Interview - Sweden

There is a story behind every decision to migrate. What was yours ?

I met a beautiful young woman and we fell in love and that is the story.

What were your hopes or expectations for your new life here?

Well, in the beginning I wasn’t having that much expectations because where I came from I was having a great job and was living good. I came to Sweden because I fell in love so it was a little bit different for us both, but then things started happening and I got a job.

If someone you knew were planning on coming to this country/community, what would you tell them to expect? And what advice would you give them about whether or not they should come?

Well, I would be honest and tell them what I did experience, but people are different and they could have a different experience. But I would tell them that it is cold. The first time in Sweden I saw snow for the first time. And I was a little bit like “wow is this coming now”. I was also wondering how i was going to be able to go out but the people around me just told me that when the time comes you will be able to go out.

Have you ever considered tracing your roots or going back to your family’s homeland or home community?

Yes, since I came back after two years, every year I am trying to go back to my home country at least 2-4 weeks with my family.

Do you think there is a discrimination between ethnic groups in your country? And if there is what are they? Can you tell about reasons?

Yes, in my country we kind of have a little bit of jealousy. But it is difficult to say because some people get angry if they don’t have the same religion, but it is not anything that is big.

What can be done prevent this discrimination? What is the role of goverment?

I don’t really know that much about it because it is nothing that is creating a lot of problems in the country. So it is something that both parts can solve.