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Title Interview with Maggie K

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Description Audio file of interview with Maggie K. She was interviewed by Samantha Hass on 18 June 2025 in Winsted, Connecticut. Maggie K was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in her life. Maggie talked about how she embraces change and how she sees it as an opportunity to have meaningful, new experiences. In the interview, she explains how her big moment of change was her trip to Asia in July 2024. Though she had visited many other countries prior to this (she is a well-seasoned traveler who has been to Costa Rica, Peru, Mexico, Greece, Italy, etc.), the idea of visiting Asia intimidated her. Her 26-year-old daughter had been living and teaching English in South Korea, so she took this as an opportunity to visit Asia and to take two of her other kids along with her (they are currently 13-year-old twins). The trip lasted for 6 weeks, and during that time period, Maggie and her family stayed in her daughter's apartment in the town of Gimpo. In addition, the family visited Japan for a short amount of time. Maggie explains that she was reliant on her children during these excursions; her older daughter was their tether, and Maggie was surprised to find how easily her twins adapted to the new environment. One of them, Alexander, had an easy time communicating with the locals, and the other, Isabella, became proficient in using translation apps and

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even managed to pick up on the language. These experiences helped all of them to grow closer, and now, Maggie has a stronger bond with her twins, which is meaningful to her as a mother. The main difference between Maggie's stay in South Korea versus Japan was that, in South Korea, she lived and navigated more like a local. Comparatively, in Japan, she was a tourist, and she visited more tourist locations, such as the sky tower, which was a memorable and slightly frightening experience. Overall, Maggie's travel experience gave her a sense of empowerment. She states during the interview that traveling to these countries renewed her sense of what she can "achieve in life." It gives her "power and hope for the future." This is especially significant considering the fact that Maggie is a full time teacher, wife, daughter, and a mother of five children. She has responsibilities and obligations, which makes it difficult for her to block out time for such big journeys. Everything is hard to balance, but with proper planning and organization, she believes that anything is possible, and the experiences that you have abroad are ones that are worth it and ones that you will think about forever. Despite her busy schedule, Maggie is now even more open to taking travel opportunities. She is excited for what the future will bring.

Dimensions Duration: 51 Minutes, 15 Seconds