

# THE AMERICAN DREAM

## ESCAPING WAR FOR A FUTURE



COLORADO

MISSOURI

NEW YORK

ITALY

CROATIA

BOSNIA &  
HERZEGOVINA

DENVER



ST. LOUIS



NEW YORK CITY



ROME



SPLIT



ČAPLJINA

3 HOURS  
853 MILES

3 HOURS  
950 MILES

12 HOURS  
4279 MILES

3 HOURS  
358 MILES

1 HOUR 38 MIN  
90 MILES

Final destination, arrived with only \$100

Trip paid by Catholic Lutheran Organization, would pay back in work

Discovered peanut butter for first time

Expected to stay for only 2 years in America, yet still here today

Arrived finally in St. Louis, yet told to go to Colorado

Mom thought all the moving was part of a high scale assassination attempt

Waited 3 hours for flight

18 of the 20 families stayed in New York

We were told we were going to St. Louis

One other family went from New York to Colorado

Waited for the flight to St. Louis for 3 hours

Flew to Rome in a WW2 plane, Mom assumed the plane would crash

Waited for 8 hours for flight to New York City

Slept at airport, 1st day of sleep since leaving home

Mom cried the whole car ride to Split, Croatia

Family in complete shock and disbelief

Waited for bus to airport for 6 hours

Bus arrived at midnight

20 families escaped the war and joined us on 2 buses

Left June 25th, 1997 at 11 A.M.

My parents and I left our home in Capljina due to the Bosnian Civil War

Dad sold Army UZI for 100 German Marks for the trip

Packed 1 bag of clothes and 1 luggage case for travel