration and Zero-Tolerance Policy with Matthew Soerens and Jason Clarke

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Immigration, Refugees, and Ministry to the Vulnerable

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40 Days of Scripture and Prayer on God's Heart for the Displaced

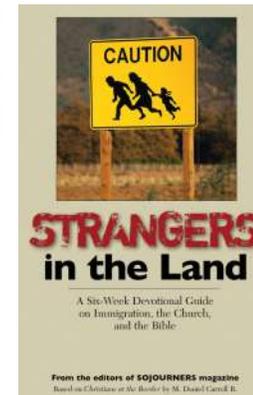
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REFUGEES: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

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A 6-Week Devotional Guide on Immigration, the Church, and the Bible

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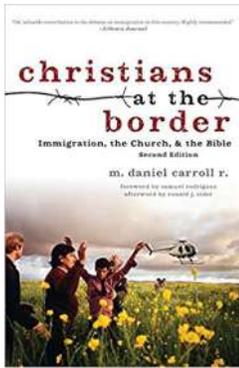


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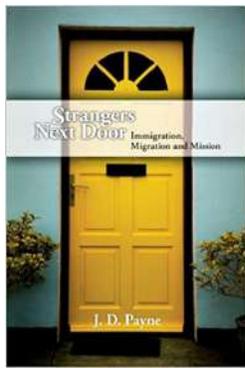
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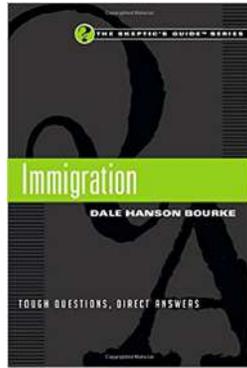
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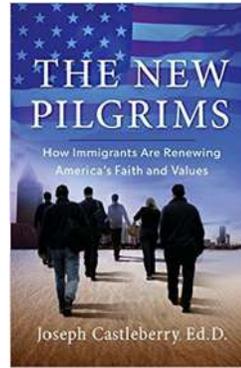
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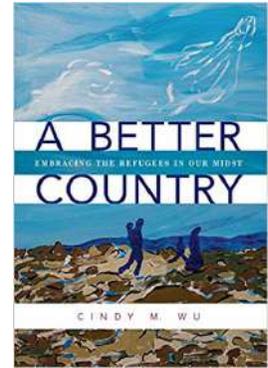
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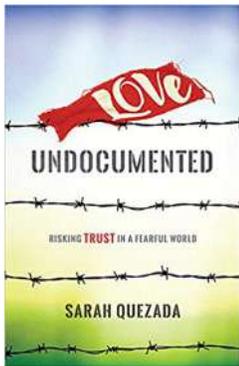
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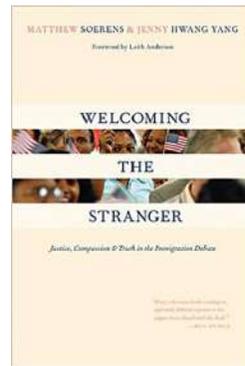
A BETTER COUNTRY

by Cindy M. Wu



LOVE UNDOCUMENTED

by Sarah Quezada



WELCOMING THE STRANGER

by Matthew Soerens & Jenny Hwang Yang



GOD IS STRANGER

by Krish Kandiah

MOVIES & FILM



McFARLAND USA

Feature film about "Dreamers" on a HS cross-country team in California

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UNDERWATER DREAMS

Documentary about "Dreamers" who compete in a robotics competition

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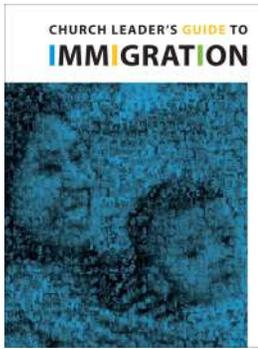


THE STRANGER

Immigrants, Scripture, and the American Dream

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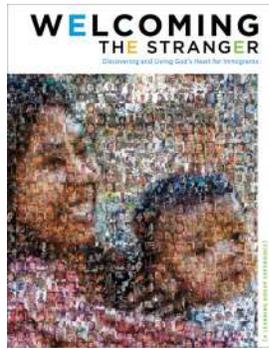
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



CHURCH LEADER'S GUIDE TO IMMIGRATION

Free PDF Resource from *World Relief*

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WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Free Small Group Curriculum from the *National Association of Evangelicals* and *World Relief*

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DREAMERS ARE NOT A CHARITY CASE, THEY ARE AMERICA'S FUTURE

Christian Post article by Pastor and Author Erwin McManus

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SEPARATING CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS AT THE BORDER BREAKS MY HEART

Washington Post article by former First Lady Laura Bush

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EMISSARIES AT THE EDGE

Nations article about a ministry of immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico Border

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QUOTES

These and other evangelical perspectives on immigration represent one evangelical perspective on immigration—that of the author—and not necessarily the views of Border Perspective.

“The church must always show compassion, always... A good Samaritan doesn't stop and ask the injured person. 'Are you legal or illegal?'”

Rick Warren, Senior Pastor of Saddleback Church

“86% of the immigrant population in North America are likely to either be Christians or become Christians. That's far above the national average...The immigrant population actually presents the greatest hope for Christian renewal in North America... This group that we want to keep out is actually the group that we most need for spiritual transformation... We shouldn't see this as something that threatens us. We should see this as a wonderful opportunity.”

Timothy Tennent, Missiologist & President at Asbury Theological Seminary

“Why is immigration policy important to evangelicals? Certainly because we believe what the Bible teaches about treatment of 'aliens in the land.' It is also because so many Hispanic, African and Asian immigrants are evangelical Christians who are in our denominations and churches by the millions. They are us.”

Leith Anderson, President of the National Association of Evangelicals

“Much has been written about the way that growing numbers of 'millennials' are walking away from the church. Yet while millennials are walking out the front door of U.S. congregations, immigrant Christian communities are appearing right around the corner, and sometimes knocking at the back door. And they may hold the key to vitality for American Christianity.”

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, Former General Secretary of the Reformed Church of America

“While we must continue to send missionaries throughout the world, we must also recognize the Great Commission opportunity that is present in Western nations. Something is missionally malignant when we are willing to send people across the oceans, risking life and limb and spending enormous amounts of money, but we are not willing to walk next door and minister to the strangers living there.”

J.D. Payne, Author & Pastor at Church of Brook Hills

IMMIGRATION STATS

1 in 5

Evangelical Christians say they have been encouraged by their local church to reach out to immigrants in their community.

[SOURCE](#)

In 2015, the top country of origin for new immigrants to the U.S. was

INDIA

with 110,000 people, followed by Mexico (109,000), China (90,000), and Canada (35,000).

[SOURCE](#)

61%

of Americans say immigrants living in the U.S. illegally *should be allowed* a way to become citizens, provided they meet certain requirements.

[SOURCE](#)

U.S. GDP

could decrease by \$434 billion/year if all undocumented workers were removed from the economy

[SOURCE](#)

ONLY 53%

of evangelical Christians say they are very familiar with what the Bible says about how to treat immigrants.

[SOURCE](#)

Undocumented immigrants contribute significantly to state and local taxes, collectively paying an estimated

\$11.74 billion/ year

[SOURCE](#)

When evangelicals were asked to list which factor has most influenced their beliefs about immigration, only

1 in 10

said the Bible. Research shows American evangelicals are more influenced by media than their faith on this issue.

[SOURCE](#)

The Hebrew word for *immigrant* (“ger”) appears

92 times

in the Old Testament of the Bible alone.

[SOURCE](#)

Immigrants make up

13.4%

of the nation's population, totaling 43.2 million in 2015

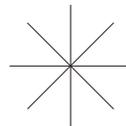
[SOURCE](#)

From 2001 to 2015

60%

of immigrants deported were **not** convicted of a crime.

[SOURCE](#)



Loss of undocumented immigrant labor would cost the U.S economy

\$5 trillion

over the course of a decade.

[SOURCE](#)

*68% of Americans believe new immigrants mostly take **jobs** Americans do not want.*

[SOURCE](#)

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

Ways you can advocate with us.

PRAY & ASK

Learn and study scripture on this issue. Pray for provision, and that families stay together.

GET INFORMED

Research and know the facts. Learn how policy changes affect immigrants leaving their home country. Share what you learn with friends, neighbors, and on social media.

CALL OR WRITE

Ask members of Congress to speak up against issues affecting immigrant communities.

- Phone: 202-224-3121
- Online: Enter zipcode at [votesmart.org](https://www.votesmart.org)
- Mobile: Download **Stance App** - The most impactful way to contact your elected representatives.

GET TO KNOW NEIGHBORS

There are immigrants all around us. Intentionally get to know their story and the struggles they have faced.

MOBILIZE

Visit an immigrant church near you or join **Border Perspective** on a trip to the border to learn firsthand from those living and actively doing ministry on the Texas-Mexico border.

GIVE

Donate to organizations and churches on the front lines serving immigrant communities.

STAY CONNECTED

borderperspective.org

