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As soon as the video had begun I knew this was going to be a very emotional video to watch. It was very eye opening seeing the kids perspective in their parents situations. Seeing them not really understand what type of situation they really are in was gut wrenching. To think these kids have little insight on how many others are in the same situation. A lot of times the families were poor to begin with but getting by meaningfully, so for them to lose whatever stable source of income they had must have been a shot in both feet. Most of the times the families lost all their belongings and possessions through the process of losing their house only because they could not take it with them or simply had nowhere to take them to.

The kids most of the time always tried to distract themselves from the situation, as kids would. I remember when I was a little kid around eight years old, my mom was working at a factory in a little 1 bedroom house. I vividly recall when one day we went to put in gas and my mom was absolutely shocked at how much gas prices were. To think that we are going through the same thing currently just shocks me. I know there are more kids going through the same thing day to day, and this recession we are in only makes things worse. It was nice seeing schools help out with giving food. For the family having a kid during this must have been a hard decision of keeping the baby of course since it will only stressen things worse with money. I can only imagine all the other families going through this that have babies during this time. Seeing the older kids want more things is understandable. A lot of these kids always have a positive mindset regardless of all the negativity around them. I know the kids have to feel for their parents and for them to never blame them since they are doing all they possibly can to provide a roof over their head and some food on the table. There are some instances that they do but I know that is not out of hatred towards them but towards their situation.

There are a lot of different insights from the different ages coming from toddlers to adolescents. Toddlers are just little kids who are in the moment, pre-school kids do not ask for things and are fine with what they have, middle school kids slowly realize the situation they are in and have doubts and worries fill their mind, and finally once they hit the age around highschool they eventually have closed off their minds from education and pursuing what makes them happy. Regardless of that a lot of the kids still have a lot of hope and see the positive side of this. To be able to see that there is opportunity out there makes those kids really strong. I could only imagine the things they face on a daily basis, and hope that in some way god can help them through it. It's only the fact that they are in this moment poor, homeless, or moving from place to place right now, but once they have a glimpse of what is out there, they will use all their past experiences to push them along through more tough times to come.