



Living in a globalised world

Building a new dream

Christian Ramirez, American Friends Service Committee:

The American dream is a misnomer now for many migrants. This is the feel, the broken dreams now. There is another dream. A dream that one day human beings will not be divided by waters. A dream that one day human beings will be afforded the same rights and dignities as products, and capital are given here. A dream that one day all the millions of dollars that are given to border patrol agents will go towards building homes, go towards making this place a much more beautiful place. The American dream as we knew it has died a long time ago. Now it's time to build a new dream.

Narrator:

Just behind the Los Angeles San Diego freeway is a squatter camp. More than 50 undocumented migrant workers live here, working in California's fruit industry.

Pedro Hose has made it to the United States. He's 1500 miles from his home in Mexico, and it has taken him two months to get here.

Pedro Hose (*Speaking in Mexican – subtitle:*)

We cross the border and come here only to make money to send back to our families. We send them money so they can eat as well. I cook corn in here. Here I cook eggs. The oil is for the eggs. I have my water, my soap and my salt.

Narrator:

This is Pedro's American dream.