

CNN News Highlights — Chinese Border Crossings

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You have _____? Yes, yes. _____. Buddhists. _____.

Muslim, all under one roof?

Yeah.

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You're learning English? It's your _____?

Yes, yes.

And where is she right now?

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After flying to _____ in the spring of 2022, Wang then rode motorcycles, buses, and boats to get to the U.S.-Mexico border, _____ making it to Los Angeles with a dream to become a truck driver.

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Translation

如果穿越美國南部邊境是第一步，那麼對這些中國移民來說，第二步可能更加艱巨。你成功了。現在怎麼辦？現在你在美國了，感覺如何？有自由。

他們告訴我們，有自由。即使邊境巡邏隊用手銬銬住他們，並帶領他們上巴士進行處理，他們從這裡去哪裡，以及沿途誰來幫助他們，可能會讓你感到意外。

我們要下到這裡的地下室。他說他有幾間房間。

從南加州到紐約，我們遇到了幾十位採取幾乎相同路線來美的中國移民。

你預計還會有更多人來嗎？是的，也許五個。

哦，也許再放一張床，你覺得呢？是的。

社區領袖馬菊帶我參觀這個位於法拉盛的房子，他在這裡接待了來自中國的移民。

你有基督徒嗎？有，有。佛教徒。佛教徒。穆斯林。

穆斯林，都在同一個屋簷下？是的。

每扇門後，我們發現了不同的故事。

你在學英語嗎？是你的女兒嗎？是，是。她現在在哪裡？在中國，中國。她現在在中國。

你對我們見證中國移民湧入美國感到驚訝嗎？

馬先生說，他不驚訝。他認為這只是開始。但馬強調，這超越了政治和經濟。來美國是他們尋求尊嚴的方式，他說。

葉成祥為他的妻子和兩個年幼的女兒尋求這種尊嚴。他說，中國共產黨對信仰的打壓，尤其是對穆斯林的打壓，促使他離開。

對我來說，他說，美國就像溫暖的擁抱。

我最喜歡的顏色是藍色。謝謝。

雖然有些人感到希望，但像 28 歲的鄭士清這樣的人，感到越來越大的壓力去找工作。他幾週前進入美國，急於還清他向家人和朋友借來的旅行費用。

他告訴我，有一支移民大軍正向北行進。找工作將會非常有競爭性。他將移民潮視為職業競爭的加劇。他關注那些在他之前來到美國的人，比如已經在美國一年半的王群。

王群在 2022 年春天飛往厄瓜多爾，然後騎摩托車、乘巴士和船只，最終到達美墨邊境，並最終抵達洛杉磯，夢想成為一名卡車司機。

現在，你在這裡的法律狀態怎麼樣？

王告訴我，今天他是美國庇護案件壓倒性積壓的一部分。但這並沒有阻止他在這裡建立生活。

他告訴我，我拿到了工作許可、駕照和社會安全號碼。他補充說，我們努力工作，繳稅。我們不是負擔。

雖然王正在等待在法庭上申請庇護，但他現在已經合法地作為一名卡車司機工作。他的重點？在前方的道路上。然而在他身後，有成千上萬來自中國和其他地方的人，決心實現他們的美國夢。



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Answers

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