

## **Abdullah Mohammed Dar-al Hajar, Stone House Market** Memphis, Tennessee

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**Kelly Spivey**: Alright. You're good to go.

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**Simone Delerme**: Good to go? This is Simone Delerme. Today is July 29, 2021, and I'm recording this interview for the Southern Foodways Alliance Summer Avenue documentary project. To start, could you introduce yourself?

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**Abdullah Mohammed**: My name is Abdullah Mohammed, and I'm forty-eight years old, and I've been in the USA since 1999. I came from Yemen.

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**Simone Delerme**: What part of Yemen are you from?

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**Abdullah Mohammed**: From Taiz.

**Simone Delerme**: Okay. When were you born?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: 1973. May 17, 1973.

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**Simone Delerme**: 1973. Okay, perfect. So first I want to talk a little bit more about your store, your business. Can you tell me, and take me back to when you first opened up the business. What was it like, your experience? How did it happen?

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**Abdullah Mohammed**: We went to Michigan, me and my wife, looking for something that's far away from too much problems, too much public. So we went to Michigan and looked at all the stores in Michigan. We decided to go to Michigan because Michigan had all

international people living there. So we looked at a lot of stores and we found stores that had just pictures, Islamic pictures. We found some stores that just have perfumes and incense burners and stuff like this. We found another place that sold rugs. We find another place that sold grocery. So we decided to come to—this is our hometown, Memphis. We've been in Memphis for a long time. So we decided to open a small one with a little bit. We tried. So we opened one on Summer Avenue, we decided to get on Summer Avenue because it is a really clear area. A lot of people live over there. Hispanics and people from Yemen, people from Iraq, people from Jerusalem. So a lot of people live in the area. So we decided to open one in the area. We rent the store. That was in 2016. We started with 1,700 square feet. We put a little bit of things from all over the world. I went to Michigan, actually, and buy a little bit from here and there from stores, and we like it. And it started to do good. And we open a group, and then a little online. Put it on Facebook, and people call us from different states. Can you ship it to me? Can you give it to me? That's when the pictures got to get bigger. So we rent the next space, which is like 5,600 square feet. You did the interview with me over there like two years ago. So we move over there and we add the spice, we add the grocery, we add a lot of stuff. [Phone rings] So from that time, the picture starts to get bigger and bigger.

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**Simone Delerme**: Okay. Can you tell us a little bit more about what is in the stores if someone who's never been there? What would they find, in terms of the products? [00:03:04]

I have stuff for Mexicans, like rugs, table cloth, dishes, stuff for Abdullah Mohammed: barbecue, stuff for tacos, for restaurants, and I have stuff for people from Iraq. They come in and buy stuff, what they like, the dates. And I've learned all this time what they like. I've got a lot of

stuff from Yemen. I got a container, too, and stuff coming from Yemen. Spice, raisins, and dishes and decorations. Things we get used to, we're raised with it. Drinks, milks, and other things, products. And also, I get stuff for everybody. Just international. I bring stuff from Turkish, I bring stuff from Jordan. I bring stuff from Dubai. Perfume, incense, incense burners from China, rugs, prayer rugs, and actually, anything you think about it's from all over the world. It just a small—convenient for everybody. And the picture has started to grow up little by little until we can at this point we have a wholesale. Now I ship to all the stores in the USA.

**Simone Delerme**: Wow. So 2016 you started the first store.

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Correct.

**Simone Delerme**: What year was that second store?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: Second store was 2019.

**Simone Delerme:** And when did you open the warehouse?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: 2020. Yeah.

**Simone Delerme**: Okay, so recent.

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Abdullah Mohammed: Now the warehouse is 25,00 square feet and we just get containers and pallets. We supply every store with delivery to Memphis, Alabama, Nashville, Louisiana, and Arkansas. I have truck and van and we deliver all over the state to Middle Eastern stores. Any Middle Eastern store in this state-- they call me, we make an order, we deliver it to them. We make it easy and convenient because you used to get it from far away, from different states, so everything from one place. And hopefully, we'll get better and better.

**Simone Delerme:** When you started out, did you have to go to those countries and travel there to be able to get the products you ship here now?

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Abdullah Mohammed: When I started for the store was from local, from USA. But when I opened the wholesale, I had to get another connection with another wholesalers. We became part owner, and they travel to Dubai and travel to Jordan and travel to [unintelligible 00:05:28] to make contracts and some of them are online, by the phone, call them. And they like it. And they're, "Oh, you're there down south. We're going to give you five states, you sell our products, we'll give you discounts." It's just convenient for people, and other stores run it.

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**Simone Delerme**: Did you run businesses before Stone House?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: I did. Yes.

**Simone Delerme**: Could you tell me a little bit more about your other businesses and other jobs you had?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: When I came to USA, I came to Queens.

**Simone Delerme**: New York?

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Abdullah Mohammed: New York, and I was working there for one month and then I moved to Harlem, Manhattan, and I work over there on [Unintelligible 00:06:07] Street, I work over there for like two years with people inside the store. Mop, sweep, fill up the cooler. Whatever I have to do to make a living. And then I move to Mississippi to Belzoni, Mississippi. That's when I started-- me and an Indian guy, we open a little convenience store. Then I own my own store in a little town called Inverness, Mississippi. So I was there for like a year and a half. I

sold the store. I moved to Greenville, Mississippi. I have my own business for a year and a half, two years I think. I have people come and give me offers. It was a good deal, so I decided to sell the store and move from Mississippi close to busy area, which is Southaven, Mississippi. So I was still in Mississippi for five years. I have a smoke shop over there in Mississippi with the gifts. Lot of gifts. Then I buy property, gas station over here in Memphis, with a convenience store inside with pizza and chicken and everything. I was owner of the store for like five years. From 2009 to 2015. I sold the property with the business, and at that time, I decided to make a family business for me and my wife, we work together. And the kids. So only one when it was convenient for me to make my wife work with me, and we do same things. The Stone House Market. It was Stone House, and then it grew into Stone House Market, and then Dar al Hajar Wholesales. So we still work together, me and my wife. She selling online and she goes to the store and selling stuff getting things together and prepare it and ship it all over the country. She does it online. And I sell it over here and I have other people work with me in the other store, too.

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Okay. So it's a family business in that your wife is involved. Are you **Simone Delerme:** children involved, too?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Yeah, they come in with us every day because it's safety, it's a nice place and people come in to look and buy. And ask a lot of questions. Where do you get this from? How you use this? They're interested to things new.

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**Simone Delerme**:

Okay. What have been some of the challenges with your business, either

before or now?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Well, actually, the big, big was when the pandemic started. We had

to close. We have to survive, you know, just day by day. But it was okay. We went through that

problem, but we have to stand up strong. I don't depend on no one, not even government, I'm

just working had, me and my kids, my family. Like I said, I'm from Yemen. My wife is from

Morocco. So we share the ideas. She brings stuff from Morocco, I bring stuff from Yemen. She

brings [unintelligible 08:59] from Morocco, I bring [unintelligible] from Yemen. We together,

work like in teams. People think she's the reason for getting better. And her friend and family

think I'm the reason she's getting better, but we're both like one person. And now my son work

with me over here, and I'm glad because he used to work at different places now we're together.

Me and him work over here. My wife work in the other store, you know, with the kids.

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**Simone Delerme**:

How old is your son that works here?

Abdullah Mohammed: 27.

Simone Delerme: 27.

**Abdullah Mohammed:** 

27 years old. Yeah, he got kids, too.

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**Simone Delerme**: Fantastic. So what was the year that you moved to the U.S. from Yemen?

Abdullah Mohammed: 1999.

**Simone Delerme**: [19]99. And what made you move, what made you leave?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: To make a living.

**Simone Delerme**:

To make a living here.

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Abdullah Mohammed:

To make a living and better opportunity. It was tough and hard.

And it was getting hard just every day. And when I got the opportunity, I just took it. I came to

USA with visa, legally, and I get married, I got my papers, and I'm a citizen.

**Simone Delerme**:

Fantastic.

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** 

And I also work on properties, too. I do properties.

**Simone Delerme:** 

Oh, as well, here in Memphis?

**Abdullah Mohammed:** 

Yeah, in Memphis. I have several properties, real estate.

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**Simone Delerme**:

Oh, that you rent in real estate? Okay, perfect. So can you tell me a little

bit more about Yemen? What it was like growing up, for example? Do you have memories that

you can share with either school or what you did for fun?

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Abdullah Mohammed:

In Yemen, when we were kids, you don't feel anything, you just

have your memories. You would play with the other kids. It's just whatever we have there we'll

take it. We didn't realize it was some people better than us, so, there was places that were better.

So it's poor country, and it's getting worse every day because now there's a war, and people

cannot leave. The airport is not working. It's shut down, and people are getting poorer every day.

We're trying to help as much we can. Memories, we have good memories, and bad memories,

we have like everywhere, everyone. It's a big country with small things. It's not convenient to go

to do other things like hospitality. Especially right now. When it starts to get tough every day, so

we decided to move out and to move to better place, and I think this is the better opportunity and land for everybody in the world.

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**Simone Delerme**: And how come Memphis, of all places, that you ended up?

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Abdullah Mohammed: Memphis is like Yemen.

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**Simone Delerme**: Is it? How so? tell me, how has your experience been here in Memphis?

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Abdullah Mohammed: I saw people move from Morocco to Florida, and I saw people move

from Iraq to Nashville. There's a hundred thousand people in Nashville from Iraq. And I saw

people move to New York from different country, and then I realized every person leave the

place that look like back home. The weather, especially the weather. So people, they don't like

the cold. They move to Florida. They don't like the heat, they move to New York. And I went to

New York. I like it, but it's for young people, I think. It's more moving fast. If you want family

and rest and quiet and peace, I think down South was the best place for me. I moved over here to

Mississippi, and every day discover better area, better things to do. More opportunity. And I

believe Memphis it's New York 1950, so it's growing up, it's getting better every day, real estate

and everything. So I buy house for 190, now it's worth 400. I have little stores and then I have

bigger stores and then I have wholesale, so more opportunity, more things. And then people over

here, down South is so good, they have good hearts.

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racism? You hear so much about that in terms of the South especially.

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Abdullah Mohammed: I hear about it a lot. I don't feel it. It's the way you treat people, how

you're going to get treat. I've turned on music from Yemen and go on the street and boom,

boom, boom. Nobody going to like it, they start talking racist. You go to a restaurant and act like

Yemeni person or someone, I'm Muslim or halal person, or whatever, you're going to get racist

talk, racist people. But if you respect people, they will respect you. And you always find people

negative and positive and you have to deal with them.

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**Simone Delerme**:

But your experiences overall have been positive, which is wonderful.

**Abdullah Mohammed:** 

Thank you, I appreciate it.

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**Simone Delerme**:

Let's go back and talk a little bit more about you growing up, family. Can

you tell us a little bit about your family? Who do you have here in Memphis?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** When I came to Memphis, I have nobody. I had me and God. So I

came to people to help me, to work, to support me. Just friends. No relationship except for just

friends. My first family over here in the USA was wife. And then the kids. No brother, no sister.

Nothing. I have big family back home. I have seven sisters, and I have six brothers. I have my

mom is still alive. My dad passed away. I have my uncle with seventeen cousins, and they make

a lot of kids back home. No jobs, nothing. No TVS, so they just make kids. I have big family

back home, but I don't have no family over here except I create a lot of good relationship with a

lot of people. Doctors and lawyers, and I have a part owner with a guy that work at the bank. Me and him do the real estate together, part owner. Indian, me and him, we do something else. I have a lot of friends in the USA, in Memphis and North Carolina. Everywhere in USA. It's the way you create relationship and you keep it in good things. But family, I have just my wife and my son and other son and my daughter. That's all the family I have here.

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**Simone Delerme**: So what were some of the challenges when you first moved here? Did you speak the language, for example?

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I came to USA knowing just three things. Yes, no, number one. Abdullah Mohammed: That's it. And then I learned from the convenience store when you communicated with people, make mistake, when you say something wrong, then they correct you. Problems if they had with you in the street, in the car, in the hospital, with the police, or whatever. So that's how—21 years in USA is enough to speak just like someone born, you have to speak. But things got good. I know how to read, I know how to write down, I know how to use the computer. It's everything from the job. A from the neighbor, from the people, from business. And together, I become a person— a different person from who I used to be.

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**Simone Delerme**: That's wonderful.

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I didn't go to school for English or anything else. I tried over here. Abdullah Mohammed: I went to get the diploma, and it take me long time because it has math and have other things you have to pass along with it. But along the English, basic English. I got books, and started to read

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it. I went to church to read, even Jehovah Witness came to my house, they said we will teach

you. I went with them. I don't know what they want, but I learned a little bit of English. And

then when I realized, I got what I want and left. [Laughter]

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Simone Delerme: Okay, okay. I want you also to reflect for me. What was meal time like when

you were to eat with your family? What kind of food did you eat? Who did the cooking?

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Abdullah Mohammed: Most the time, me.

**Simone Delerme**:

You did the cooking?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** I did the cooking. The reason why was when I came over here, I

came as a single, and I used to work with people, and we were all single together. Four or five

people. Everyone had to cook every day. And I learned to cook, different people how they learn.

I used to stay with people from Libya, and people from Iraq and people from Syria, and they

have different food. They offer me a lease. People from Turkish. How to do the—then I get

married in Mississippi, my ex-wife past, no kids. We stayed together for eleven years. She used

to cook southern food. Where she come from is cornbread with chicken and barbecue. That's

how I learned all of this. I like to cook a lot. I cook every Sunday. I throw the steak on the grill

every Sunday. I do the breakfast most of the time. My wife do the lunch and bring me over here

with the kids. Most the time, I cook. I like to cook, and they like it when I cook. Just something,

you love it.

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Simone Delerme:

What are some of the dishes you cook?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** I cook rice most of the time, rice with chicken or rice with lamb. And stuff called biryani, stuff called hanceth, it's on the oven, most of the time it's in the oven. My wife likes to make stuff from Morocco, it's called couscous, a little dish on tagine, if you've heard about it. Stuff from the Middle East. Our cook is middle east. But I barbecue most of the time on Sunday if I'm in town.

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**Simone Delerme**: And do you use some of the spices and ingredients that you sell in your store in your cooking?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Actually, I create some ingredients, my mom help me to create it. Spices. I call my mom and ask her about. I remember I want to taste this soup you used to give to me. It taste different, and I remember how you used to make it at night. You ground the ginger, you grind the cinnamon. You put it together. Could you give me the ingredients? She give me the ingredients, then I got the spice frm Turkish and mix it together and put it on display and name it my mom name, the way she named it long time. And people buy it and they sell, buy a lot. I sell it to every store. I put it in pack, and I sell it to stores. So I make my own ingredients for the spice. I have my own ingredient for coffee. I get coffee from Colombia, and I get coffee from Yemen, grind it, mix it with ginger, mix it with cardamom. And I have my own ingredients for those things. I also have to get more ideas, and people like it. I get calls from New York and different states. They say, "I would like the ingredients that you have. You sell it to my friend. I tasted it and liked it. Could you ship it to me?" So we ship online to home. We ship online to stores. We ship pallets to stores, we do deliveries. So it's just ideas start to grown up.

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**Simone Delerme**: So some of those recipes or mixtures come from your mother and some of them you've created yourself.

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Yes, correct.

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**Simone Delerme**: And they're very popular. And you're able to ship them around the country?

Abdullah Mohammed: A lot. Everywhere.

**Simone Delerme**: That's incredible. What are some of the names?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** I have Yemen spice, one is a spice I call one Yemen spice. I have another one called **Halwa-H**, which is for soup. It's made with roasted onion and other things. And I have coffee called **Kahoa Bivani**, which is white coffee. It's half roasted. That's my daughter. It's half roasted. It's different stuff and different name. It's actually in the store. I have them in dispensers.

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Simone Delerme: That's fantastic. Let's see what are other question I want to ask? The other thing I wanted to ask you is about Summer Avenue. Since you first opened your business, have you seen any change?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** A lot. It looks like it's going to be international street. I can't find another place over there nomore. When I'm over there, I choose Summer 2016. On the Shelby

Center, it was only me from Middle East. And there is next to me Tokyo Grill, which is Japanese, and a guy from Iraq invested. And then a lot of people started to move. Another guy from Jordan, he opened a dry and washers, he sell them. And then there was Aldi, Aldi move, and another guy from Jerusalem came in and opened—furniture. A lot of things from Turkish. Across the street a Mexican came in and opened. An immigration lawyer from south opened, and another furniture place form Jerusalem. Another, now the street is just an international place, plus, I didn't see the police a lot over there.

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**Simone Delerme**: You don't see the police a lot?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** I don't see the police a lot. It see police everywhere, but I've been there five years on Summer Avenue, and I didn't see no more problems over there. I didn't see no problems. Peace and quiet and people coming from everywhere. People come from Arkansas, coming from Mississippi, or coming from another state, they want Summer because they see different varieties, different cultures, different—and it's getting better every day. Even the street, even the buildings get cleaner and bigger, and I hope it's getting better more. We'll get more business.

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**Simone Delerme:** Okay. Fantastic. Do you have any questions you want to ask? Is there anything else you want us to know that you can add that either you want us to know about you personally or your family or about the store? Do you want to talk more about that? [00:22:45]

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Well the store, like I said, it's international. Most of the stuff, I get it from anywhere. I go to the show, any show, any opportunity, I don't miss it. But on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I'm going to Las Vegas, and I go to Las Vegas in March and also August every year. I go to Chicago, I go to New York. The Sheraton over there in downtown, the Alabama show, Michigan show, Alabama show, Texas show. Any show come in will help me. If it will help me get a little bit experience. I will lose a little bit with the trip and all this, but I will learn, get more intelligent with what people do, how people do. What kind of ad ideas for me and for other people. And doing well. We're doing well. And I really appreciate you coming over here and ask. [00:23:30]

I do have one question. What does your mom think about you selling her **Kelly Spivey:** spice recipe?

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Well, she asked for commissions, and I take care of her. Whatever **Abdullah Mohammed:** she wants. It's my mom, only mom.

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Fantastic, fantastic. Well, if you don't have anything else to add, that **Simone Delerme**: concludes the interview.

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Can I get my daughter to be on the--? Hala! Hala! [Calls for his daughter] Yeah, call her. Don't ask her any questions because she's not going to stop. She's not going to talk, she's going to talk seasons. I was in one, I was in two, I was in ten, I was in hundreds. Then he's going to say this is season one. She love to talk. She's so smart. She's very smart. This is how we create the name.

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**Simone Delerme**: Will you tell me how you came up with the name Stone Market?

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** 

Stone House is actually--

**Simone Delerme**:

Oh sorry, Stone House Market.

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**Abdullah Mohammed:** Actually a building in Yemen in **Sirwha**, close to Sanaa, to the capitol. It used to be for the Imam, which is the king of Yemen. Earlier days. He built the house, and actually in the bottom is just rocks and mountains, and he lived down there actually. People think he live on top, but he didn't. Right now it's a museum, a big museum in Yemen. People from anywhere in Yemen they go to meet this place and see this place, take picture with. Go inside and see where he put his lion heads, his staff, his wives, one wife, two wife, three. They have swimming pool, they have place, you know public, or whatever. This is a good area, so I tried to get a name from Yemen. And everybody know the name. I was going to choose my city, I said but maybe I thought people would say it's racist, so I choose this and I choose that until I came to this name. Because it's easy even to translate it to English. Stone House. Stone House. That's how I translate it. Even when I google it, that Dar-al Hajar, the name Stone House. So I was Stone House, the first one. When I add the market, I call it Stone House Market. Then when I came to the wholesale, I put in a trademark, I created the name and trademarked. And put the name in Arabic by in English pronounce it. Dar-al Hajar Adar, I make it smaller, Adar, for products. My product have Adar for give the stamps. A lot of people when they see the stamp or the picture, they know it comes from me.

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Simone Delerme: So that's your label, that's your brand that you've created. Does your daughter want to come and tell us what she likes? Her favorite foods? You can get her on film with you. Any questions? I've never had the chance to interview a little one.

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Oh, for her? I'm going to ask her if her dad's cooking is good. [Laughter] **Kelly Spivey**:

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Hala: Hello.

Abdullah Mohammed: Go sit down. You want to be videoed?

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Hala: Okay.

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Not really video.

Hala: What do I do?

**Simone Delerme**: You're live.

Live? Hala:

**Simone Delerme:** We're live recording now. What is your name?

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Hala: Hala.

**Simone Delerme**: And how old are you?

Hala: Nine.

**Simone Delerme**: Nine. Are you in school?

Hala: No, not yet.

**Simone Delerme:** Not yet, not yet. What grade will you be in?

Hala: Fourth grade. **Simone Delerme**: Fourth grade. What are some of your favorite foods?

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Hala: Pizza, spaghetti, love those things. What else? Chicken nuggets.

Simone Delerme: Have you ever tried any food from Yemen or Morocco?

Hala: Yes.

**Simone Delerme**: Do you like any of those dishes?

Hala: Yes.

**Simone Delerme**: Which ones are your favorite?

**Hala**: My favorites are the rice there and the chicken that they make. Everything that they make is barely the same thing.

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**Abdullah Mohammed**: Which one cook better, me or mom?

Hala: [Laughter] I don't know. You guys are both the same. You both do the same

thing.

**Abdullah Mohammed**: She always does this. She's always fair.

**Simone Delerme**: Very diplomatic. Okay. How has it been living in the South? How do you

like it?

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Hala: I like it. I really want to visit Morocco again.

**Simone Delerme**: You've gotten to go before?

Hala: Yes!

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**Simone Delerme**: What was it like when you visited? What do you remember?

Hala: Okay. Yeah, I was a baby back then, but I do like the, when they were like at the beach. It was beautiful there. And the countryside.

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Abdullah Mohammed: She creates stories. She have channel on Youtube. She can create stories for like, you just tell her the story you want and she just talk, talk, talk, she never stop.

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**Simone Delerme**: Love it. Fantastic. Don't stop. [Laughter] Any last questions for her?

Kelly Spivey: No, I was going to ask who was the better cook, but I can tell she's not going to

tell me. She's not going to put one above the other. [Laughter]

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**Simone Delerme**: Fantastic. Is there anything else we should know or that you want to add?

**Hala**: No, not really. I have nothing to—

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Oreo?

**Simone Delerme**: Do you enjoy spending time at the store?

Hala: Yeah, Oreo.

**Abdullah Mohammed:** That's her dog, Oreo.

**Simone Delerme**: Oh, does the dog come, too?

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Oreo.

**Simone Delerme:** Oreo comes to the store and visits with you?

Adbullah Mohammed: Black and white.

Hala: Sometimes.

**Simone Delerme**: What kind of dog?

Hala: Chihuahua.

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Simone Delerme: Chihuahua! Fantastic, fantastic. Well, perfect. If you don't have any more

else to tell us about school, or—have you ever been to Yemen?

Hala: Yemen? No, I don't think so.

**Simone Delerme**: So Morocco is what you remember.

**Abdullah Mohammed**: She can't go to Yemen now.

**Simone Delerme**: No, okay. So Morocco you have memories of the countryside. Perfect.

Thank you!

**Abdullah Mohammed:** Thank you, thank you everyone. Thank you for coming!

**Simone Delerme**: Thank you for having us and we'll keep in touch. What's the best way to get ahold of us? On Facebook?

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**Abdullah Mohammed**: No, phone number.

**Simone Delerme**: Just call? When things are ready so you can pick pictures you like for the postcard and we can share the transcript.

Abdullah Mohammed: Thank you.

**Simone Delerme**: So I'll call you when they are ready.

**Abdullah Mohammed**: So I get the video later on?

**Simone Delerme**: Yeah we can get you clips of it. You want the raw footage?

**Abdullah Mohammed**: Yeah.

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**Simone Delerme**: On facebook do you put the clips together? That's what I thought. 'Cause I looked at your Facebook page before for this stor. And we can do this.

**Abdullah Mohammed**: Yeah.

**Abdullah Mohammed**: You need help? You want me to help you?

Kelly Spivey: No, I'm good.

[End of Interview]