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Calm Before the Storm

My work continues on providing more interesting details on hurricanes that recently effects people and landscapes in Southeast Texas. However, I also discover that multiple hurricanes or tropical storm affect Louisiana as well. Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Irma unleash massive winds and flooding that demolished homes and buildings, flooded streets, and wiped-out electricity.

I witness several areas that were caught by the flood in Baytown, Texas due to Harvey and it impacts people's lives. After witnessing Baytown, I went to Beaumont, Texas, and witnessed the destruction of Uncle Raymond and Aunt Lisa's vacation house. The sudden impact caused by Harvey made them lose almost everything, yet their house is still intact. After taking recent photos of their damaged homes, I interviewed Uncle Raymond and Aunt Lisa to discuss how these massive hurricanes affect people's natural lives. Despite the natural hurricanes, most people continue with their daily lives.

I went to New Iberia, Louisiana, and interviewed Larry Richard, the Iberia Parish President to discuss how massive hurricanes affect most parts of Louisiana. Larry gave me some interesting answers that made me understand that Iberia Parish experiences these types of storms, and how he and the first responders prepared themselves for another emergency. Providing these images and the interview I recorded would allow me to develop these types of events into a documentary. We must do whatever we can to prepare ourselves to find a solution to prevent other hurricanes or any natural disasters in both Texas and Louisiana.