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Survivor Story: He Dreamed of Working in the United States

Cristopher was thrilled to be fulfilling his lifelong dream to work in the United States. After his labor recruiter in the Philippines showed him a signed job offer at a resort in the Appalachian mountains, he paid them nearly \$5,000 for the opportunity.

But when he arrived in the U.S., he was told the job didn't exist. He was told to get on a bus to a Gulf state and traveled for 3 days with no money for food or water. When he arrived, he had to clean hotel rooms for 15-18 hours per day at a significantly lower wage, was constantly monitored, and threatened with deportation.

Cristopher was worried for his family and unsure how he would repay his debt to his recruiter.

Cristopher is a client of Polaris and wanted to share his story.

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