



FIVE YEARS NORTH

LOGLINE

Chino is facing a life-changing opportunity and deadly risk; crossing the border to the U.S. Told over more than a decade, *Five Years North* is the coming-of-age journey of a boy who must leave his family in order to save them.

SYNOPSIS

Filmed over a decade, we'll see Chino's journey from a child forced to drop out of school in his rural village to a street-smart teen avoiding the gangs in Guatemala City. Now 21, he's faced with the decision to cross the border and help save his mother's life, or stay as his family falls apart.

Chino watches as his cousins head north one by one, with wildly different experiences. Ernesto is caught at the border and deported home. Luis makes it to the U.S. but struggles to navigate school and immigration court while only speaking his native Mayan language. Eddie is quick to show off his glamorous new NYC life on Facebook, all while being dangerously close to deportation by ICE. Finally, Chino decides the opportunity is worth the risk and leaves his village with a coyote in the middle of the night.

Driven through a decade of verite moments, Facebook video conversations, and interviews, viewers will be forced to confront what choices they would make in Chino's circumstances. While political rhetoric on both sides attempts to simplify the immigration debate, this film will give you an intimate portrait of a child, his community, and what it means to seek a better life. With a planned release date in 2020, *Five Years North* looks at the real lives of immigrants desperate to bring the American dream back home with them.

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