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Today on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2004 after I came out from the camp site at I hope around past 10 am, I was walking towards the Vingula trading centre. I reached the trading centre. Then I went to where Irish potato chips are sold. I went there and I was eating the potatoes from the young man who sold me the chips. He is short and at least white in complexion.

Then I asked my as to where that was his business or employed to be selling that? He laughed and said that he was not employed. He said that he can't be employed with any one to be working at that nature of job and he continued saying that it was his business and then I asked why most of the times I found a certain old man selling? He answered that it is his real father. Then he said he can't work, rather [be] hired by a certain person because he said he is more educated. I asked him more educated like what? He said he went up to form 4 and did a computer course only that he is not finished the course and that's why he was selling chips so that he may have enough money to go for the course.

Then I asked him if he was married? He answered saying that he is single.  
I asked him as to how old is he? He said that he is 24 year and the 24<sup>th</sup> year will last on September. Then I asked he had never married before? He answered saying that he had never married before but currently he has a sexual partner that when everything goes well he is going to marry her. I asked if everything goes well like what and what? He answered saying that like if he will finish his course in Blantyre.

I encourage him to go further with that idea. Then I asked him to where is his partner?  
He answered that his partner is still schooling in Blantyre. He said she is now in form 2 at secondary. I asked if it is a boarding secondary and he answered it is a boarding secondary school where she is. Then I asked him to where they meet each other that he managed to propose her? He said he meet with her in Blantyre near the house where he was renting. And he said that she was used to come near the house where he was renting and be charting with her friends who were his neighbors and he used to see her and then one Sunday he stopped her and he proposed her and then she accepted the same day. Then I asked him if he had ever slept with her. Friend said that its now 2 years but they had never slept each other. I asked him why? He said that not that they don't meet each other nor they don't have chance but it's because they are waiting to start sleeping together when they will marry each other after counseling as well. I asked: you want to go for counseling first? He answered saying that they want to go for counseling first before sleeping each other because nowadays don't just trust a partner because you never know for how many sexual partner she has been sleeping with. I agreed.

He said that people are catching AIDS nowadays because of just trusting a partner by eyes alone instead of going to the clinic to have a blood test and check for the virus and then marry each other. He said that as for him who went to school he cannot do a mistake deliberately but first of all go to the clinic and have their blood tested and if all of them will be okey then he will marry her. Then I asked what about if he will [be] found having the virus and his partner negative? He laughed and said that it can't happen because ever since this one is his only partner in life and he didn't sleep with her for 2 years now. Then I asked: suppose it happens like that you are positive and she is negative? He said that definitely she can't allow to get married with him because she will be afraid to contract rather get the disease.

Then I asked: It means girls are more powerful in choosing their own partners or men rather males are more powerful? He answered that with this world full of AIDS both females and males have equal power on choosing their sexual partners by the means of going to the clinic and have their blood tested and then start sleeping together.

I charted with him for a while then more customers came to buy chips and be eating straight away there and I had no chance then of continuing our charting and more over the chips which I was taking ended.

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Today after I knocked off from the chips I was taking I stood somewhere where I bought boiled groundnuts. I then saw a young man coming from the pub and I was interested to meet with him. Then I went straight to the pub and the aim was to meet with him when he enters for the second time. I saw him entering and then this time I just sat on the form chair and then I went to the counter to buy one packet of *Chibuku*-beer. To my surprise I saw that the young man was the one who was serving me, the one who was selling the beer. Then I took the packet and I went to sat where I sat before and be taking the beer after I finished I called him to bring one for me and he came with one and then I told him to sit down with me and then I asked him why he didn't go to school?

He answered saying that he had dropped schooling and then I asked him why? He said that nothing he just wanted to drop schooling. Then I asked him if his father or mother alive and he answered that they are all alive and then I asked him why get employed in the pub and be selling beer? He laughed and said he helps his father who is employed there at the pub and not that he is the one employed there but his father.

Then I started charting with him. I asked: Did your father told you to be helping him?

He answered saying that indeed his father told him. Then I asked him whether he enjoys the service and he said really he enjoys the service because there are some good men that when they are receiving their charge like K3.00 or K4.00 they say "You can take it"Then I laughed and he laughed too. Then I asked him as to how old was he? He answered that he was 18 years. Then I asked: Do you have sexual partners while I was smiling.

He smiled too and said he was [had] only one sexual partner. I asked where is the partner? He answered that she stays where he stays at Kopenpha not far from Vingula trading. Then I asked whether the partner is still schooling? He answered that the partner also dropped schooling. I asked him why? He said that he doesn't know why she stopped schooling. Then I asked him to which class did he went before dropping schooling? He answered saying that he went up to STD 5 And I asked about his partner? He said she dropped while Std 6

I asked him whether he wrote a letter proposing her or he sent his friend to propose the girl on his behalf? He laughed and said he proposed alone and she accepted. Then I asked him as where they meet and proposed her? He answered saying that she stays near him and one day he meet at the borehole while he was washing his clothes and she came to wash her clothes too so they were together washing and its where he proposed her and she accepted. Then I asked him if he really sleeps with her. He laughed and said so many times. I asked him where they normally meet and do sex? He answered and said that they normally meet at the bush near her home and they agreed to be meeting there every Saturday around past 5 or 6 p.m. And I asked if they fulfill what he said they had agreed to be meeting every Saturday? He answered saying that they normally fulfill.

Then I asked him if he uses the condoms? He laughed and said he doesn't use the condoms. He went on saying that those who use the condoms are the one who are afraid of AIDS. I asked: you are not afraid of AIDS? He said he doesn't get afraid of AIDS because he is too young to catch it. He said that he can't catch AIDS for he doesn't go for many sexual partners as others do and he said that his sexual partner is young that she had never slept with any one before. He continued saying that he had never slept with any one else even before and there is no need to be using the condoms. He said that condoms are for the movious people who might be afraid to catch AIDS because of the movious partners who might be sleeping with.

We charted for a bit and someone called him to bring beer to him and then he went there and I finished taking his beer and off I was going out.

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Today at around past 9 a.m. I went to a certain village known as Nyongani. I wanted to meet a friend there. Unfortunately I didn't find him and then I returned back and when coming back I meet my friend Scaliot. He stays in Zomba and then I asked if he is still schooling.

He answered that he is still schooling at Chasokwa Private Secondary School and now in form four. Then I encouraged him to continue with education for it's a key to ones life. He said that he is to continue

Then I asked him if he has a sexual partner there at school? He laughed and said that he has one only. I asked how many he wanted to have if he said *NDILI NDI MODZI BASI* – Chichewa ( I have one only) He laughed and said that he was saying that because like his friends have 3 or more sexual partners and keep on changing them. I asked him if having more than one wife is important? He answered saying that it's very important indeed to them but to him he sees that it's very risky. He said that with this time of AIDS one is only supposed to have one sexual partner and not 2 because you can't be sleeping with 2 or more partners daily or each time you want and be using condoms.

Then I asked if he uses the condoms with his sexual partner? He answered saying that he really uses the condoms with her one it's because they had never gone for blood test it check for AIDS virus and another thing is because they are all afraid of giving her the pregnant and get dismissed from school. He said that she even understand matters that she normally encourages him to be using condoms always that their love affair should last long and enjoy much than giving the pregnant so fast.

Then I asked him for how long had they been together? He answered that it's a year now. And I asked how often do they have sex? He answered that almost every week end and I asked him where? He said that outside the school campus especially at the rest house and sometimes inside the friends house who stays at Chasokwa and she is not shy even day light. We laughed and then this friend (Scaliot) was at the Bus depot wanted to catch the bus going to Zomba where he does his education.

Then I asked him why not having even 2 sexual partners like his friends? He said that ever since he doesn't go for 2 partners at once but one after another. Then I asked him why so? He said that it's because of AIDS a lot of people both men and woman catch AIDS because of having more sexual partners. He said in Zomba there are a lot of prostitutes men and women and having a partner and not be using the condoms it's very dangerous indeed. He said that a lot in Zomba are dying and a lot are catching this virus almost daily. He said that there are a lot of Malawian soldiers in Zomba and the policemen who all found of moving with many sexual partners and plain (without using condoms) He went on saying that ever since in Zomba he had never had any sexual partner because when ever he thinks of the soldiers he really get afraid because a lot of the soldiers are HIV positive and they really spread it to many women and girls throughout because of the a lot of money they normally receive it every month and girls upon seeing them a lot of money they don't refuse but accept immediately wanting money. He said that he only have that one, Sella who is in form 3 now at Chasokwa Private Secondary School and he will not have another one in Zomba because one day he will be attempted by Satan and neglect the use of the condom and choose to go plain and then catch AIDS.

Then I asked him why he chooses to have one in Zomba still instead of just be staying without having even one? He answered saying that it's because its nature its better to have someone who might be getting rid off his worries, some one to be comforting him and we laughed. Then he said that he has this one who understands for she accepts condoms always than any other women who tends to refuse.

During the time we were discussing the cheapest bus came known as SHIRE BUS LINE and he went and board that. I wanted to ask him many questions but I failed due to the reason that the bus came so fast hence I failed to get more information from him.

P.S. friend has 24 years

Today after I wrote the information I gathered I finished I believe something past 2 p.m.

Then I wanted to meet with my in law named Dagalasi. I went to his home and I found him ironing. Then he asked me as to where I was going? Then I answered him that I was going to see him and then he was happy. Then we were charting other issues until he finished ironing his few clothes he washed. Then after that he said he wanted to bathe and wanted to go to the trading centre and I said I wanted to go to the trading centre too.

Then after he finished bathing we set the journey to the trading. During the course of our journey I asked him if he has the sexual partners. He laughed and said that he haven't. And I laughed and said he was cheating me. He frankly said that he doesn't have and he had one but he heard that she was going with another man and then he just ended the affair. I asked why instead of continue going with her? He said that he can't do that and more over there is AIDS and lucky enough he didn't sleep with her plain. He said he slept with her two times and all the times he was using the condoms. He said that he was using the condoms because he was not sure of her for she was so clever and [he] thought that she might have other sexual partners before him.

Then he said that after he was with her and hear that she was also going with another sexual partner then he decided to end the affair because such kind of a girl is so dangerous who are catching AIDS somewhere and be giving to you the faithful one. I agreed with him and then he said that with that experience than he had decided to be staying without a partner and now he doesn't have any. I asked him if he had some before. He said: you know me in law that I don't like going with sexual partners it's because I don't see it's important of having sexual partners. I agreed with him and for real he doesn't like and I can recommend that. We were still walking and he said that he will have one in future and not now.

He said that he will just marry and not be running *Chibwenzi* but it will be that of going to the blood test first and then after hearing the good results from both of them then it's when they will marry each other and not just involve in marriage without their blood test.

He said that the kind of marriage which involves for going for blood test first its good than that of just getting into marriage without blood test.

Then he said that he will not have any one now until the time he will get married after blood test. We charted and charted until we reached the trading centre when he meet his friend Zakeyu.

Then we separated.

P.S. My in law was born 1984 And went to school up to form 1 and dropped to the reason that his father died who was supporting him in terms of school fees.