

Oral History

Mahje and Justin

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Justin: Hey, how are you doing Mahje?

Mahje: I'm fine thank you, how about you?

Justin: I'm doing pretty good. Are you feeling better today?

Mahje: Yeah, I'm better today.

Justin: Ok, what happened?

Mahje: I'm eating a watermelon.

Justin: Oh, you're eating a watermelon. Ok, I gotcha. Do you want me to call you back in a few minutes?

Mahje: No, it's done.

Justin: Ok, I gotcha. You made quick work of that, huh?

Mahje: I'm going in my room, ok.

Justin: Ok.

Mahje: We have the guy who does the bug spraying and all that, he came, so that is why we were late for the lunch.

Justin: Oh ok, I gotcha.

Mahje: So, we eat earlier and in over two days I have not eaten. So today I am better, so I eat. I was completely in bed on Sunday and no food noting. Throwing up like anything. But I'm better now.

Justin: I'm glad to hear that

Mahje: Yesterday she forced me to eat something. Today I'm better so I ate the lunch.

Justin: Oh ok. So, you feel completely better today?

Mahje: Yeah. I *** this morning, too. With our community *. So, I'm ok. And I was waiting for your phone call.

Justin: Yes, ma'am. I actually had some watermelon earlier, today. This local place I go get lunch from, they were slicing up a yellow watermelon and she was like, "oh have you ever had one?" and I was like, "no, I've never tried it," and she gave me like a sample.

Mahje: They are sweet, too. The yellow one is sweet too.

Justin: Yeah, I liked it. I had never tried the yellow, but it was really good.

Mahje: Because when we had a * in * county, in Georgia. The local people they grow all these yellow and red watermelons and everything. So they come and give it to us sometimes. They bring the * but I don't know how to cut that, I never eat that. So I said, "no, I don't want." How about you? Are you ok?

Justin: Yes, ma'am, I'm doing pretty good. I just worked this weekend and had been taking care of some school stuff, but yeah, everything has been going pretty good.

Mahje: Ok.

Justin: So, last time we went over a little about...

Mahje: General things.

Justin: Uh ha, general things. We went over your habits and the food you like to eat and all of that stuff. That was good. So today, I want to kind of ask you some of the questions that are going to go into the narrative that we're going to write. So today I want to start off with asking you...uh...tell me about some of the happiest times of your life.

Mahje: Ok. Ok, so I grew up in the joined family. I was the first girl born into that family. My dad had three brothers. And my dad ***. The older one has one son who died, so they have

adopted one girl from our family since I was related. And I am the first one, so my brothers for instance, my father's side and my mother's side both sides said I was the first one, so they loved me too much. My grandfather has * business in those times, so when he comes from the, we call it ***, a stable, with the cow and the goat and everything. So, when he comes home he brings lots of food, and he said, "no, let my daughter eat first." He calls me and we eat. But I said, "call everybody." And he said, "no. you eat and then they will eat." They loved me too much, both my parents. And my uncle, my mom's side uncle, he knows I don't like the spicy things, so he says, "you will not eat the spicy." So I going to buy the egg and the pastries." The puff pastries for me, and he said, "no you eat this one" because my mom's side grandma she used to cook very spicy food, but very tasty. It was spicy for me because I was a baby, you know, and I could not eat it. They loved to eat the spicy food.

Justin: Mhmm

Mahje: Father-in-law died and he had the business that is gone, but we had another business, the * business. That was my uncle's *. My dad...when the *** the Hindu Muslim 1948 or something like that, I don't remember what year. He fights the police guy and he has to be hospitalized and then he...after that he got a business called Hysteria serving *** We have to go to work and depend on my uncle. So financially we have a little problem but we grow all...we all do everything by ourselves. We had very big family. My dad had two brothers and two sisters and my uncle was not married. Only my dad's older brother was married and they adopted one girl. But my aunt married and had children, but one by one they had seven or eight children, each one. So we had lots of fun because we have five, my auntie, we have a joined family. We had a big apartment. In India, there are no houses, only the apartments. And we live in apartment in a big big room in that, too. So when guests come, they can be accommodated in that, too. And we

played together. We played hide and seek in there because one room to another and you go around and around and play and stuff like that. But we did the very hardship in those times because every...we did the *** the next day we just come in from the *, my cousin used to bring me from *** They give us two rupees...two pennies...two *. If you make it * you get one dollar and half cents. One rupees and fifty cents if you make the *. We used to make those and from that dad said, "No I cannot hold because you guys are doing this...everybody is doing this in the house." Me, my sister, *, my mom, my aunt, my other aunt. We are all doing that. He was giving only one *** three quarters, only.

Justin: So, these are things you had to put together?

Mahje: Yeah, we make it together and everybody knows how much they make it. And we go and give it to him. But they know...so he said, "I not afford, no." Then my father, he has a brain hemorrhage. So he was *** admitted him into the hospital and doctor did brain surgery. My uncle and I gave him blood and they said, "He may have forgot the memories." But when they bring him down he recognized everybody.

Justin: Ok.

Mahje: And then we moved to a village not from the proper Bombay. We were living in proper Bombay in a big house and from there we go to a suburb. Like we have a main downtown and then a Suwanee and stuff like that. But there is a suburb called *. We moved over there. And there I learned the art of henna.

Justin: Oh, the henna. Ok.

Mahje: Yeah, I was going to make more money, I was doing the henna and I was teaching the school, that is, our religious school. They were only giving me 20 rupees those times. But henna, I make more money. If I did it for the bride, I got 100 rupees. So mostly I did the brides and

family if I do it, they give 10 rupees for each. Then my younger sister was helping me she liked to that, so she was doing that too. I married into a family that are joint also. My husband had eight brothers. One passed away in childhood. But when I married, there were six brothers were alive out of 7. The one who died...six were alive and it was a joint family and I had to cook for everybody.

Justin: Oh, wow.

Mahje: *** I'm cooking, I'm doing it for everybody. And we had fed lunch to our...we had a business so if somebody come from the shop and they take the *** go to the kitchen and eat over there. The morning they do the breakfast in the house. But at nighttime afternoon they eat then and 9 or 10, 9 or 9:30 again we eat together. In between, my mother-in-law wanted the house to married the second one, so she was giving us a problem. She was saying, "go go go go go." So, my husband said, "what to do?" So, one time, it's too much. They want to do it. She said, "no, you have to go somewhere, go somewhere." So, I went to my mom's house in those times. Stayed over there and looked for a house. But I found a house cheaper closer to my mother-in-law, separate building, not in the same building.

Justin: It was the same building?

Mahje: No. In the subdivision, there are two buildings next a church. There was a church in the front. And the backside, we had two buildings. So they were living in one building and I was living in the second building. But still I had to listen to him where if I want to go I have to take the permission from her. And whenever she is sick, I have to go and help them for cooking and taking care of her because the boys have gone to school. And the two younger boys were going...and the other older one has gone to work and the two younger ones are going to school. And in between I joined the college of * and then after that I joined the bank. After the bank, my

days were going pretty good because business wasn't doing that good so he can't bring that much money. Because sharing with the other brothers, too. But still, I had to go there and help my in-laws and lastly, when my mother-in-law and father-in-law had the cancer. So I was on vacation those times. My father-in-law's time I was not, but my mother-in-law's time, I was on vacation. My brother came and said my mother in law has cancer. He said, "what to do now?" I said, "have the surgery and stuff like that. It will be ok." He said, "yeah, I know it will be ok, but we don't have money." But I have a very helping nature from the beginning, so I help them to pay the money from the bank. Which I *** I told my, some other work, I didn't use it in that and I helped them, plus those were my...my bank was giving me thirty three days * leave. So I use that and I used to go and stay with her, but before the surgery, she didn't trust anybody. She would only hold my hand, and she'd say, "If I die, you take care of your father-in-law." ***. But she survived and then came home. And it felt like that my husband was going to work and this and that and suddenly my father-in-law passed away. He had the cancer.

Justin: So, he passed away before the mother-in-law did?

Mahje: Yeah, before he mother-in-law because he has the throat cancer. And he cannot eat properly, so I'd go make some soft things like some custard or something like that. Or soft rice, soup...but you know if you don't eat, you cannot survive. You have to eat something. So, I force him to eat like that because that's *** they're down from the one building and go to one other building. You can talk and see what and who is coming to the house and everything. My second brother-in-law who was working with us, he says, "I want my share. I don't want to stay in the business. I want my share." My mother-in-law showed the will from my father-in-law, "your father said everything is mine." But we didn't want any fight, and in between we tried to come to America so we got a visa to come to America because my family was here. My family all moved

to America. And they want me to come there, especially my uncle who take care of us from the beginning because my father was sick. He said, “No, I don’t want you to be here.” My husband said we don’t want to go; we don’t want to go. So, he told us, “if he don’t want to come, you come with us, just stay with us. If you want to go to London, I’ll take you to London. If you want to go to Canada, I’ll take you to Canada or America, wherever you want to go.” I said, “No, I have to stay with my husband. Then, what to do? Because to give him shares, we needed money. So what I did, I take a loan against my providence fund. In India, we get a providence fund and this is, you get it and when you give your resignation, that’s when you get your providence fund. But I taken a loan on that and I give the money to them. They said they would pay me back, but I would never get it back again. I said, “it’s ok. No problem you cannot give me.” And we came to America. We came to American and after two or three months they called, “Oh the business is booming, we cannot handle it. You come back. You come back. You come back.” And my husband said, “no. we don’t want to stay like this.” So he says, “I want to go.” My sister says, “let him go alone. You’re staying with me.” My brother was *, my mom said, “let him go. You’ll stay here, we’ll take care of you.” I said, “no. Where my husband is staying, I will be staying with him.” I came back to * because I still had my job there because I had not given my resignation in those times because I had three months leave, I accumulated to 120 days. So, I used my leave and I came back and joined my job again. But after a month, we realized that what he did that was wrong, so he said, “I want to go back.” I said, “if you want to go back, you go. You settle down and then I’m coming. I’m not coming now because again, it’s not cheap to come here. Fifty thousand each person ticket was then.

Justin: Oh, wow.

Mayhe: Yeah. For three-person ticket already spent one time. Second time was...But I was from the beginning, I said, “the money...I’m very much that whatever you want you can spend, or you can sell.” So, I had to tell him because the account was in my son’s name. Whichever is paying 500 rupees for the 5 years. I paid 30,000 rupees in that. And I got 43,000 back. So, I had to put some little bit more money and my husband *. I had money so I tell my husband, “that’s my * deposit, not yours.” So, I use that money for my son. Then he came and joined school and everything. Then they said, “come, come, come.” And I said, “no, I’ll be coming, I’ll be coming.” So, after * months, I came again. I again had 120 days leave, so I used that after I’m coming here. And then told them fund they debate that my loan amount and whatever I gave them they gave it to me. When my son back to India after 15 years. But after a year we struggled so much, I was working in the dry-cleaning business. My family has a dry-cleaning business and my son was going to school, so my husband and myself started working in the dry cleaning business. After that we bought a *** and saved some money. And we had taken some loans from family and friends and everybody. And we had taken the *** Georgia. Terrell county.

Justin: So, when you guys...the business you guys had over there, was it a dry-cleaning type business or was it something different?

Mahje: No, only gas station. Because it was a good location and we could not handle both of the business together. I was working only in dry-cleaning. But this was our own, the first business we bought was a gas station. So me and my husband opened the store in morning and afternoon my son comes at nearly 11 o’clock he can handle the afternoon lottery and after eating, my husband goes and gets the food from home and we all eat over there. And then we go home and rest a little bit and cook for the night. And I come back in the evening again. And I was not driving in those times, too. And now it’s a... My husband comes and drops me off and then

again seven thirty or eight o'clock he comes so we can bring dinner to my son or get a little bit of groceries or something like that. Me and my husband goes and buys some groceries for the store and go home and relax. But not every day because sometimes I have not cooked in the afternoons, I have to cook for the next day. So, I cook. And out of the two years, you'll see my husband was diabetic. He said his health is not good, so we cannot continue the store. So, we had to go back. So, we sold out our store and we came to Atlanta again. I had joined the dry-cleaning business again. No, my husband wasn't working at that time because his health was not good. Only I was working. And whatever we saved the money in and my son was looking for a job. After some time, he found a nice job and 9/11 came and he lost his job.

Justin: Was it...why...why did he lose his job after 9/11?

Mahje: Because of the...he was working for the agent who supply the gates to the companies and all that. So, he lost his job. But before that also, he bought another store in Florida. Orlando. He had to call it in and all that. When my husband started the Parkinson's at that time, he was diabetic and high cholesterol and stuff like that. He was suffering from the Parkinson's. That was the beginning. So, he said, "what to do?" I said, "If you want to stay, you call it over there, too. I'm working for a company here, it's not our business. Otherwise you come here, you sell out the business and you come here." So, he sold out that business and he came here and then in between, we did the engagement for him because he likes the girl. So, he said, "I want to marry this girl." So, I say, "ok. Then we find a job." That was a very good job but after 9/11, he lost his job. So, he said I don't want to work for anybody. But then he bought a business again in Memphis, a gas station. That was a gas station in partnership you buy it with the property. And we made so much money in that, not the small amount. But my daughter-in-law, she works at Northside Hospital. She's an MSW. So she was working in the hospital the same time as soon as

she finished her studies. She made it in and she came to our house and after two or three months she started working at Northside Hospital. And my...we bought a business for *. An office building in Dunwoody. So, it's very close so we both go together and come together. In between, they have a daughter and he lost a job and then...Memphis, my daughter in law didn't like it at all because not just for the kids and everything, so he decided to come back. They all came back and from there and six years ago started working with his friend, which they have a car business. So, we had money from the gas station, so we said, let's do the partnership with them. So, now he's a partner and the company called Gravity Auto. So, he's still working there.

Justin: And that's where they have the...you said they sell like Lamborghinis and all kinds of stuff?

Mahje: Yeah, everything. The high-quality cars they sell. Where he's sitting, that location, not the Toyota or Honda, they have the high-level car.

Justin: I mean, I can't afford any of them, but if I can, I'm just gonna come look at them. I just want to look; I won't touch anything. Just tell him I want to come look at the cars, I don't want to touch them. But that's cool. That's really interesting. How long has he been doing that?
Selling the luxury cars.

Mahje: Six years.

Justin: Ok, that's interesting.

Mahje: But he's very fond of the cars from the beginning. He's always fond of the car. Our first car was a Maxima. Our first car when we came from India. We bought a car and though it wasn't new, not brand new. It was in good condition and people who know me, they give us that car because they had a business, too. And he has a friend he *** business, so he's in touch with that

so he knows about the car and stuff like that and that's his hobby, too. Once you have a hobby, you can automatically learn everything.

Justin: Mhmm. And especially if you're passionate.

Mahje: Yeah. Now he's managing very good. His office is upstairs. So, he's been auction upstairs in his office and then after that, he goes to work. He's been going in the morning, because Monday he leaves 10 or 11 o'clock. But Monday he has no auction and Saturday no auction. On Saturday he plays tennis. He lost his final yesterday. He plays *. But rather than that, he's *. My daughter-in-law is doing the doctorate now.

Justin: Mhm. What school is she going to?

Mahje: She's going to do the doctorate.

Justin: Oh, yeah, but what university?

Mahje: University of Florida....I don't remember. But she's doing online course.

Justin: Oh, ok. *

Mahje: Yeah, she's doing online course. But she quit her job because she was the head of the department. And she has to go *** because Northside is buying so many hospitals nowadays. So whenever they buy the hospital, she has to go as head of the department to visit other there and work over there and help them and guide them. But children are not neglected because she comes at 6:30 or 6 o'clock maybe ***.

Justin: So, was your son born in America or was he born over in India?

Mahje: No. my son and my daughter-in-law were both born in India. He was 13 when I brought him here. He went to school and college over here.

Justin: So and how long were you and your husband stay...because you stayed over here for a little while he was over there...how long did you guys stay apart from each other?

Mahje: Ten months. But, yeah. But he came in 1991 over here and I came in 1992. But he passed away 2014. All those years we were together we were *** last living he was very sick. I hired somebody to take care of my business. And I was going on Friday to take care of my business. Because I had to pay the cleaning people the money so that was a lot for me. Friday, I hired somebody to take care of him. Some guys come to take care of him. He come in the morning and leave he leaves in the evening. But other than that, he was so much sick and I didn't want him to depend on other people.

Justin: And it's a neurological disease, right?

Mahje: Yeah. Because Parkinson's, you know.

Justin: So, when you guys got to America, so you told me some of your happiest memories from childhood, kind of living in a combined family household and you got to play with everybody, like cousins and stuff.

Mahje: Yeah...*

Justin: So, when you guys moved to America, what were some of your happiest memories from living over here? What kind of things stick out to you, as far as your happy memories of living in America?

Mahje: My uncle, who did everything for me, he celebrated my 25th anniversary. Not me, but he celebrated my 25th anniversary. Not we, but he. I have a cousin who lives in Houston, Texas. My mom's side; my mom's brother's children. They celebrated my husband's 70th birthday. And that was a surprise. All three brothers living there...my others are invited but there is no time because we *** and nighttime we celebrated his birthday, so we cannot invite other people because I have other cousins in Houston, Texas on my mom's side but my father's side, my cousins are all in Atlanta except two cousins, *** they are in Canada. And recently my brother's daughter

married in Canada and other one married in Dallas. So other than, each and everybody was there and we all gathered at wedding time. My son's wedding time, my cousin comes from Houston, Texas, over here and before that, my own sister in law and my sister, we made so much snacks and sweets and everything. They all come. They can eat together and dance together. We make lots of things those times and everybody helped me make it. Because ...*

Justin: How long ago did they get married?

Mahje: My son got married in 2006.

Justin: Ok, cool. So his dad got to be there too? That's awesome.

Mahje: Yeah, my husband was there. We danced together, too. Yeah, we all went to the girl's side because in our custom, we take the proposal and go to the girl's side. Not the girls coming to our house. We found that *** been to. If you don't take the proper *, they don't accept it. It was 4th of July time or something like that. They engaged in august. So, we went to the house, taking the proper *, and then we brought her to our house, too. That time, we were living in Lilburn, we had a house over there. Not very small, but it had four-bedroom upstairs, not downstairs. And it was a pretty good area and we liked it too. But after my husband died, my son said, "mom, *** and I don't want to stay here. So, let's make a move." So we came here, we stayed three or four months in an apartment somewhere because we didn't want to stay in that house. And by the time we wind up the Memphis store, and he came here. Because Memphis also don't with the property and all that was there and the partnership, so he was to be ***. So now we are *** my daughter-in-law is good at taking good care of me. I was sick two or three days. Sunday I was not waking up from my bed. I was sleeping. I was completely bed. She come and give me this ***, but I was throwing up anything. And yesterday, so I started eating a little and I'm better today.

Justin: I'm glad to hear you're feeling better today. I really am. So, do you have any...do you have any grandchildren, yet?

Mahje: Yeah, we have two grandchildren. One is eleven years and the other is five years. My older one's birthday is coming in August, too. We recently celebrate my daughter-in-law's 40th birthday on June 27th. And we wanted to go to Hawaii, but we canceled that ticket and stuff like that because of virus. We didn't go anywhere. Every year we go somewhere. He's taken me every year, somewhere. We've been to Portugal and from there we to Paris. My relatives were living there. We can go to the house to live, but just went to Paris to see it. Because from Portugal to Paris is not far. So, we went to Paris and I see my...she passed away 15 years ago, my cousin. We gone and went over there. ***

Justin: So what are some of your favorite family vacations you guys have taken?

Mahje: We take the family vacations always in the summertime because school is closed. So we take in between...if we go to beach...two or three days we go to Destin, Panama beach, my son has taken me. They never go without me. If it's just husband and wife, that's a different thing. But when the kids and all are going, then I...they make sure I go with them too. And Mother's Day and Valentine's Day, they give me a gift. Even at Christmas time, even though it's not our holiday. And my birthday. Always celebrated.

Justin: So do you guys enjoy celebrating Christmas, as just as like part of being here?

Mahje: Yeah, because my daughter-in-law was only three years old when she came to America and she grew up in American culture. So they put the Christmas tree in the house.

Justin: Oh so you guys decorate a Christmas tree? That's cool.

Mahje: We put presents under the tree and stuff like that. Even the socks. We put little little things in the socks, too. The same way how Americans is doing, even the Thanksgiving we

invite the family and we eat together. And every now and then, some *** we are gathering. Previously, a long time ago, we used to meet at the Chattahoochee and do the barbecue.

Justin: Oh ok, at the Chattahoochee. So, you guys would do barbecue for Thanksgiving?

Mahje: Not only for barbecue for thanksgiving but that occasion for like the holidays and all of that. We were thinking, “come on and let’s meet everybody.” And instead of a house, we meet over there and do the barbecue. And the kids like it because everybody is there and it’s a nice place and do the barbecue place over there, too. So, we had a good time to do it.

Justin: Well, that’s good. I’m glad to hear that. Like that’s just really neat to see, you know because I’ve never the option to live in another culture and explore that and I think it’s really cool that, you know, despite whatever differences, you know, like the religion and whatnot, just some of the holiday aspects of just the tradition of you know, Christmas and that stuff you guys engage in. I think that’s really cool.

Mahje: *** See now, the end of this month, July. We have holiday coming called Eid. One is already gone. This is the second, there are two. One is, * fasting thirty days. They do it from sun rise to sun set. The other Eid is a sacrifice in the name of god. Muhamad, the holy guy, who the god asked him to sacrifice something in the name of god. So he takes his goat and his camel everything and he cut them and he said, “no ***” He was thinking and then he realized, “that is my son.” So, he tried to cut his son’s head, and the angels come and they stop him and they put the goat instead of the son. From then onward, they give every Eid that is coming, they sacrifice something in the name of Ala, the name of god. That is coming, but not, *** the other Muslims who wear the * and all of that.

Justin: And that’s in July?

Mahje: It's coming. Every month it's changing. Depends on the...*** after the fast is over, two months and ten days, the second one is coming. And after the cutting the goat or whatever they have offered, they distribute the meat among the family and friend and everything. Over here, I don't know everything, but in India, we always got meat from family and friends and then we cook. Because we, you know, that we *** do the prayer first and then cut the chicken or lamb or goat, or anything, whatever we cut, we do the prayer first. And 11th of July, *** he became our spiritual leader. So that is on next week, I think. Not this week, but next week is the 11th of July.

Justin: Oh, that's the one where you guys get together and do the cooking and the dancing and all of that?

Mahje: Yeah, we eat together and that's...so now we're doing everything virtually. This morning we have a backup plan because of all of that. They did the singing this morning. And I was a participant in that, too. I like to because I volunteer in the community too. So, when there is our prayer is there, I always wear my uniform. Not wearing the new new clothes and stuff like that. But we have a blue uniform and I'm wearing it.

Justin: And this is for like...is it for the holiday? Like is it a special uniform for the holiday?

Mahje: Yes, on special holidays people dress up so nicely. They wear jewelry, nice clothes. Though I bought nice matched clothes last year. Oh, I brought so nice matched clothes, but I haven't touched anything because of the virus. Everything is stopped. No church is open, so you can't wear it.

Justin: Do you think you guys will do...I know you told me before that it's a huge gather you guys do on the July 11th, but do you guys think you'll do something as a family, as a household like a smaller gathering...

Mahje: No, not for the 11th of July. But for the 4th of July or Memorial Day. Something like that when the holidays are coming. The family gathers and we invite, if you invite one place you have to invite everybody. All my family. My maiden name is Jamani, not Tejani. I'm Tejani, right now, but all my maiden family into once place. Or they call me or my mother or my other brother or my cousins call me. So, we go to the house and we eat together, and my one cousin's son is living close to us, only 5- or 10-minutes' drive from our house. Sometimes we go there and sometimes we go to a friend's house for a birthday party or stuff like that. We celebrate our birthday party, too. It's not like that way that we don't celebrate. Anything else?

Justin: I don't know; I think that's gonna be good for today. I'm actually trying out a new program to record the calls because, remember I told you about that last time? So, I'm testing it out today to see if it works. And then we may revisit some of these questions again if that's okay with you. I don't want to exhaust you with it.

Mahje: No problem, that's fine. You can call me anytime. My family is not narrow minded because if I am talking to anybody or something, they know that I always told them that we are *** so they don't mind. See the kids are playing. I'm in my room because I have my bedroom downstairs, no? Their bedroom is upstairs, but the living room and kitchen are here. So, they play over there and I'm in my room, so it's not bothering things and stuff like that.

Justin: Oh ok, well good. I'm glad to hear that. I definitely want to make sure we're being respectful to their space, too. I really have enjoyed talking to you, it's been...

Mahje: Yeah, me too. Thank you, but you know last Saturday? The daughter-in-law invited one of the friends because their kids wanted to play with our kids. Because their kids and our kids are almost the same age. So, they came to our house, my cookies at home and I made ***, you the know the green peach, when it dries it turns out yellow. So, you boil and eat with * chutney and

the potatoes. It comes out so tasty. So, I made those also, plus we had pizza and stuff like that. Homemade, nothing from outside. She made a * from home.

Justin: She made a what?

Mahje: A flan.

Justin: I've never been a fan of the flan. I've tried it a couple times it just wasn't my...I think it was the texture that bothered me. I wasn't crazy about it.

Mahje: I like it very much. And it helped me to give me something in my sickness. Yeah, yesterday she forced me to eat it. She said, "you don't eat anything else for me, you eat this." So at least I'm ok, now.

Justin: Well, I am glad to hear that. Do you want to...

Mahje: Oh, on Sunday, you should see my *** you would not believe that.

Justin: Yeah, and also I was going to tell you that we may include photos in the project, so if you want to, if you want to send some photos of like when you were talking about the uniform and holidays that you guys celebrate, or if you want to send me any other photos from your childhood or from whenever, really.

Mahje: Ok. I have my childhood photos also, plus my middle-aged photos also, and my granddaughters' and my husband's picture, also.

Justin: Ok. I would love that.

Mahje: I can take it out from there and give it to you or send it by video.

Justin: That would be great. Do you want to schedule another conversation this coming Monday?

Mahje: No problem, you can.

Justin: Ok, let's do Monday at 2 o'clock. Will that work?

Mahje: Yeah.

Justin: Alright, Mahje, well I will holler at you again...I'll give you a call on this coming Monday at 2 o'clock.

Mahje: Ok, thank you so much.

Justin: And thank you for taking the time to talk to me, I really appreciate it.

Mahje: No problem at all. Thank you, I appreciate it. Have a good one.

Justin: You, too. Bye bye.

Mahje: Bye bye.