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Today I went to N\_\_\_\_\_ turn off and I wanted to buy a small shoe for my son. I wished to go there and try to look for that shoe in a certain shop I used to buy in previous years within the trading and the shop has written an abbreviation P.T.C that is not Peoples Trading Center but I heard that P stands for Pililami and T & C I have forgotten since it was the year 2000 when one of my friend within N\_\_\_\_\_ trading center told me and T and C sounded very chewa language. The aim was to look at that shop and failing there I should proceed to M\_\_\_\_\_ Township to try to look for that shoe. Then when I reached N\_\_\_\_\_ turnoff I went straight to a friend of mine I just take him a friend now but in the first days he was my customer, he used to call me his customer because I used to buy him chips and then till now I still buy from him whenever I want chips. Then I went to buy from him chips and he asked me where I was going and I said to him that I was within the trading and I wanted to visit P.T.C shop to buy a pair of shoes for my child who is now started school.

He laughed and said, "You have a child who has started school?" I laughed to and agreed and I said that he was born in 1997 and now he started school and first term he was number 7 in his class. He congratulated and he said that its better that you should be supporting him so that he should be happy always and he might be performing well in class. I agreed and this time I was eating/taking chips I bought from him. He said to me that the shop is closed now for 3 weeks. The owner is not opening nowadays because he is sick and he went on saying that and even the goods he has now in his shop are not plenty as before. He said P.T.C. was the name of the past, history, now he has no wealthy. He said indeed one has enough plan when he is all right, when he is not sick and when one start suffering things get worse in financial matters. I agreed with him. He said that if one got sick wealthy goes down because one doesn't work very hard and his plans rather ones plan is incorrect. I agreed with him and he said that even if he can start suffering and lose weight for sure he might lose the customers because people will not be buying his chips and be unhappy buying from him. I asked him indeed. He said that yes, because he sells food and people will not be happy buying his food which is chips because they might be looking for his healthy status. He then said that if I can look or see Mr. P.T.C. today I can notice that he had completely lost his healthy wise and not see that indeed he is sick.

I asked him what the owner of the shop is suffering from? Friend said that the owner of the shop is getting thinner and thinner losing his weight and if you can see him today his good black hair he had and when he was in his shop and be selling accentuated of his wealthy we were and admiring him much. But now even he has little wealthy and be eating well balanced diet but still not gaining weight and his hair is now scraggly and brownish like he is a white man yet he is a black man and be smiling. Then I asked him again what does he think the man suffering from? Friend said that the way he is seeing him he said that he doesn't doubt the man is suffering before he said the particular disease, he smiled broadly and said that the man is suffering from AIDS. I asked him "because the only sign he sees upon him then he deduces that the man is suffering from AIDS? Can't it happen that one can show similar signs and be negative from AIDS virus?" Friend said with a broad smile that it happens but very, very rare nowadays because in the past we were thinking of saying perhaps the person has *Chinyela* but nowadays the *Chinyela* (Chichewa) disease, which has remained, is AIDS.

I was just listening and then he said that if I want to buy shoes for my child is better that I should not waste my time but rather I should just go forward to M\_\_\_\_\_ township and I will find a lot of venders there selling shoes and other interesting goods. Then this time I was finishing my chips I brought from him and I told him that I will go to M\_\_\_\_\_ and said that had I known I would not have troubled myself dropping

her at N\_\_\_\_\_ turnoff instead of going straight to M\_\_\_\_\_ township. He said that indeed I was not knowing anything but that's what he said to me, the man is not feeling well and now its 3 weeks ever since he opened. And then I asked him why his wife is not opening as last year I saw her something opening the shop? Friend answered that indeed last year the wife was opening but the man had divorced his previous wife I used to see last year and he had been married 2 times ever since he divorced the first wife. I asked, why? I could see like the woman I saw was friendly enough and I used to buy there with my friends whenever I wanted to buy things like woman clothes and children. Friend answered saying that indeed the shop was very reliable one in those days' in terms of children and women wear and he was ordering then from abroad and was of good looking. I asked him where actually abroad? He said that he was ordering them (clothes) from South Africa and from businessmen and women who used to come from South Africa with these/those clothes and selling to him and he was putting his shop and be selling clothes.

Then I asked him for the second time if he knows any reason at all why the man divorced the previous woman him, my friend being the citizen there at N\_\_\_\_\_ turnoff? And I concluded to him that he must probably know the reason for their divorce. Friend laughed and said he is not a citizen there at Mangochi turnoff but he comes there for business and his original home is N\_\_\_ and its where he can be a citizen there an not at N\_\_\_\_\_ turnoff for instance. I was just listening to what he said and directing him again to say if he knows or not about why the man divorced his wife? Friend smiled and asked me why I wanted to know about that? I smiled broadly to him and said most of the time it makes me laughing and very interesting indeed whenever I hear about others divorce since a divorce comes with various issues and stories. He smiled at me as well and said that indeed he had heard and knows the story of why the man divorced his wife. He went on saying that the man divorced his wife because he had another extra marital affair while living with his previous wife and he went on saying that he had several extra marital partners because these women were after his money and he managed to be sleeping with them because they wanted his money and the goods he had that time but now its history both for him and people. He went on saying that among the several extra marital affairs he agreed with one in terms of blood and agreed to marry each other and then he was found beating his wife more often.

The man friend selling chips said he the owner of the shop suspended drinking beer long time ago when still living with his previous wife but when he started having a lot of money and be practicing going with extra marital affairs then he started drinking beer and beating his previous wife daily when he was drunk. He said that when the wife was fade [fed up] of that he was doing drinking excessively she just said that she was going home if the man was not going to love her. Then the man told her that she should go to her home and the woman [took] all her belongings and left the compound. Then I asked is that true that the husband divorced the woman or the woman divorces her husband. Friend said that it was the husband who divorced the wife because had it been the man was not beating his spouse but just be living happily with her as before as before she could not [have] asked him that its better that she go home. He went on saying that the man's change of behavior is what divorced the man's wife. I agreed with him.

He then said that after the woman went to her house the man then married one of the extra martial affairs he had and within a few months the marriage ended. I asked why? The friend said that the man himself observed rather knew that she had another sexual partner, then he divorced her and then married the other one as well who he is currently living with. Then I asked him why then is his current wife not selling in the shop on his behalf? Friend said that ever since the owner divorced the previous spouse he had, the shop became dwindling and dwindling and the second wife he married after the previous one who was double crossing him was an extravagant, she squandered a lot of money from him while being movious still and that lowered his wealth and he said that he believe that's the same woman who brought the disease in their family that the man is pining of. I was just listening and he went on saying that sometimes we men we are mad, we tend to be cheated by these foolish movious woman who tend to flock where there's money and when you are bankrupt you find that they flee from you because you have no money and going to where is a lot of money.

He said the first wife one normally has is the one God chose for you and try to make a wedding with her but if you fail and just be staying without making a wedding just know that fate is against you. I asked why? He said that it's because when one has made or done a wedding the church it means you had sworn before god and promised before God that you are one flesh and you will never separate rather divorce each

other before the priest. I agreed with him. Then he went on saying that if you don't have a wedding it means you are just outside spiritually and even a man can just be doing anything and a wife doing anything. I agreed with him. And he said that really making a wedding helps a lot because you only trust one wife and not going with extra marital affairs because you have sworn before God that you are one flesh but failing that one even the husband or a wife goes in his ways; because everyone goes on his way because they did not swear before the priest rather the church and that will be obliged rather hinder the intention of divorcing his wife without apparent reason. I agreed with him and asked him whether the marriage, which did the wedding, does not end? Friend said that it ends only if one person dies and not anyhow and he went on saying that it also ends if the wife for example catches her husband red-handed having sex with another partner besides her and she brings the case before the church elders and priest who interviews the couple and gives them the warrant to divorce in terms words. He said that happens and people divorce each other and then he said that if one is not satisfied with his wife and wants to take another he should know that he is killing himself and he is a stupid man because he doesn't consider his family—children as well as relatives. He said that nowadays it's not the time for doing that, people now are very clever they are busy seeking money and not for going with sexual partners.

I asked him why Mr. P.T.C was busy seeking money and then in due course catches AIDS? Friend said that depends on the way one thinks, its ones choice to go for business and seek money and be combining with going with women or girls like the man Mr. P.T.C he chose to run a business and at the same time have extra martial partners which put him in great risk of having AIDS. I laughed and said to him that he is just assuming maybe he is not suffering from AIDS probably another kind of disease! Friend said that I was speaking like that because I did not see the man face to face, and went on saying that had it been I saw the man face to face I would not have talked much but just believed and known that the man is suffering from the disease he was saying AIDS. I smiled and then said for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I believe that's why not putting his current spouse to be selling in the shop? He (friend) said that its because of his heart, he thinks that because of his heart of being movious, he thinks that whenever he puts his spouse in the shop other men will be proposing her he is jealous. I listened and he said that sometimes those men who are jealous are found doing the same.

He said that for instance [he] goes to Lizulu O\_\_\_ to order rather buy Irish potatoes to fry chips for selling and during the time he is at O\_\_\_ his wife takes control of everything thus selling chips on his behalf and he doesn't suspect her of anything and said that she is so faithful indeed. And he said that ever since he married his wife in 1988 till now he never suspected her of having another sexual partner besides him and even she trusts him because always they talk in their family about the importance of faithfulness and be sensitive to each other about the dangers of AIDS and they all get sensitized and confess to each other that they will be faithful to each other and each one of them getting worried of one another's movements and his wife criticizes him much saying rather suspecting him of having extra marital partners because he is a business man and migrates a lot due to his business and there he might be meeting with beautiful women especially girls and forget that they normally talk of AIDS and be sensitizing each other about it and contracts AIDS there and give his wife the disease.

He said swearing that he said he always answers his spouse that no matter how days he may stay away from home for business purposes but he can't sleep with anyone apart from her and he always says he had many friends both at the turnoff where they rent a house [and] in O\_\_\_ where both of them came from, but all the friends died of this dangerous disease AIDS and he has a reason from them and he assures his wife that he is old enough and has children and married a longtime and can not forsake her. He said that he had been attempting [tempting] his wife for several times to see rather weighs her faithfulness. I asked him how? And he said that through leaving rather putting her in his business, a very simple business at that for say 3 days to a week alone and which he is at O\_\_\_ to buy Irish potatoes and even seeing his relatives there too but still when he comes back he always find her the way she was not showing a sign of being unhappy and had cared money enough [?] and even friends not telling that when he was away she was movious with other partners. He said to me that in so doing he then knows that indeed his wife is faithful indeed.

He also said to me that if I want to see my wife's faithfulness I should try to give her any of business and see if she will have another sexual partner or not. He said that to a loving and faithful woman she couldn't have another sexual partner besides her husband. He said to me that if the wife really loves me and have the

faithful heart I can not notice any difference at all, he said that a wife can be a loving and not faithful she can have sexual partners forgetting that you are the one troubling day and might make plans to boost up the business as well as sprouting the family to better living standard and she forgets all that but be having sexual partners for the sake of wanting sex and give the husband AIDS. He said he had been seeing a lot of stupid and discontent women especially here in Malawi that they are not satisfied with what they have [even if] the wife has a good Faithful man, wealthy indeed and dressing her [in] very pretty clothes and he is fertile that he gives her everything she might need and said meaning children. The wife living in a happy life [is?] always assisting her parents but he said that he notices that the [even such a] wife goes for another sexual partner. I agreed with him and then finally he said that its time now that everyone should [be] involved in seeking money, by working hard since the saying goes no risk no sweet. (*Popanda mavuto Pahibe Chabwindo/Zokoma*) (Chichewa).

Then I said to him that since I have failed to find the Mr. P.T.C shop opened then it was a good time that I should be going to M\_\_\_\_\_ township to look for the shoes and he said that its better that I should go and wished me all the best and I thanked him for the good chatting we had. It was around 12:00 noon that I departed for M\_\_\_\_\_ township.

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Yesterday after failing to find a good size shoe for my 7-year-old son, today I decided to go to V\_\_\_\_\_ trading center to try to look there for the shoes. I departed after 6:00 am from home going to the bus depot and then I caught the bus at O\_\_\_\_\_ after 7:00 a.m. and reached still at past 7:00 a.m. The minibus took 15 minutes to drop me at V\_\_\_\_\_. Then the shop I went to first for the shoes all were plastic shoes then I said to the owner that I wanted a leather shoe since they are durable. The owner said that I should wait a certain shop which was not yet opened and he said they have leather shoes there of all sizes. I asked what time does the shop opened? The owner of the shop said that it is opened daily except the owner doesn't feel well say he is sick. And he went on to say that it is opened around 9:00 a.m. since the owner comes very far for [from] the area known as N\_\_\_ Trading Center and he daily cycles his motor cycle and said if I could wait [for] him a little and then come back later after some hours soon he will come and then he answered me that I will get the shoes there if he comes.

Then I went to the depot where I sat buying the roasted fresh green Maize cob and certain vendor came to great me I usually rather normally see him always and when ever we happen to meet we chat. This time still I wanted to shop I intended to. We sat down at a certain velander at a bit far distance from N4 road leading [to] N\_\_\_\_\_. He asked me to share a maize cob with him and I shared with him and then we were chatting. The man's name is called Friday and he is a vendor within V\_\_\_\_\_ trading center.

Then behind the building we sat there is another 5-door building and it is also near a beer center known as N\_\_\_ Bar. In this 5 door building people rent there and during the course of our conversation a certain tall and black beautiful girl emerged from this 5 door building which was behind the shop where we sat. When I saw her, I was interested in her and the way she dressed really suited her. She wore a long skirt and a black bare shoulder blouse and sandals on her feet having her hair curled with chemicals. She was walking very proudly. She was coming from one of the 5-door building and was crossing the road (Tarmac Road N4) going to the market over the other side of the road. I asked my friend who sat with me eating maize with me. I asked him if he knew the girl who was passing by us. He laughed and said to me do you want her if you want her tell me I can talk to her she can accept. I laughed too and asked him how did he she would accept? He responded to me that certainly she would accept and said *NDI PWANDO LA ALIYENSE* (Chichewa) meaning that it's a feast for everybody.

I laughed and he was serious and I noticed the man was saying the truth and he went on saying that the girl is schooling at V\_\_\_\_\_ Day Secondary school, which was M.C.D.E. at beginning

- M. Malawi
- C. College of
- D. Distance
- E. Education

I was just listening. He said she stays with her friend who is also a schoolgirl. I asked him whether he knows where especially she comes from, her real district. Friend said that she is from the same district C\_\_\_\_\_ and she is from N\_\_\_\_\_ area within V\_\_\_\_\_.

I said that the girl is so beautiful indeed and he answered saying that indeed she is beautiful but she is a prostitute even though she is schooling and he went on saying that even her friend whom she stays with in the same house is a prostitute girl both of them from the same village and it's not very far and they choose to be renting here at trading yet her friend comes from the same village where she comes from and they manage walking daily from the village to school in good time and back in good time as well. And I asked him: Why not her/them (her and her friend?) Friend said that they are not going to pass their education because of what they do. He said that most of the time they don't go to school but daily sleep with men. I laughed and criticized the man saying that he was cheating. Friend said that various men have been fighting because meeting each other in the house they rent and the whole trading here in M\_\_\_\_\_ knows about them. He said that they are after money and most of men within the trading had slept with them and they didn't refuse rather say no to sex they are after money to feed themselves and for rent. He said that they have come to the trading center M\_\_\_\_\_ with the aim of prostitution and not education, how can they pass the exam without going to school for weeks and going whenever they want to? I answered him that it's very difficult for them to pass because they don't attend classes.

He said that a lot of rich men here within the trading center which he said he didn't want to mention their name had slept with them and he said that because they are clean and a lot of men flock to them because of their cleanliness and the intention they have that school girls are sweet. I laughed and asked: schoolgirls are sweet? He laughed and said that indeed they are sweet and because they are clean it's because of these flowers. He said *Ngati Amunatikula Michifukwa Cha Maluwa amenewa*. He said that women are like flowers they are bright like flowers and men are like bees that on land where there are bright petals and it's very easy for a bee to be trapped when it lands on the flower. I agreed with him.

He then went back to the woman (the one who started the conversation). He said that the women as of now they are in form 3 and ever since form one they stayed here at M\_\_\_\_\_ and had killed a lot of people and one time back the one who had just passed by aborted and before time to resume sex she slept with a certain business man from N\_\_\_\_\_ and the man started suffering and he heard that he died at his home in N\_\_\_\_\_ and the rumor circulated the whole V\_\_\_\_\_ and people men were afraid of her for a few months and after several months men begun going after her and now if the matter [is] of this deadly disease AIDS then a lot of men in V\_\_\_\_\_ had contracted it.

I asked him why he did not sleep with them? He said that had it been he did not have known about their behavior he would have slept with them and he went on saying that but because he knew more of their behavior that they are prostitutes then he knew that had it been he slept with them or one of them he would have contracted the disease. He said that with this disease AIDS which has come nowadays then likely every prostitute has AIDS. I agreed with him. Then I asked him whether he had proposed to them or one of them since he said that had it been he wanted to sleep with them or one of them he could have done so? Friend said that not that he proposed to them but he said that they were showing green lights to him always whenever they happen to chat. He added saying that especially when they are drunk. I asked do they drink beer as well? Friend answered yes they drink beer and he had been smoking with them dagger (Indian Hemp) as well. I wondered and he said most of the girls here at M\_\_\_\_\_ smoke Indian hemp. He went on saying that when ever they are drunk with the Hemp they really have a great sexual desire and what they talk about most of the time is sex and men. He said that whenever they want the hemp they always give him the money to buy where they sell on their behalf.

And he said that he chats with them and one day one of them moved and one remained and he said the one who remained is the one who had just passed by us and friend said that she gave him money to buy Indian hemp for both of them to smoke and he said it was Saturday and he went to buy the hemp and he bought it and came to give her and he found her inside the house and she called him to enter the house and friend said that he entered and found [her] reading a certain book. I said to him that probably she was reading a

novel and friend said that he didn't know whether she was reading a novel as I said or a book from her school since he said frankly that he did not go to school.

He smiled and I smiled too. Then the Minibus came and he thought that I was to catch the minibus but I did not, I told him that I was waiting a certain shop for I wanted to buy shoes for my son. He asked me which shop? I said to him that the shop of which the owner stays to N\_\_\_\_. He said okay. The mini bus did not take long it was full to the capacity and then it departed after dropping some people and few people boarded those especially going for a long journey/distance Zomba above say Blamtyre or Limbe.

After the mini bus departed friend said after she read for short time she asked him if she might cook *nsima* to eat before smoking since he said that it was around past 11:00 a.m. going to lunch hour. And friend thanked her and said he was hungry and the girl cooked nsima. I asked him what kind of relish they took nsima with? Friend said that they eat nsima and the relish more beans and turnips vegetables and he congratulated her the well and decent cooking she did. I smiled. And he said when she was cooking nsima he was rolling an Indian hemp and after they had eaten nsima she sent him to buy two packets of Chibuku beer and he went since the pub was just behind the building. After he came back he said that he lit the hemp and begun smoking until they finished and he said after they had finished they begun drinking the beer until they had emptied the packets and then chatted proceeded and during the course of chatting he noticed that she was drunk and her eyes were red and began talking nonsense things talking more about her sexual partners and the way they do whenever they happened to meet both at the rest houses and in the house and said that they could sleep with men her and her friend if all of them happen to have sexual partners in the same day and share the house if men are not dry [?] enough. He said as well that she said to him that sometimes it happens one having a sexual partner while her friend not but still one can sleep with her partner in the same house/room while her friend is still in the room and they just demarcate the room with the curtain.

I exclaimed and asked the friend: "She was speaking like that?" Friend said that indeed she was speaking like that and he noticed that she had a great sexual desire and in the way she was talking and looking at him and be touching him on his shoulders and her voice was so soft enough than usual and very tantalizing indeed and she even said that when she had smoked hemp she wishes most of the times watching blue movie screen/tape and be copying the sexual styles so that she may use the styles to other men to convince them so that when ever one tries to have sex with her he would not forget her forever because the man will differentiate with his another sexual partner he had, had meeting with even including his spouse/wife. He laughed and I asked [why] and he said that he was laughing whenever he recalls of what she was saying that day. He didn't say much about what he was thinking as to what she said other words, which made him laugh.

Then he said that he is the kind of man who doesn't like going with girls and people within V\_\_\_\_ laughs at him saying that he will not going to marry and if he is going to marry then a woman will say she had married with a woman as well and be laughing. He said that he doesn't get worried of that mocks to him provided he knows that its not a time nowadays that one should be after girls and he normally answers then that its their time and they will see the consequences on their own without asked for. I agreed with him and he said that had it been he was like his friends he could have died already of AIDS or not died but he could have had contracted the virus. He said that because he is taken as a fool then all what he does it seems foolish to those people who claims to be clever going with sexual partners and say to him he considers that he is perfect alright and safe from the deadly disease AIDS. And he said that even [when] he takes beer he thinks properly and he said that he had swore not to have a sexual partner within M\_\_\_\_ trading center because he said that there are more infected people with AIDS and more worse especially the vendors who sell *Baya Baya* here at M\_\_\_\_ (*Baya Baya* is the goat meat fried by certain vendors to sell). He said that a lot of these *Baya Baya* men are found having sexual partners including the married women as well as those even knowing that they work in pubs as bargirls and he said certainly they have AIDS and he went on saying that had been AIDS is fast in terms of showing its signs then there could not be anyone pointing fingers at each other because everyone could look [like they have] the virus which causes AIDS and everyone could live knowing that he/she has it and be recalling what he/she had been doing before or what his or her sexual partner was doing and said that that's too late still because once one has contracted the

disease AIDS then there is not alternative way to eradicate the disease from your body but only knowing that you are to die certainly. I agreed with him.

Then later on I said the man whom I was waiting to open the shop for me to buy shoes. He was coming from his motorcycle. Then before I departed, the girl whom we had been talking about was coming from the market and she had vegetables in her hands and some tomatoes in a plastic pack. She was alone. When she was about to pass by where we sat the man friend who I was chatting with greeted her and she responded saying that she was fine indeed and ask him if he was fine too and he answered that he is fine too, waiting to die. She laughed and asked dying because of what? He said that AIDS is trying to seek him and he is failing to run away from it and he then said he can't do anything then to seek a refuge and be laughing. She stood by this time and we sat still. She laughed too and she answered saying that and then she [he?] is in *MMADZI* Chichewa meaning then the man is in water (meaning trouble.) He agreed and said that indeed he is in water and he said that he couldn't do anything to get out from the water. She was just laughing and said if he knows that he is being seeked by what he was saying (he [she] meant AIDS) then its better for him to be running still from it otherwise he want [s]] [to] be affected. Then I asked her as well how? She said you know yourself and be laughing and said she is fast she would like to prepare the vegetables and friend said to her that's why she likes vegetables? She said its her favorite relish and friend said that indeed he notices always that she likes it and she said every meal she never misses to have vegetables within and continued also saying that she likes vitamins.

And friend asked [whether] vegetables have vitamins (*MAVITAMINI* Chichewa pronounced). She answered that a lot of vitamins are found in vegetables and I agreed with her and the man uneducated as he had told me that he didn't know that the boo she was reading the girl his friend, a novel or a school book. The girl was just smiling and then friend said that then he heard from the radio that vegetables are important and helpful and he said that even when one has AIDS virus and have enough vitamins it takes a long time for the virus to eat the body of the person and he smiled and said that from now onwards he will love taking the vegetables. She answered that they are good but not taking them alone without some protein relish like meat and fish not daily taking vegetables alone. I agreed with her and he also agreed and then she went to prepare the relish she bought. [After ] She went friend said that he was asking her deliberate questions in order to see what she may answer and I asked him what he wanted her to answer? Friend wanted her to say about the vitamins she mentioned and why like the vitamins and herself say that she wants to have more vitamins so that the virus which causes AIDS, which she has, should be feeding at. I laughed and asked him how sure he was to know that she has virus, which causes AIDS? Friend said that he is certainly sure that she has AIDS because she had slept with many sexual partners and some of them are his friends that their spouses died of AIDS and even people within the village know that and because his friends still look healthy and smart then the girl doesn't know the men she sleeps with are infected and he went on saying that the first day he saw her was really healthy enough than nowadays she is losing her weight and he said the time she was in form one she was good looking and everyone in M\_\_\_\_\_ noticed that indeed she was beautiful and because she was taking Indian hemp then she was not shy in moving and say dressing very seductively and jeans trouser was suiting her and it was the time that a lot of men the riches owning mini buses here at M\_\_\_\_\_ were rushing after her despite that she was a school girl that she my have no good future if she accepts them, but she was accepting them since she and her friend were after money.

He said that money answers any question it's the same money that can put someone in a good position and then the same money that can put someone into great trouble. He said luckily the poor who don't have money like him because he said that if he wanted to propose a girl a girl always refuses because first of all she normally considers the way you dress and the if she is satisfied that you dress very nice and expensively then she accepts that you are to run an sexual affair with (*Chibwenzi* – Chichewa) and knows that you normally do have money but if you are dressed the way I dress referring to himself the way he dresses slippers, a dirty short and dirty t-shirt. I laughed and agreed with him and he said most rich people are the ones contracting AIDS because they are not refused because of money and they go for only good looking women or girls and they don't mind that the woman is married or not because they have money then they challenge already married women and in so doing catching AIDS and be pining of that. He said that but the poor are protected because they are normally rebuffed always and in so doing its very hard for them to catch AIDS both applies to a poor man or woman.

He went on saying that for example I may see a girl or a woman living alone without being assisted from both her parents or relative or a husband in short a single woman having children to support alone and she doesn't look beautiful and good because soap and body chemicals becomes very rare to her the end result the only money she obtains say after selling firewood only goes for helping rather assisting her children then the end result is that she lives very miserably and dull in appearance. I agreed with him. Then he went on saying that after someone gives her enough capital and be running a big business having rather be profiting enough then be caring [for] herself be dressing [in] pretty clothes then you may find that a lot of men begin going after her and because she is now pretty, but not marrying her only just be giving her pregnancies which will just be adding to her burden of caring for more children she may have. I agreed with him and he said that indeed we men we are like mad dogs our only intent to go by looks alone and not love at all even knowing that the girl is moving with another sexual partner, you find that the man still goes after her only because of her looks. I agreed with him, as he went on saying that men are of such heart knowing that such a woman rather girl is moving with such men, you find some men going after her probably they know that she can't refuse after knowing that she wants/needs money. He said that that's why a lot of men are catching AIDS nowadays.

Then he said that for him he would try extra harder not to attempt to catch AIDS since he avoids going with sexual partners and he only like taking beer and smoking. When he mentioned smoking he begged me if I had k5.00 to give him to buy Embassy cigarettes to smoke? I produced a k5.00 note and gave it him and then he said he wanted to go to the near shop to buy the cigarettes and then I said to him that I should also go to look for the shoes I intended to buy there at Lilongwe and he said that we should go together since he will also buy the cigarettes there.

Then we went together inside the market. During our walking towards the market I also want to know again why he was afraid to have sex with the schoolgirl whom he said they had both taken Indian hemp and tasted beer a bit and said she showed that she had a sexual desire and wanted him to have sex with her? Friend assured me that he is like that as he said already because people really mock him because he doesn't seem interested in having sexual partners and he said he doesn't want even to marry at V\_\_\_\_\_ trading but he will go somewhere to marry because he considers everyone especially women at V\_\_\_\_\_ are infected and he said if its is AIDS then at V\_\_\_\_\_ there is high in terms of AIDS occurrence because of many beer pubs found within and a lot of prostitutes including the Elena and Timu who had also slept with many sexual partners within M\_\_\_\_\_ and she was also even been traveling a lot in countries like Botswana for instance taken by sexual partners and there sleeping with various men and maybe contracted AIDS there and lastly said that for sure she comes with AIDS there and when her be sleeping with a lot of men who happen to sleep with other girls and women also hence spreading the disease and ever since Timu had started her prostitution its longtime ago and certainly it means she had slept with many hence the many sleeping with many sexual partners within V\_\_\_\_\_ and outside V\_\_\_\_\_ hence a lot have been infected and he finally said because of that he [is] hesitant to sleep with sexual partners within V\_\_\_\_\_ and more especially the girls whom he said they normally found smoking Indian hem with meaning the ones schooling and renting a house within V\_\_\_\_\_ near N\_\_\_\_\_ bar. We moved a bit and before reaching the shop he finally just warned me to take care of women rather girls within M\_\_\_\_\_ if I am not want to catch AIDS and I said to him that certainly I am not going to do that since I am married and have children.

He encouraged me indeed and said that beautiful ones I normally see at V\_\_\_\_\_ or any other trading for sure as to how thing are nowadays all are infected with AIDS.

We chatted a bit and then reached the shop and I asked for the shoes and I saw many shoes and I purchased one for k250.00. Then I rushed to the bus depot where I caught the mini bus and then we separated and I went home at M\_\_\_\_. I promised him that we are to meet each other one day if God allows. He waved at me as I was going to meet out any day.