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Childbirth on the US-Mexico border

My husband and I decided to immigrate when I was two months pregnant. I was apprehensive about this situation because we also had a two-year-old daughter, and I had no money to feed her, and then we decided to leave.

The birth began at 2:30 am, and there was no taxi. I was in pain all these hours at 5 in the morning when the cab arrived. I had to stop because the child began to go out right in front of my husband and daughter. I had to take care of my child. I had to push for him to come out, I grabbed him by the waist and pulled him out, I took the liquid out of my mouth, took off the umbilical cord and he screamed, the taxi driver did not know what to do, to stand or still go somewhere, I said everything was OK and asked to cut the baby's umbilical cord, they took care about me, my daughter told me: mommy look at the child it's a boy. We couldn't find a place to live, and we didn't know what to do. The girl couldn't give us more room in the hostel, and she said it was forbidden. With great effort, my husband and I managed to register at another refugee shelter, where we are now.

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A very interesting film about how people who are stuck on the border of the USA and Mexico live (In Russian language)