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My name is Malik and I am 39 years old. I was born in Afghanistan. My religion is different from the main religion in Afghanistan.



For many years, people who belong to my religion have been persecuted. This has been very difficult for my family.



A few years ago there was a war. I was afraid I would be killed. I left my family to go to Europe and start a new life.



I walked for many kilometres. Sometimes I had no food and nowhere to stay. Some of the people I travelled with died.



Finally I arrived. I met some people from my own country who helped me. I do not know what I would have done without them.



I started to learn the language, but it was hard. I knew that speaking the language was important to get a job.



I studied for several years, at first to learn the language. It was hard, but I enjoy learning new things.



After studying I started working. First I worked in a restaurant, and then I became a teacher because I want to help others.



I hope to go back to Afghanistan one day. Many people there need help, and I want to help them.



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