

Hard Life

My name is Eveyln de la Torre, I am thirteen years old, and I live in Yuma, Arizona. I came to the United States when I was nine years old because my mom wanted me to have a better education. She started looking for a job and found one in the coolers. It was hard for me because I didn't have the rest of my family with me. I felt very alone. Two months later my mom brought my sister over. It was time for us to get used to our new lives. My mom found another job in a restaurant washing dishes to make enough money. All migrant families face many challenges, dangers, and obstacles every day of their lives.

As a migrant family we have many challenges. One of the biggest challenges that we face is spending time together. My mom can't spend time with us because of her two jobs, so we have to be left alone. My sister and I cook, clean, get ourselves to school, and do homework. Sometimes we don't even see our mom until Sunday. Money is another major challenge for my family because my mom works many hours but doesn't get enough money to support her family.

The dangers migrant workers experience, affect their families. They can get hurt by farm machines. Pesticides and chemicals are one of the biggest dangers for migrant workers. I still remember when my mom got sick because of all the chemicals she was exposed to while working. She stayed home for three days because she was vomiting so much. When she went back to work she got fired. She had to protect herself from getting hurt by wearing appropriate clothing and drinking more water.

Migrant families face many obstacles. One of the biggest obstacles is money. We need money and sometimes we don't have enough. Another obstacle is constantly moving around and many migrant children don't even finish high school. I still remember when I moved here. It was hard for my family getting us.

Finally, the life as a migrant family is not easy. Some people think that it's easy working in the fields because you don't have to have a high school diploma. It is physically very hard. You have to work everyday in the rays of the sun and pain ripping through your back.