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**08-11-02**

I was going to the Noriaze garden on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2002 with my son Benedicto. We passed on a certain small path which was our short cut to my Noriaze garden and I passed near a certain house where I found a woman with her child in her hands.

She greeted me and my son. After that I asked her about her child, she told me sometime back that the child was coughing and she has sores all over her body. I asked her about the changes that her child had if any, especially the better changes, but she told me that there was no any change for the better but her child was becoming worse. She also said that she went to the hospital for three days as she was told but still there was no change. She also tried to use the traditional healers' treatment but still there was no change. I tried to encourage her that she should go back to the hospital and explain to the doctors that there is no any improvement in her child's sickness.

This woman is called Mrs Iweni and she began complaining about the life of her child. She said that she doesn't think that her child will get recovered because all those things were happening because of her husband's behavior. Her husband is not faithful and he likes to marry a new woman every year. She complained that her husband sometimes get diseases from other woman which he gives to his wife. She also complained that she has now 5 years [during] which she sees that her body has changed. She said she had a child in the last two years ago but the child passed away within few months of her birth. That child had some sores on her whole body and after some time, she began coughing, coming out of sores from the nose and on her tongue. Then she began diarrhoea and died. Still her husband did not stop having many sexual partners. She then said that during that time her husband gave someone a pregnancy and the woman had just given birth to a boy child. But both women have the same problem. Mrs Iweni complained that when she was 7 months of her pregnancy she was feeling itching in the whole of her body and when she reached the 9<sup>th</sup> month she just saw that her private part had sores and the sores were itching. When the child was born the whole body of her child had some sores and the child was crying with them always. When those sores were healed after the 3 months of her birth and [but she was] still suffering. She just stayed for a short time, about one month, then she began suffering from [her] eyes, and then malaria. Soon after that, the child began coughing, diarrhoea and some sores came out from her mouth, tongue and in the nose.

Mrs Iweni was very worried and she said that. She thinks that her husband was infected to the AIDS disease from other women and she was worried that her children will be passing away because of that reason. She then said that she will also die and leave her children as orphans because of her husband's behaviour. I told her that she should not think about AIDS and death because there is no any proof that her husband had AIDS unless she goes to the hospital for the blood test and hears the results from them. I also asked her to sit down with her husband and discuss about his doings and she should advise her husband about the AIDS information especially she should tell him about the dangerous of AIDS and how she can avoid that but she should not be saying that she has AIDS from her husband.

But Mrs Iweni said, that the problem that she has is now spread to her husband's sexual partners. Her husband was sleeping with a certain woman called Miss Nasiyeti and he gave her the pregnancy but she has just heard that the woman has a child but the child was born with some sores on his body as happened to her child. That time she said that the baby was still suffering from those sores and his mother was getting worried about that. Had it been that the sores were not from the sexually transmitted [disease], one of the two children would have not [been] born with them but since both children were born with the sores, it really shown that it is a disease transmitted from sex. Mrs Iweni continued by complaining that she doesn't know what to do then because she should say that she would like to divorce her husband. That can be possible but still she will be suffering from

that disease that she has already been infected. If there is death, she will die and leave her children orphans and if she asks her husband to use condoms with his other sexual partners, she would do nothing since she is already infected and if she asks her husband to use some condoms with her, her husband will not accept that. Now Mrs Iweni was stranded and she asked me what to do on that issue but told her that I had no say since there is no any other way that she can do there than keep on staying with her husband as a marriage. Then I asked her to allow me going to my Noriaze garden and discuss again about her problem next time, and she accepted my request.

**08/11/02**

On the same day the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2002, I went to M\_\_\_ at the Noriaze mill. It was around 2:45 p.m. and I found two women speaking about their friends misfortune and problems. I was very lucky because I knew the owner of the story that those women were talking about. But between those two women, I knew one of their names, that she was called Abiti Jalani.

Miss Janet and her friend were speaking about a certain woman known by Abiti M'chadza who got married to a certain man called Baidon. These two women were talking that Miss M'chadza was getting worried with her marriage. Miss Jalani's friend who put on [was wearing] Sophia plastic shoes and the green flowered blouse with the blue *chitenje* was the one telling Miss Jalani about the story. She said that Mrs. Baidon was complaining that her husband is doing nothing at his house since he left stealing. In the first days, he was a thief and he was stealing people's properties. During that time, they were lacking nothing and the woman did not know that her husband just depended on stealing, but with no stealing, he cannot do anything profitable at his home. One day the man was caught red handed and he was arrested. He stayed two years imprisonment and when he came back from the prison, he left stealing but instead he began drinking beer too much. Baidon is a man who dislikes digging in the garden and he doesn't do anything at his home. He left buying clothes for his wife and children and he doesn't take money and give it to his wife and for buying food or anything at home. He is fond of drinking beer and he sometimes sleeps outside at his partners' houses. The woman continued telling Miss Janet that Mrs Baidon was seriously sick in the last 3 years. She was suffering from shingles for two months and then she got recovered. Soon after she got recovered her husband left her and went to marry another woman. After one year, he came back to remarry her again as a polygamy. Still Baidon did not change his behaviour. Unfortunately the elder wife who suffered from shingles was pregnant and she gave birth to two children (twins) but the children were born with sores and their mother became weak and was often found sick since the birth of her children. Mrs Baidon is still sick and she is very thin as of now. The woman said.

Miss Jalani answered that she also heard that she was coughing together with both children and unfortunately one of her children died. She was also told from the hospital that she should go to the hospital with her husband and her left child for the T.B. check up but her husband refused. The woman only went to the hospital with her child and she was told that she has tuberculosis and the ancens (abdominal sores). She was also told that she must be drinking milk in most of the times including the balanced diet. But now her husband is not staying at his home, he is always found at the bar and he sleeps to his sexual partner since his second wife divorced him. Miss Janet said that many people are saying that Mrs Baidon has AIDS. She was not told about that at the hospital because she did not ask them to do so but as far as many people know her husband's behaviour, they are sure that the woman is infected because her husband is a womanizer.

Miss Jalani's friend said also that, it can be true because she saw the man a week ago and she saw that he was very thin but she thought that he was becoming thin because of over-drunk but someone told her that there was something in addition to the beer. The man is a best womanizer at M\_\_\_ Trading Centre.

Then they began speaking about divorce and the use of condoms. Miss Jalani said that, had it been that she was Mrs Baidon, she would have divorced the man though she is already sick because him as a man and he is the one who have carried that disease to the woman, he could have been thinking deeply about the sickness of his wife and but if he is leaving the wife at her home alone and he finds the time to go to the bar to drink beer, in addition to that he leaves his sick wife (patient) and goes to other sexual partners and sleep there until next day morning. There is no marriage there therefore it is better to divorce him and stay single. She then added by

saying that, had it been that he was giving attention to his wife, it was better and if the wife was Miss Janet, she could have been telling him that they should be using condoms for her to stay longer. Miss Janet wouldn't have accepted having sex with him without the use of condoms but since the man shows that he doesn't want the marriage with his wife, it is better to divorce and stay single.

Since they were the first people to come at the Noriaze mill [and finished before the journalist did] they left me there and they were going to their homes but still they were speaking about the same story.

## **10/11/02**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2002, I went to O\_\_\_ private secondary school to look for a place for my brother to learn since the school which he was learning at was closed by the ministry of education and culture.

When I was coming back from the school, I met with a certain young man called Tailoss Ulele. He greeted me and he asked me on where I was coming from. I told him that I went to O\_\_\_ school. After that he asked me if I can help him with K10,000 as a credit. He wanted to go to the driving school to pay the driving examination fees which he failed to do in the last year. I told him that I don't have money and at the same time I asked him why he did not go for the examination that time he finished learning the driving. He told me that the owner of the driving school had a big problem. His wife died the same day that he supposed to escort his people to the examination office therefore it was the very same car which carried the funeral to her home. Unfortunately, the car had a breakdown there at their home before they came back. It took a long time for him going back home to carry his car because he has no money since all the process concerning the funeral was for him. Since that time the man had problems of getting money for repairing his car and he has no chances of getting money as he was doing before.

Ulele began getting worried and he complained that, he knows that the man will never send him to the driving examination because he is seriously sick. Since last year, when his wife died, he began to be sick though not serious and he married another wife who he is with now but the wife also is not looking healthy. The problem was that Mr Nkamaliza the owner of the Driving School was a womanizer since he had much money. Ulele said that he was sure that Nkamaliza's wife died of AIDS because this time, when Nkamaliza was sick, he went to the hospital, the N\_\_\_ X\_\_\_ private clinic where he bought 3 tablets at K1,000 each for making him stay longer and now he was told that he should just go home than wasting money for nothing since those tablets will not cure him. He is now at his house and nobody can attempt to ask him about the credit he had with people because he is very serious. I asked him about the real disease that he is suffering from and he told me that he is doing the same as what his wife was doing. His wife was crying with headache and diarrhoea. The same is happening to her husband. He is crying with his headache and he has diarrhoea. Ulele added that he doesn't understand why rich people are mostly infected to the AIDS disease since they have much money which they can buy condoms and use them. In addition to that, rich people do not have time for chatting with anyone, they are always busy planning for their money and always busy working to earn much money but where do they find time for sleeping with women and get that AIDS disease? It is very shameful and very sorry to see that they have been infected to those diseases and die.

I then asked Ulele about the one who was infected first between Mr Nkamaliza and his wife? Who was the first person to get infected to the HIV/AIDS? He told me that his wife was very faithful but the man himself was the one who got that disease from other women and when his wife got it from him, she began sick since she was an expectant mother, that was why she died before her husband.

Okay, I answered him. What about the second wife, is she also suffering from the same disease? I asked again. But Ulele said that her second wife is not ill but she is just becoming thin which shows that she is also infected and she will also found sick at the next time. We stopped there because I was rushing to the market since I had no relish [meat or vegetables to eat with the staple *nsima*] at home.

11/11/02

I was at the borehole at N\_\_\_ where I just went to drink water because I was coming from M\_\_\_ Market and I was thirsty. I found Olifa and her elder sister drawing water at the borehole and they were speaking about a certain man called Lamusi and Timu the bar girl.

In their speaking, Olifa was telling her sister that Lamusi was proposed by Timu the day before. They met at the bar where Mr Lamusi went to drink beer with his friends. Mr Lamusi sat down with his friends and he began buying beer there. After some time Timu went to where Lamusi sat down and she asked him to follow her outside the bar because she had something to tell him. Lamusi accepted her request and he followed her outside. Then they met outside, Timu began by greeting him and after that she began proposing to him by telling him that she would like to chat with him at his house during the evening after she knocks out from the bar. Lamusi asked him why he decided to chat with him at his house and not there in the bar but Timu said that she has something to tell him there. She added telling him that there is no need for him to ask why Timu had decided to chat with him since he is a man and yet he is single since his wife died last three months ago. Lamusi told her that he would like to think about her arrival before he allows her to go to his house. Then Mr Lamusi went to Olifa's brother to chat with him and he was telling him about what Timu did for him at the bar and he began talking about many things there. Lamusi was married to a certain wife and she was pregnant. Unfortunately Mrs Lamusi died in a car accident when she was coming back from the antenatal Clinic. Lamusi and his wife were loving each other and they were booth faithful, Olifa added. Nobody heard that Lamusi had a girl friend somewhere.

Lamusi began to complain on what Timu spoke to him. He said that he is 100% normal because he went to the hospital for the blood test with her late wife before their marriage. He never slept with any other woman except his late wife and even after her death, he never slept with any woman. He said that he would like to mourn for his late wife's funeral until he stay for a year. He also said that even if he will need to have a wife, he will not just marry anyhow like getting married to Timu. He will marry a wife who he thinks is better of and he will go to the hospital with her for the blood test as what he did with his late wife. He added that he cannot sleep with Timu even if he will be in a great trouble due to abstinence.

Before Olifa continued speaking on what she heard from Lamusi, her sister answered her that it was very true that Lamusi cannot sleep or have sex with Timu because Lamusi is a respectful person, he respects himself and he was faithful to his wife. Lamusi cannot sleep with Timu since Timu is a bar girl. She sleeps with many men every day and with no condoms. If someone will say that Timu has AIDS, that one is not wrong because she is a bargirl and she is now becoming thin.

Then Olifa said what her sister said was true and she spoke what Lamusi himself said. Lamusi said that he cannot have sex with Timu in any means. He said that because Timu is a bargirl and she looks like she is already infected from the AIDS disease. She was very fat in the first days but now she is just becoming very thin now and then. She is doing business by sleeping with men every day. She has sex with other men by using the condoms and sometimes she has sex with other men without using the condoms because the charges are different. Timu signed [decided?] whether to get AIDS or not, but what she needs is money, therefore Lamusi cannot attempt to have sex with her.

Lamusi's friend who was Olifa's brother added on what Lamusi said. He said also that Timu had gonorrhoea a month ago. She was visiting the hospital every day for the injection since she was told to receive seven injections. She would like to spread that disease to some men and in addition to that Timu has AIDS, only that the virus has not yet begun working in her body but she was infected a long time ago. Though death is for people, but nobody likes to die therefore there is no need for one to commit suicide. No need to put yourself in a hot soup.

I stood there listening to their story until they finished drawing water and carried their pails to their houses then I also left the place.

12-11-02

I went to the funeral at V\_\_\_ near the L\_\_\_ Health Centre. The one who died there was called Dyamiale. Dyamiale was married to Mr. Zinyonge and gave birth to eight children with him. The problem was that Mr. Zinyonge was staying in C\_\_\_ while his wife was staying in the village at V\_\_\_.

Dyamiale had many boyfriends who she was having sex with in her husband's absence. She herself was sometimes saying that some of her children were not for her husband but she gave birth to them with other men and she was just cheating her husband that the children were for him. She kept on doing that for a long time and her husband heard about what she was doing and then he decided to stop going to see her and help her at her home. Mr. Zinyonge left sending her money and he even left coming to see her for one and a half years. During that time, Dyamiale was looking very poor and she then decided to add some men for her to sleep with and earn money and gifts from them. She did that but she was misfortunate because she was infected to the sexually transmitted disease which was the bubos. She went to the hospital and got recovered. Soon after that she began coughing and then she went to the hospital where she was admitted and she was told that she had the tuberculosis. She stayed in the hospital for one month and then she came back home. She stayed at home for few months still having sex with other men and not her husband, but after those few months she began suffering from shingles and then she went back to the hospital again where she was admitted for two months. When she came back from the hospital, she still stayed for a few months and began prostituting again. She then after three months of her staying at home, she began diarrhoea, vomiting and headache. She also began coughing again and then she went back to the hospital for her third time and she was told by the doctor that she should just go home and stay. She was given many tablets for her to drink while at home and she was given the letter which she was told she should go to her nearest Health Centre to receive some other tablets if those tablets that she was given get finished. She went back home after the two weeks of her admission. When her husband heard about his wife's sickness, he came to see her and he told her that he knew that she was not faithful, therefore he decided to give her more chances for her to do what she wanted and he told her that he will be coming to see her since she was sick while the marriage was not yet divorced.

After three weeks from when the husband came passed, Dyamiale died and people were talking much of her. I sat with my friend Miss Beda and we were close to the men who sat far from their friends. Among the men, there were three of them who I knew them by their names. They were Lameck, Frances and Tedie.

Those men were speaking that Dyamiale has killed herself because she was a prostitute though she was not going to the bar. Every man was Dyamiale's sexual partner and she was not a woman to refuse sex. The one who I heard speaking about that issue was Tedie. He continued saying that Dyamiale was just accepting sex even without giving her some money. She was having sex for credit provided that you tell her you will pay her at the month end. Had it been that Dyamiale was using condoms she could have not died today. But Lameck asked Tedie that how did he know that she was not using the condoms and Tedie answered him that she once got bubos and she sometime back got syphilis. Tedie said that he was told by the Medical Assistant who was at the Healthy Centre since he was his friend. Tedie added that he saw her going to the hospital for 4 days in the same week.

Then Frances answered that Tedie was true because even her husband left coming to see her because he heard that she had some sexual partners and dshe was once caught red handed with a certain driver of the N\_\_\_ Fisheries. Since that time, her husband just told her that he had nothing to say since he has given birth to many children with her. Since that time, her husband left coming to see her almost for one year if not over [more].

Tedie said that Dyamiale was a prostitute and that he cannot say anything other than saying that AIDS has killed her. He also said that the driver she was sleeping with is not passing through the M1 road to N\_\_\_ in these days. It's a long time now since he passed through this road. Tedie said that he had seen another driver with that car passing through their road and not the old driver. Lameck said he knew the driver and he heard that he is seriously sick at N\_\_\_ hospital, but he did not know what the driver was suffering from. He then added that drivers are womanizers, they don't depend on one woman therefore it can be true that she was infected to the AIDS disease. It might be that the driver is also suffering from AIDS there at the hospital. Frances asked his

friends that he usually hears that drivers are womanizers, does it mean that they don't like life?

Tedie answered him that they do but they are foolish people. They know that there are some condoms which protect people from any other disease which one gets from having sex with one who has the disease. Those people go to the different areas where they find different women. If they know that they don't manage just to see how beautiful a woman is and leave her, but he is always happy with all women and he is always tantalised by them. They must buy the condoms and carry them wherever they go. They must use them always and not just having sex with a woman you don't know without using a condom. Look where the problem and loss is. That driver slept with a woman somewhere who was already infected with AIDS and he got it from her at the same time he gave her some money or any other gifts, which means that he bought the AIDS disease for himself. Because of buying AIDS, he bought the painfulness of the disease and he had also bought death. That driver will soon die though I don't see him where he is.

The same time that those were speaking about that story, it was also the time for escorting Dyamiale to the graveyard and we all stood up going to the grave. When we were on the way going to the grave, I also heard other women, Abiti Ghambi and her friend, talking about the same story. I heard Abiti Ghambi telling her friend that Dyamiale was going to be left in the graveyard because of her prostitution. She has left her children suffering for nothing yet she had her husband and he was helping her as if they were staying together. Her husband was a boss at the Ministry of X\_\_\_ and he was most of the time receiving contracts in different areas of Malawi. He had no real settlement in town and that was why he decided to leave his wife here at home and he was coming every weekend. Moreover, Dyamiale was a Church Elder at her religion of the Anglican church. It is very shameful to see the Church Elder being a prostitute like Dyamiale. Her friend also put the comments that though she was just a newcomer but she heard about Dyamiale's behavior. She said that she was told by someone that she must take care of her husband because there is Dyamiale here who likes to sleep with her friends' husband and she said that she was ready to do something if she would hear that Dyamiale was sleeping with her husband.

Abiti Ghambi said that one who told her about Dyamiale's behaviour was true and she has then gone with her duties. She has left her children as orphans because of her promiscuity. We reached the grave yard and the women stopped speaking.

#### **14-11-02**

In the same week, I went also to M\_\_\_ at the same home that I went to on the 13th November 2002. I went there to attend the funereal again. Late Dyamiale's young sister, called Felia, died in A\_\_\_ where she was staying with her husband.

Felia was a prostitute, she kept on doing that job for almost ten or twelve years. She was sometimes working in the bars and sometimes she was coming home and doing her prostitutions while at home. Since the year 2000, Felia was staying in N\_\_\_ in the bottle store and this year of 2002 in the month of February she got married to a certain man who carried her to A\_\_\_ where the man was doing his business. They were both staying there but unfortunately Felia began to be ill and she went to the hospital where she was admitted for some weeks and came back to her home. After some time her husband also became ill and then he went to the hospital and got recovered.

Then last month Felia became sick again and then her husband. They were both suffering from the same disease and they both went to the hospital where they were admitted. Then Felia died leaving her husband in the hospital who was also seriously sick and he was admitted there. When people went there, they were also speaking about Felia's death and the behaviour that she had when she was alive. Still people were murmuring about her death.

sat near two elder women called Abiti Jana and Abiti Thawi. They were speaking about Ester's jobs, that she was a prostitute. Abiti Jana said that though she doesn't know what disease Ester died of, but it might be this

dangerous disease of AIDS. She said that it is impossible for a prostitute to die with any disease other than the sexually transmitted disease. Abiti Jana was sure that Felia had died because she was infected to the disease from men and not from her husband.

Abiti Thawi said all the ladies from that village will die from the well known dangerous disease because they are all prostitutes. She added, saying that there is yet another young lady called Nasiluti, that one is a young sister to the late Felia, that one is also a prostitute and in addition to that one, there is Hana, Felia's first born daughter is also a prostitute. All the ladies from this village are prostitutes, therefore they will all die of the same disease.

Abiti Jana also said that Abigail, Felia's mother, is also a prostitute. She looks innocent during the day but when it is dark she changes her behavior. She has also that system of sleeping with men who are not her husband. She can even sleep with her best friend's husband as what she did in 1980. She was chatting with Mrs. Eliasi. Mrs. Eliasi was Abigail's best friend and she was eating whatever her friend ate every day since Mr. Eliasi was a rich man. He had a big grocery, cattle houses for rent and many things like goats. Abigail began having sex with Mr. Eliasi, her friend's husband. She reached up to the point of being given the pregnancy by her partner and she gave birth to a baby girl, that one called Nasiluti. Since that time, when her friend heard that she was sleeping with her husband, she quarreled with her and enmity was grown there. Had it been that their friendship took [continued] for a long time, she would have been already dead of AIDS since Mr. Eliasi died of AIDS. She was just lucky that their friendship ended at the same time that her friend knew that she was sleeping with her husband.

Abiti Jana said she was very sorry because all the children at that village will be orphaned and nobody will be helping them. Unfortunately the parents were just bearing children without their fathers but they were just bearing their children with their sexual partners.

When I was coming back from the funeral I was with my friend Miss Beda and she asked me if I knew something about the death of Felia and I told her that I don't know anything. She then began telling me that she heard from other people that Felia has died of AIDS and that she was infected from her first husband William who also died of AIDS. William died of AIDS which he was infected with in M\_\_\_ and people were saying that AIDS can stay in the person's body for about five years before it kills a person. They were saying that Felia was moving with that AIDS and she was just spreading it since she was a prostitute. Her new husband will also die of it because he was just depending on his wife without knowing that his wife had already AIDS and she was fond of men. And she also said that other people were saying that her husband did that deliberately because he found her in the bottle store during the time he proposed her to be his wife. He knew that Felia was a bar girl. Only that he cheated himself that she will stop having sex with many men or that Felia cheated him that she was a bar girl because she was lacking a man to marry her and that she was a bar girl because she was poor and she was lacking many things in her life. But someone said that she saw Felia with condoms which she thought that she was using them always when she needed to have sex.

I just said that I never heard anything and I knew nothing about Felia's death. If it is AIDS which had killed her, that can be possible since she was a prostitute since her youth. She was just resting when she was getting married but after every divorce of her marriages, she was being a prostitute at many bars. I then said bye to my friend Miss Beda and I went back home.

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### 15-11-02

I was going to N\_\_\_ to see my uncle. When I reached the bus stage at V\_\_\_, I saw a certain young man called Nenan. He was very thin compared to the time I saw him last year. He was one of the vendors at V\_\_\_ who was selling some chickens and sometimes he was found at the stage only for some piece workers and stealing some peoples' properties. He was usually found drinking beer always in the bars. When I was waiting for the bus, I saw three young men called Ghambi, Nephtary and the other one who I don't know his name. He put on black short trousers and the black T-shirt. They all stood up at the same place and they were speaking about their friend Nenan.

I first heard from Nephtary who was very worried about the illness of their friend Nenan. He said that Nenan was a strong man but beer has disturbed him. He had his wife but the bar girls have disturbed him. Had it been that he was just drinking his beer and then going back home, he would not have met with that problem. But the bar girl that he was sleeping with is also very serious [ill] at her home. He will leave his friends chatting and making money at the bus depot. But Ghambi was one of his friends who was advising him about the bargirl who he was sleeping with. He was always beating his wife when he wanted to go and sleep with his girl friend. He was fond of chasing out his wife by telling her that she was not a woman who could suit him because she was not beautiful. But today, the woman who he was supporting that she was a very beautiful woman is now away and that one who he was saying that she was ugly is the one who looks after him.

Ghambi also said that though he was told at the hospital that he has the Tuberculosis he has also the AIDS disease and that was why he was not admitted but instead of that, he was just given the tablets for him to drink while at his home. Unfortunately, there is no improvement since that time that he went to the hospital. He is just growing thin and thin. He will just kill his wife who was faithful at her house.

Nephtary said that it would be better if the vendors have their own group which can be teaching each other about the dangers of AIDS and the group should be well known to the Government because the Government can send people who know much about the information of AIDS to come and teach the group about AIDS. For example, most of the boys do not know how to use the condoms. They don't say that they are [not] used at the only time that a woman is breeding [bleeding?] her monthly period or when the woman has a new baby and a man would like to have sex with her before six months ends. The condoms are supposed to be used always you would like to have sex with any woman.

Then the one who put on the black T-shirt said that young men sometimes spoil their bodies themselves because it is not true that every disease is AIDS but men are sometimes careless. They know that sleeping with a woman who is in her monthly period is very bad because the blood that she realizes is very dangerous and that blood can cause some problems or some diseases to you. If you are misfortunate, you can even die. The other thing is that most of the men do not stay for a long time without having sex and if their wives have just given birth, they only stay for two or three months without having sex with their wives. After those months pass, they begin forcing their wives to have sex with them. They forget that a woman who has a new child is very dangerous. Her blood is very dangerous, it can kill a man at the same time with no mercy. If you have sex with a woman who has just stayed for only two or three months after her new child is born and he did not die, that one is very fortunate but he will be seriously suffering from *chinyera* which people in these days say that it is AIDS. Had it been that we are trying to follow our parents' culture, we would have sometimes avoided other bad things to our body. Nenan will die because he did not want to master his body. He knew that a bar girl is a woman of men. She doesn't have time to choose who to be her sexual partner but she has time for making money. Nenan knew that there are some condoms which protect the lives of people from getting any sexually transmitted disease but he did not want to use them. Nenan was not single, he had his wife at home but he was leaving her at his house as his watchwoman while he was going to sleep with other women at the bar.

They kept on speaking about their story and the bus arrived. I boarded the bus and I left them speaking.

## 16-11-02

We had a certain man called Mr. Dama. He was the Church Elder at O\_\_\_ C.C.A.P. [Presbyterian, where the journalist goes]. He got married to a certain woman called Noria Patison and they did the wedding. They stayed together for about sixteen years and gave birth to five children while together. They both left their home for a certain job at C\_\_\_. While there, they began quarreling openly and they divorced. The woman came back to her home and she got remarried to another man but she was misfortunate that the man she got remarried to was suffering from a certain disease which makes the whole of his/her body shiver and it is like the transmitted disease. She was still praying at the CCAP religion and Mr. Dama was also praying at the same church but he was not allowed to remarry another wife since he did the wedding with Patison.

After he stayed for a few years Mr. Dama and Noria Patison remarried again after she divorced her second husband but she then began shivering. That shivering disease was the disease that her second husband was suffering from and she transmitted it [got it] from him. When she remarried again to her first husband Mr. Dama, they both were welcomed back to the religion of O\_\_\_ CCAP and the man was continuing his position as the Church Elder. After they stayed together for one year, the man also began shivering as what his wife was doing and they began quarreling again because of that disease of shivering.

Mr. Dama went to the church and reported to the Church Elders that he would like to divorce his wife because she gave him the shivering disease, therefore he didn't want to stay with her. The Church Elders encouraged him not to divorce his wife because he had already been given the disease but he refused and he said that it was shown to him that she will also get infected to the AIDS disease and he will be given as what she did on that time. Mr. Dama divorced his wife and then he went back to his home. They were still praying in the CCAP church since both of them were single and nobody went to report that he/she is remarried to other spouses again.

After some months, Mr. Dama remarried to another wife and he left praying in the CCAP church. Since he was the Church Elder, he was not allowed to marry two wives and he was not allowed to work as the Church Elder because he divorced his first wife who he did the wedding with and remarried another wife. Mr. Dama knew that he was not a Christian of the CCAP, therefore if he will die, the Christians will do nothing for his funeral. No CCAP Christian will go to attend his funeral as the religion culture do. He then decided to leave the CCAP religion and change to the Evangelical Baptist Church where he prays with his new wife. Unfortunately, no sooner had he begun praying at the Evangelical Church than he and his wife became ill. He did not go to the new Church for many times but they went there for three times and they were not yet most welcomed by the Pastor of that Evangelical Church, then they became ill. That will mean that if he will die soon, there is no church process that will be carried on. They will just be burren [buried?] without the religion.

Mr. Dama is suffering from four diseases at once. He is suffering from the headache, coughing, diarrhoea and he is also shivering. Bu this wife is only suffering from coughing, but they are both very ill and people are saying that Mr. Dama has the Tuberculosis disease and it seems that his wife came with a certain disease which caused her husband to become serious since he was ill already. I heard his friend Mr. Rabson saying that though Mr. Dama had the problem of shivering, but he was not coughing and he had no diarrhoea. This had happened when his new wife came and stayed with him for a few weeks. Mr. Rabson also said that he thinks that the woman was bewitched at her home by someone, if not that then she has a certain disease which she was born with. It might be that she has *likango* which kills men if they sleep with her. That is why Mr. Dama is ill today. If both things are not true, then the wife has AIDS because she is also not healthy. Her body is very weak since the time she came. Many people thought that she was born lazy but now things have shown that she has a certain disease. Had it been that the woman was not from the far area, we would have known her behavior, but nobody knows since she is from M\_\_\_ where he just saw her at the market and proposed her for marriage. At the same day he went to her home to meet with her uncle and then he went to carry her a week after the day that they met.