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# Bridges that Carried Us Over Project

## Interview Summary

**Interviewees:**

Myrna Shehee (and Kristin Anthony)

**Interviewer:**

Chloe Sandoval and Bishop Jackie Green

**Interview Date:**

March 29, 2020

**Interview Location:**

Remotely via Zoom

**Length:**

00:35:45

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**Description:**

Myrna Shehee discusses her childhood experiences moving from Pittsburgh, PA to Redlands, CA in the 1950s, with her veteran husband. Mrs. Shehee speaks about her children's pleasant experience at Lincoln Elementary School, her community stories from Redlands, and the current injustices she sees in the media. Mrs. Shehee explains how her husband became a seamstress and her occasional job as a teaching assistant at Kingsbury Elementary School. Shehee describes the support she received from Second Baptist Church, which helped her financially, kept her children's behavior in check, and gave her a sense of place in her community.

**Subject Topic:**

- Lincoln Elementary
- Kingsbury Elementary School
- Religion
- Racism
- Teaching, Veteran

- Second Baptist Church
  - Carlotta Court
  - Community
  - Orangewood
  - Headstart
- Public School Programs

**Spatial Coverage:**

Name of Site (if relevant)	General Location/Address
n/a	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
n/a	Redlands, California
n/a	University of Redlands
n/a	Lincoln Elementary School, Redlands
n/a	Mission School, Redlands
n/a	Kingsbury Elementary School, Redlands
n/a	Teledyne Batteries
n/a	Carlotta Ct., Redlands
n/a	Second Baptist Church
n/a	Orangewood, Redlands

**Temporal Coverage:**

1950s - 2020

**Key Events:**

- Lincoln Elementary School Closure
- Teledyne Battery Plant Layoffs

**Key Organizations:**

- Second Baptist Church
- Headstart

**Interview Index:**

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## Interview Transcript

### **Start of Interview:**

[00:00:00]

### **Chloe Sandoval**

Okay, so I'm Chloe Sandoval here with Bishop Green, and we're interviewing Ms. Shehee for The Bridges That Carry Us Over Archive.

Ms. Shehee, can you spell your full name for us—just so that we can make sure that we have it correctly?

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### **Myrna Shehee**

Okay, I'm Myrna M-y-r-n-a, L. that's for Louise, Shehee S-h-e-h-e-e.

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### **Chloe Sandoval**

Thank you, let me put this. There we go. Okay.

So, can you tell me a little bit about your childhood and where you lived before you came to Redlands?

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### **Myrna Shehee**

I lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. And actually we came out here because my husband was working in the steel mill and the steel mills were closing. And so, we were staying at an aunt's house and, our aunt, my aunt decided to come to California. And she left, and I think about two weeks later, I came out here too.

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### **Myrna Shehee**

She came to LA. And we had a friend that lives here in Redlands, and he invited my husband to come out that they had, like... I can't call it, uh a little house. They had in the back, a small place, but actually didn't have any windows, yeah.

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### **Kristen Anthony**

A back house?

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**Myrna Shehee**

But he had said like it was, you could move in it, in the apartment. But it didn't have any windows in it. Nobody was allowed to live in it. So, but they did have room in their house, so that's how we got out of here.

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**Myra Shehee**

And then after we got out here, we just really liked it and stayed until we finally had a place and joined a church and sent the kids off to school. All my kids went to school here and I enjoyed that.

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**Kristen Anthony**

I think they want to, like, know about what was your life like in Pittsburgh before you got to Redlands, growing up.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh in Pittsburgh, it was fine we had a lot of family there. So that made it better, we would see them a lot and... I can't... I don't know what else I could say about Pittsburgh. It was a big place and nice city, real nice place to live, and we really liked it. I don't know if... I wasn't sure if I even wanted to come out here.

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**Myrna Shehee**

But once I got out here I liked it, but I like Pittsburgh there. Like, as I said my husband worked at a steel mill, so, uh, when they decided... They hadn't closed it yet, but he didn't want to wait for it to close before he left.

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**Bishop Green**

Myrna, what year was it when you came to Redlands? What year?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh Lord, it was.... excuse me...19... Let's see, what I should know. No, I'm having problems right now. I just had... I had an operation, and I don't remember things very well.

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**Bishop Green**

It's okay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

I had remembered, sat down, and thought about it all to myself real good before I went to the hospital.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Oh but, I think it would have been before, Rick was little ...

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**Myrna Shehee**

That I came up here?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Yeah.

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**Bishop Green**

What year, Kristen?

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**Kristen Anthony**

I wanna say... I wanna say it probably was in, like 1950s.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah. Oh, I wanted to say that but I wasn't sure.

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**Kristen Anthony**

I wanna say between 1950 and 1954.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, that sounds much better. I guess I had '50 in my mind but I didn't, I wasn't sure if I should say it.



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**Bishop Green**

Okay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

But yeah. Yes, by the end... about '54, something like that.

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**Bishop Green**

M'kay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Let's see, I started the kids in school here. And we lived right across the street from the school, so that was good.

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**Bishop Green**

Wow, what school?

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**Myrna Shehee**

It's Lincoln School, was called Lincoln then. It's changed the name, now, hasn't it?

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**Bishop Green**

What is it?

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**Kristen Anthony**

That I do not know.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Now 'cause you guys didn't go to, it was gone by the time you guys were here.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Yeah, I think that the elementary is no longer here. I think... I think that elementary is gone.

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**Bishop Green**

So it was Lincoln school.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Then they went to... junior high, you know, they all went to junior high. but uh as far as going to the guy we had Uh, let's see, I keep getting flashes in my head, let's see if I can think of the principal of that school. But, uh, so I had so many kids to begin with and so it was close for them to go to school, I like that.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. How many kids?

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**Myrna Shehee**

I had, I was gonna raise... I had six kids.

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**Bishop Green**

Six. Okay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yes, so I had three girls and three boys.

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**Bishop Green**

Okay.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

And what was their experience going to school? At Lincoln? What was their experience?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh, they, they went and they enjoyed it. They didn't have any problems with it. Although at one time, my one son, he decided he was, this was another kid that had to be another religion. I forget what and he was. And he wanted to not be able to salute the flag and not to do the thing they teach you do. But he... We had the teacher call me and talk to me outside that he wanted to be, what is it that they do, when they're...?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Protesting?

00:06:19.000

**Myrna Shehee**

Huh?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Protesting?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No, it's when they say they're not. Oh, um...

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**Bishop Green**

Was it Muslim?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No, it was, they were... The boy, he was copying off of and the mom were... Oh, I can't think of the word.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Wait, were you talking about like a religion?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Okay, so were they Jewish or?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No.

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**Bishop Green**

Was it Mormon?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Was it Mormon, Muslim or?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No keep going.

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**Bishop Green**

She said keep going! [Laughter].

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**Kristen Anthony**

Oh, I know! [Laughter].

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**Myrna Shehee**

I'm sorry, I don't have the... Like I said...

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**Bishop Green**

Was it, was it Catholic?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No.

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**Bishop Green**

No? Okay.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Was it Buddhist? Buddhist?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No, it's the one that, I can't see why you can't get it. [Laughter].

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**Bishop Green**

It'll come back, it'll come back.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Was it not a religion that they didn't want to salute the flag? And...?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Right.

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**Bishop Green**

Oh! Was it, was it Jehovah's Witness?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Exactly!

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**Bishop Green**

Oh, that was it. Oh okay. Yeah, 'cause they don't celebrate holidays either and stuff, so.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Right, that's right.

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**Bishop Green**

Oh, wow.

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**Myrna Shehee**

They don't celebrate holidays, but they'll take their gifts early! [Laughter].

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**Bishop Green**

Myrna, how, what was Redlands? If I can Chloe, can I go in? I wanna just see—

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah, go ahead.

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**Bishop Green**

What was Redlands like in terms of racism? Wasn't a lot of African Americans, but what do you recall? Any stories about racism?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Right. I remember one thing. When I used to go up to, with these women who was up...

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**Kristen Anthony**

By the U of R?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah.

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**Bishop Green**

Yes.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Where the U.o.R was? They used to have a community swimming pool, long time ago.

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**Bishop Green**

Right.

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**Myrna Shehee**

When I went, one day I was standing in the line with a lot of people. I was the only black in the line, and the lady saw and wanted to talk to me. She said, oh, I have, everybody I talked to told me they had friends, or somebody they knew that was black that they was close to. Everybody mentioned somebody black. So uh, the one lady told me well, that we could be close friends, because she had those black friends.

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**Bishop Green**

Hmm, yeah

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**Myrna Shehee**

But, you know. You know, it's fun to just talk about people of color and people what they are just because you happen to meet 'em, and see 'em in the street somewhere.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. Yeah. Okay.

00:09:04.000

**Myrna Shehee**

But the swimming pool was nice. And the kids, two of my kids, took the class, the other two were too young. But the one would laid outside of the swimming pool. He laid on the ground, while watching the other kids swim. And when he got through... When they got through, he went in there and he had learned off of what the teacher was teaching the ones that were inside. He could swim when he went in.

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**Bishop Green**

Wow.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Uh Huh. But Redlands to me, I liked Redlands a lot when I got here and I liked the schools, I liked the people that I met. And the like the I said one, mostly everybody was close and friendly. I didn't have anybody against me, you know, because I was black. I had really good people.

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**Bishop Green**

Good. That's good.

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**Myrna Shehee**

School teachers, all of it. I never had no problems with anybody about that. In fact, I hear more of it now than I ever heard before. When I am watching TV, they're talking about the...

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**Kristen Anthony**

The injustice?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Huh?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Were you trying to say the injustice that you see on T.V. right now?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yes, it's terrible now. It's a lot of the people. Even the names and the stories they're talking about, black and white. Like you got to know something about them to be black, or if you're black you're not good, or be white even. They talk against the white people too, some of them.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. Myrna, how old are you now?

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**Bishop Green**



What? What?

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**Kristen Anthony**

You're eighty... You're eight-six.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, that's right.

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**Bishop Green**

Okay. [Laughter].

Eighty-six, you look good for eighty-six!

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**Kristen Anthony**

I forgot to put my phone on 'Do Not Disturb.'

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah.

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**Bishop Green**

Eighty-six, alright.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Alright.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Were there any like specific spots in town or like specific businesses that you liked or places that you liked to hang out?

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**Myrna Shehee**

We mostly stayed close. We didn't... We had a lot of friends. We went to friend's home sometimes, but we didn't go out to like partying or anything like that. We... I visited the

schools when they had programs and things going on for the kids, I would visit the schools and I liked that. And I remember one year, we had all the kids going... my husband sewed, and so did I. And we made clothes for the kids to wear to school and to the school program, special things. And like, he would... I remember he made a suit for both my daughter and my son with pants and a long jacket. The jacket had come down to their knees with a blouse under. It had a shirt under it, which was great.

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**Bishop Green**

Wow.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And our school and had been... they told us about it, I am so sorry that I...

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**Myrna Shehee**

That when one of the first here in Redlands. I don't remember whether a teacher or what, that had walked from somewhat cross country to get here and start the school...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, she's freezing Krystal, Kristen.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah she froze for a second.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Can you maybe go... I think the last thing I heard was that he came across country?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, whoever it was, it was... I don't know if it was a teacher or a preacher, a religious person but he had walked for miles in order to get here to Redlands. And he's the one...

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**Kristen Anthony**

Sorry.

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**Myrna Shehee**

The school had been there for years. It was the first school here.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Mission? Are you talking about Mission?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No no, up on the hill, that's right 'cause you guys went there. Where Cassidy was born and Sissy was born there?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Kingsbury!

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**Myrna Shehee**

Kingsbury, yeah. We started first at Lincoln and then the other kids did and then he went to there. So...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. So your husband, what, did he just... he was a seamstress, a tailor, is that other thing that he did?

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**Myrna Shehee**

A tailor.

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**Myrna Shehee**

The thing that... the issue...I don't know. You would know... You are young or too young. But they gave the...[inaudible]

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**Kristen Anthony**

You know what? I'm so sorry, I'm going to have to, cause my daughters keep calling me. I apologize. Is that okay?

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah, it's good now. Yeah, it kept freezing for a second.

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**Kristen Anthony**

It's because they keep calling, so I'm going to text them to stop calling.

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**Bishop Green**

Okay.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Okay.

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**Kristen Anthony**

I'm so sorry!

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**Bishop Green**

It's okay, you're so popular Kristen! [Laughter].

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**Kristen Anthony**

I know, the one time!

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**Bishop Green**

Chloe, do you have a lot of questions?

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Um, I have maybe like three or four more?

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**Bishop Green**

Okay, yeah I didn't want to bud in, you know? [Laughter].

00:15:34.000

**Chloe Sandoval**

No, you're totally good! Anything is totally welcome.

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**Bishop Green**

Okay. Wow, she's eighty-six. Wow.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Mhmm.

00:15:44.000

**Kristen Anthony**

Okay, we should be good now. So sorry! [Laughter].

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**Chloe Sandoval**

You're good.

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**Bishop Green**

So your husband, he was a tailor, a seamstress, and other things too?

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**Myrna Shehee**

When he first got out of the service, he was going to school for to be... to take tailoring and he didn't really want to. He left. He just signed up for the school and left and went to a movie. And so one day when he came home from school, a guy that was stayed there and learned to sew when he seen what he did, he knew he himself was missing out. So he got into it, he got so he could sew anything. He did furniture, he did clothes for me and for my kids.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Wasn't he a veteran?

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**Bishop Green**

Wow.

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**Myrna Shehee**

That's what I'm talking about, when he got out of the service, he was a Veteran, you know. And so, but he at first wouldn't nestle down and go to take the school as it was and take the sewing, he was going to the movie. So then when he came back, this guy, you know that he was surprised that this guy had learned to sew things, that one suit that he made or something, and he just thought it was so wonderful, he had to do it himself. Well, then he started. So after we came out here, we didn't have... he didn't have too many people with sewing for him but he did some for a few that come and asked and then sewed, but here... I don't remember where he did it.

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**Kristen Anthony**

You were at the Teledyne?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Teledyne, yeah, that's right.

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**Kristen Anthony**

He worked at the Teledyne Batteries, right?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Battery factory. Yeah it was close to us, right across the street from us. And he started working there, but we both liked Redlands a lot. And I remember at one time, we had...he lost his job and we didn't know what we were gonna to do, and I was getting ready to go back home. We were packing our...my... me and the kids, we were packing up our furniture and have to get ready to go catch the train to go home.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And the preachers, at the church I was attending at the time, he happened to come by and see one of my sons to be in a mock wedding at their church and we...he found us there packing and he said "oh well you can't just leave just because you know, you don't have things here." So, he says he knew another preacher from another church that he talked to that knew that had held houses for rent. And that was when we moved here on Carlotta Court on the other side of Carlotta Court. But we just lived there, moved there and stayed there a long time ago then we bought this house.

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**Bishop Green**

Wow.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah and we liked it all the time we were here. So...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, were you at Second Baptist prior to that time or at another church? How long were you at Second?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Okay, well when I was at the other church, it wasn't very long that we were there. We got in that church because we were doing things like, they were having a parade one time, and that was, and they invited the kids and they went.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And so then, once the preacher's wife from that time came to my house, her and another lady from the church, and they invited us to Second Baptist, and they... I told them I couldn't come because I didn't have clothes that I wanted to wear... that I had to wear. I just told them I didn't have no clothes, like you know when you make up something somebody asks you and you say "Well, I don't have this" or, "I don't have that."

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**Bishop Green**

[Laughter] Yeah.

00:19:46.000

**Myrna Shehee**

Well they came back! And they brought hair combs for us to fix our hair with and they brought clothes for us to wear and picked to wear...for me to wear and everything so I didn't have any more excuses!

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**Myrna Shehee & Bishop Green**

[Laughter.]

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**Myrna Shehee**

First, we went the kids to Sunday school. So they went to Sunday school with the preacher's wife and another lady that used to pick them up and take 'em. But then I started going to church, just to see what the kids were doing and that they were behavin' themselves in church. [Laughter.]

I got started at Second Baptist. And Reverend Green, he was really nice to me. He called me, "mom" and asked me did I... would I want to stay there? And I said yes, I really like Second Baptist so I joined it then. So many nice things happened at Second Baptist that I liked at that time.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Do you remember when you started? Do you remember when...?

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**Myrna Shehee**

The year?



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**Kristen Anthony**

The year or roughly when you first started Second Baptist?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, it wasn't too long after we came out here, so it had to be like...

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**Kristen Anthony**

Like maybe in the 60s?

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**Myrna Shehee**

We came out here around '55 and then in between then and ....[inaudible] so it had to be between there and '60 maybe we started being there. And then I'm trying to think, we had some kind... I had some of kind of problem that I went to the pastor and his wife and they helped me, both of them. I don't remember what they did though, they... Oh goodness, I'm so sorry. I've been like this ever since I came out the hospital last month.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, it's okay.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah, you're good.

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**Bishop Green**

You're doing good though. You're still doing good.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Both... Like I said, Reverend Green and Mrs. Green, both they were so good to me and helped me, so they wrote... In fact I have the letters that they wrote for me to send when I was trying to get on the welfare, because my husband had lost his job and all. And they set it up for me, so I could go get there and that's how I got help from them.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, awesome.

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**Myrna Shehee**

We were always close.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Did you have any specific roles at the church?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Not that, no that just was... I was just a member that sat there and read and listened to what was done and I went to Sunday school, made my kids behave at Sunday school and went to church too and I didn't uh, I was never... I was a teacher sometimes, one time or two, but as a rule I wasn't a head of anything. If we needed something, in the school like we were putting on something, I would be in that, but I was mostly just a person in church. Just a lady in church.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Enjoyed the ministry.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, enjoyed the ministry, that was it for me!

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**Bishop Green**

Amen.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Do you have any specific memories about the church, like anything that kind of like stick out or fun memories?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Well I remember like I said, I remember my pastor, he was so good about everything. And when he preached, I loved to hear him preach. And then we had a young man. At the time he was one of the preachers, and he one of the teachers I mean, Sunday school teachers. And I remember now, but I can't remember that well, that he... how he taught us about how the people during that time going to church, how... the clothes they wore, different things he taught me about the Bible, and what went on in the Bible days, which was great.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And there were different people in church that was real good. And I always love them till now. They are the same now grown and married and everything now but yet when they're in church, they just, they're just brilliant. It's brilliant, that the whole Second Baptist is a real fine church to go to.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And now, well, since I've been sick and been home in bed, I can watch Second Baptist on my TV. And I sit up there and watch them. Kristen, she's in...on the program that they have. My son... I go to church, and I have my family. Kristen and her husband are both pastors, right?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Ministers.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Ministers, that's what you said. I know it, that's the thing. I knew it already. Ministers... Girls dance in the church and my... also they were ushers and they sang in a choir. All the kids sang in the choir. And Kevin, their father, he led the choir with all the kids, and then it just was me. I loved going to church because my family was there, and for me to see them there. I didn't get a lot of the other kids to go as much, but I was so happy to have them there.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And uh, I had at one time I was out...out for about a year that I wasn't going to church, because of my leg at the time was bad. And so when I did get back in church. and for the next couple years I think it was, I was going, regular, everyday and I just loved it. And the people that I had met before, they were all so good, cause they were talking to me, and welcoming me to the church but they didn't know that this is my church!  
[Laughter.]

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah! [Laughter.]  
You're right!

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, so that's the way it was. So after I got hurt, this last time I got hurt first and I was unable to walk, I was in a wheelchair. And then like I said just about a month ago, I went into the hospital and had an operation, and I'm trying to learn to walk again now. And, and I have one other lady from the church come down and left me food. And I have different people call me to see how I am. And it's like I say, it's a wonderful place.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah.

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**Myrna Shehee**

I had a whole list of stuff that I was gonna say about Redlands when I first came out here to Redlands and now I can't really remember them.

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**Kristen Anthony**

It's okay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Because I did, like I said I did a lot of things when I came to Redlands. There were things that I didn't know from, you know, back east we didn't do. But I don't remember that.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And I should have wrote it down, that's the thing. When you told... called me and told me that very night I started praying to the spirit. I was thinking overall the things that I had done in Redlands, when we first came and including everybody on this school, my kids are all going to school.

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**Kristen Anthony**

But, you were a teacher?

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**Myrna Shehee**

And then you got...

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**Kristen Anthony**

You were a teacher's aid.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh yes! I was a teacher's aid in...

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**Kristen Anthony**

Mission?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Not...

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**Kristen Anthony**

Not to Mission?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No. You said it before?

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**Kristen Anthony**

Oh, Kingsbury.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Kingsbury School! Yeah, I was a teacher aid in Kingsbury school for a long time and I enjoyed that too.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

What grade? Was there a specific... a certain grade or was it just...?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah it was. The grade was... like not the oldest grade. I guess, it was sixth grade. No, that's not... that's not...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, it was sixth grade. That's... Elementary, uh huh, elementary would have been sixth grade.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, okay.

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**Bishop Green**

The highest grade then. Yeah.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yes and...

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**Kristen Anthony**

And then you said it was Orangewood, well it wasn't Orangewood then but...you used to work with [inaudible] you used to take care of the babies? They were supposed to [unclear] with you.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh, when the Kindergarteners...

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**Kristen Anthony**

At the old church... started school up there. You said you used to walk up there.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, that was Lincoln.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Oh okay, so that was what Lincoln used to be.

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**Myrna Shehee**

That was Lincoln, yeah. I had to... I was... I almost got the word, I worked with the kids that hadn't started the first grade yet. They were all...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, preschool.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Preschool, exactly!

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**Bishop Green**

Yes.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And I liked that, I was there for a long time.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, Headstart. Headstart.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Headstart, exactly.

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**Bishop Green**

Did you...Did you work with Dorothy Duckett? 'Cause she was at Headstart?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yes, she was. But she was at Lincoln.

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**Bishop Green**

Oh I see. Uh Huh.

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**Myrna Shehee**

But she's a good friend of mine! She lives across the street.

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**Bishop Green**

She's across the street, that's right. Mhmm.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Uh Huh. And... Yes we were friends and I... There were other ladies that we had there and I just know, they changed the yard. I guess 'cause they had a nice playground for the kids to come out to.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. M'kay. Alright.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

I don't know if you have any other questions, Bishop Green, but my last question that I just had was, I was just wondering if there was any, like, main like specific events that, like big events that happened in Redlands that you remember?



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**Myrna Shehee**

I know we had... When, my kids were a little bigger, they had big... I don't know what they even call them, the stores like they had in the street.

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**Kristen Anthony**

The drive in?

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**Myrna Shehee**

No in the street. Like on the main street, it had singing and bands and things.

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**Bishop Green**

A parade? Parades?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Parades, yeah. Well my son played in a band

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**Bishop Green**

Oh, okay.

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**Myrna Shehee**

And I would go, you know to see them, and that was great. Yeah, we had a lot of things that go on that won't come to me now...

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Well, you can also say...

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**Bishop Green**

Well Myrna... One of the things Myrna that I remember about you, is you really raised your grandchildren.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh yes. I raised my grandchildren.

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**Bishop Green**

She raised a lot of her, her grandchildren. And I just know, you know, God had you there for them, you know?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yes I feel like this. I feel like, uh... Like this one Kristen, sitting right here with me right now. I always claimed her, she was mine. When she was born, the nurse handed her to me.

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**Bishop Green**

[Laughter]

Yeah.

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**Myrna Shehee**

She was mine.

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**Bishop Green**

And that's... that's why you get to spank her [Laughter].

Cause you... yeah. [Laughter].

Well, I do remember that about you that you really raised those grandchildren.

Sometimes, the parents weren't able to do what they, you know, wanted to do but you took 'em all in, and loved on them.

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**Myrna Shehee**

We all went to church. We all went to church. And I'd remember, Kris, we were, Kristen's husband, and his mother and sister all sang and played in character. And I

remember I used to hear them singing all after... all the time. Well then, Kristen came along and she took... she would watch them and she started seeing him. But I remember I told her, I can't even... I can't remember. That's I told you guys, when I talked about you and Kevin, but anyway, watch what you ask for because you could get it, and she got it. [Laughter].

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**Bishop Green**

Well Myrna just one more thing, if there was something that you could tell us as a, the next generation and children that are coming on, you've seen the condition of our nation. What advice would you give to our children and young people now?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh no. I think... I would tell them, Like I tell my grandkids I guess they have, that they have to watch themselves and know when they go to do things, watch what they do. Don't... If it's something they shouldn't do, think about it for a while. And don't just jump up and do it. Think about it for a while, and then maybe you will know if you shouldn't do it.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. Think about what the results might be.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Exactly. Exactly.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah, alright.

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**Myrna Shehee**

You never know what's gonna happen.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah that's true.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Mhmm.

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**Bishop Green**

Thank you so much.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Mhm, thank you.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh you're welcome. Sorry, I'm so forgetful now.

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**Bishop Green**

That's okay.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yeah. Alright well, thank you. All of you for doing this and this was a lot of fun.

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**Bishop Green**

Alright well blessings to you Chloe, as you gotta pull it all together. How many interviews are you doing so far? How many do you have to do?

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**Chloe Sandoval**

This is... This is my only one.

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**Bishop Green**

This is your only one so far, okay. I'm just going to recommend you to others to do theirs. No, I'm just kidding! [Laughter.]

And uh, we thank you Kristen.

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**Kristen Anthony**

You're welcome!

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Yes, thank you,

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**Kristen Anthony**

Yes, you're welcome!

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Thank you for all your help.

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**Bishop Green**

Yeah. Alright, I love you guys. Myrna it's so good to see you, we'll be back on Easter Sunday. So, we'll look for you! [Laughter].

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**Myrna Shehee**

Oh okay, good.

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**Bishop Green**

We'll be ready, we're getting ready okay?

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**Myrna Shehee**

I know, I already asked Kristen about me going to church, but she didn't let me go. [Laughter].

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**Bishop Green**

Not yet. [Laughter].

Yeah, well we're planning, we are planning because we want it to be safe. We wan'na be safe, and so until then we'll still be on TV. Okay?

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah I'm good to see that and I'm happy to see that. Especially, when I see her and I'm gonna happen to have Kristen standing beside me but I see her on the T.V. [Laughter].

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**Bishop Green**

That's a miracle. [Laughter].

Alright, I love you guys. Take care now.

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**Kristen Anthony**

Love you too!

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**Myrna Shehee**

Love you, too.

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**Bishop Green**

Bye Chloe, thanks for hanging out with me.

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**Chloe Sandoval**

Thank you.

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**Myrna Shehee**

Tell everyone hello.

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**Bishop Green**

We will, we love you!

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**Myrna Shehee**

Yeah, tell pastor hello for me.

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**Bishop Green**

I will. Bye now. Bye.

**End of Interview:**

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