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NW: So, um, what do you remember from your childhood, then? Did you help out on the farm, or?

MH: No. We can't do anything. We ju—uh, most of the laborers were Mexican laborers . . .

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: . . . in those days.

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: But, my father had special way of taking care of that were there. So we had Japanese women, and, and even when they start picking, its all field-bag, so it, it won't spoil the grape.

NW: Mhm.

MH: And we had the mums spray and . . .

NW: Mhm.

MH: You know, three *kiku*?

NW: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

MH: Yeah, and New York Market *itte kara*. It took him, oh, maybe seven-eight years or so, but he could, eventually got—just before the war . . .

NW: Mm.

MH: First prize.

NW: Mhm, mhm. So, wow.

MH: And like, fairs, and you know, state fair, agriculture, and the state fair—he always used to get so many blue ribbon.

NW: Mm, like, recognition of a good quality product?

MH: So—he—uh-huh.

NW: Yeah.

MH: So he was real successful.

NW: Mhm.

MH: . . . in that way, too.

NW: So, what do you remember from your childhood, then? Do you have any . . .

MH: Well, we, uh . . .

NW: . . . favorite memories? Or?

MH: Real happy memory—remembering my dad used to take us camping to Yosemite, and Sequoia.

NW: Uh-huh.

MH: And . . . whatever the kids need, he—we used to have swing, and mary-go's, and even he made, uh, swimming pool for us, too.

NW: Oh, wow.

MH: And, in the country, we were the only one . . .

NW: Yeah, yeah.

MH: . . . to had a swimming pool.

NW: Mm. Mhm.

MH: But all the children always come first.

NW: Mm.

MH: And, we grew up, saying that, uh my father say, unless you have *shinjin*, you gonna end up in *jigoku* . . .

NW: Mhm, mhm.

MH: You know.

NW: Mhm.

MH: And we were so scared . . .

NW: [chuckling]

MH: . . . we didn't want to die.

NW: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

MH: And . . . so, and, in those days, English, uh, book— there's hardly any English religion book, especially about *jōdoshinshū*.

NW: Mm. Right, right.

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