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Interview with a First Generation Male Bulgarian Immigrant

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Short personal history

Life in chapters

**Early years**

Growing up religious in a communist country

Developing values

Reasons for printing illegal religious material

If circumstances were different

Young people do not think of consequences

Childhood identity

Communism’s influence on his life

**Facing our lives**

Living in a large city

Differences in urban people from rural people

Starting over in city

Challenges going to school

Developing his mature identity

Developing youth program at church

People in big cities are more sophisticated

Details of developing youth group

**College**

Moving to the United States

Idealizing America

Help coming to study at Christian School

Learning who true friends are

Difficulties returning home

Adapting values to American culture

Deciding to be a pastor

Families influence on his immigration

God’s influence on his immigration

Working in America

Difficulties coming to America

Lived in America fifteen years

Being an American

Raising his children in Bulgaria

Position on Immigration/Assimilation

Wants to be in America

Treatment of illegal and legal immigrants

Legal immigrants treated horribly by Immigration Department