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Today after I had finished the short issue I solicited from friend my neighbor Jason when I helped him constructing the fence of his bathroom and since I had already taken lunch before finishing writing, then I got a shower and then decided to go to the trading to see if I could get any relevant information regarding my work.

I chatted with various friends within the trading but no one talked of any issue regarding to areas we the journalist are currently looking after. It was now around past 2 p.m. if not to 3 p.m. that I meet a friend who sells *Kambuzi* within the trading. (Kambuzi – Small fresh fish)

Friends name, but well known to me by its nickname Nyadani. I went to where fresh fish are sold just to pass hours within the trading where I found this friend finishing selling his *Kambuzi* (small fresh fish) and then to where his bench was and chatted with him a bit and he asked me as to where I was going. Then I answered him that I did not had any specific place to go but I was just moving around the trading chatting to pass hours so that it could be getting dark for me to go back home to sleep. He smiled and said that I should wait him a bit there he had one packet to offer me at Balalikas Beer Centre. I asked him why offering me alone?? He answered saying that not just offering me alone but he was only going to buy one packet of Balalikas beer for both of us to drink. I was just fixed my eyes on him when he was talking and he was smiling broadly when he was talking this then I knew that he will not going to buy only one packet but some packets. Then after he finalized everything he gave the tin and his bicycle to his young brother who was helping him selling fish. Then we were heading to Mr. and Mrs. Balalikas Family Beer Centre (pub) and indeed he first of all bought one packet which we were sipping and we found other people in another chalet/summer hut and he said that it could be good idea if we could go and sit on another summer hut and I agreed with him. And when we were drinking, after the first packet was finished, he sent me to go and request 3 packets and he gave me money. I went there and brought 3 packets and we were happily drinking. Then during the course of our drinking another tall girl, slim and black was passing by the road (the Tarmac Road M3 since the pub is situated conveniently near the Tarmac Road).

When she was passing by I did not saw her in the first time but I happened to saw her when he said to me: "So you know that girl? I answered saying that I did not know her. He said: "You don't know Bayna, the one who is now selling *MANDASI* [fried dough] within the trading?" Then I said to him that I really know her only because she dressed new clothes in my eyes that I had ever seen her dressing those dressing and she was walking a bit distance. He said that those dressing she had put on, [he] was the one who has bought for her. I asked him why was there any reason for him buying such expensive clothes for her? He laughed and said that nothing apart from that she is his sexual partner. I was just listening.

NB: (Professor I know Bayna in my sight as a village prostitute, she doesn't say no to men provided the man happens to have money and I believe and even though not completely sure that I had ever written about her in one of my diaries as she was sleeping with Bamusi my inlaw who was found positive in Lilongwe where he was working. She is known by two names to me: (a) Bayna (b) Belita. Some people calls in one name among the two which seems short and easy to a person and she agrees).

Friend went on saying that this his sexual partner Bayna rebuffed many sexual partners within the trading and she had been telling him. Then I said he was cheating because had it been she had been rebuffing a lot of people (men) she could not have accepted him to be her sexual partner. Friend smiled and said that she had been rebuffing him for many times, and when ever he tried to talk with her, she could not dare to do that, she could not either stop to even hear my words. He proceeded saying that whenever he wrote letters

to her she could not answer them and even showing any sign that she had received a letter from him and when wanting to buy *Kambuzi* (small fresh fish) –Chichewa. She was buying [from] another person/another business man and not him as she used to do before [he] started proposing her. I laughed and he laughed too and said that even when she was doing that but his love was so great towards her and he wanted to have sex with her even a single day just to lower his temper. I laughed. He laughed too. Then I asked him how come he managed to win her since he was saying that she is now his sexual partner and he bought those expensive clothes she wore? Friend said that he won her unbelievably. He went on saying that that day he was not prepared to either meet her and win her. He said he was totally drunk that day and he was coming from the Balalika where he was drinking and he was entering inside the market/within the market and she was coming out from the market. He even mentioned saying that it was around past 5 p.m. and when he met her he said that he told her to stop and without expecting he saw her stopping and when she stopped he did not hesitate but went to her straight and he did not say anything but he just reached in his pocket and produced money and he counted and it was MK 800.00 and he just gave her and said I love you very much and want you always to be sleeping with me, think properly and friend said to me that after he had said those words then he did not stop but rather departed and saw her while stand still with money in his hands. (He said: MK Two Hundred 4 meaning 4 Two Hundred notes).

I said to him that he endured giving K800.00 at once? He smiled and said that he did that because he wanted her very much and added saying that he gave her K800.00 before she had accepted him and after she had been rebuffing him for many times. He went on saying that he gave her that K800.00 because it was the only money remained in his pockets and he said had been he had K2000.00 for example he could have given her as well at once accepting rather admitting his love and said that for sure he could have done that since he had great love towards her that time wanting to undress her was his prior aim. I said to him that of course he had a great love towards her but another thing was due to beer effect. He laughed and said not because of beer effect but due to the strong love towards her. He went on saying that after he had done that (giving her money) next day morning around past 9 when he came from the lake to buy fish and was in his bench selling, he received a letter through a certain young boy from her and when he read the letter he was happy because it stated that she accepted him and stated that a lot of men proposes her within [the] trading [center] (Mphula) but she refused them because she is afraid to be beaten by their spouses because of the mans' publicity. He said that she also wrote that she had been thinking all the previous night and had concluded that indeed he loves her very much than anyone. He went on saying that in her letter she stated that their love should be that of confidential if he wanted their love to continue and lastly she asked him in the same letter as on how they could be meeting tomorrow (the following day).

I congratulated my friend for winning such difficult girl who had kept on rebuffing many rather several men. He was happy and said that after he had received that letter and read and heard everything, he responded the same day through a letter and give his young brother to give her and letting her that in the following day she had asked, he should wait her to the time she knocks off after selling *MANDASI* and he will escort her so that they may discuss issues pertaining to their new love affair and friend said he concluded in his letter saying that she should be feeling free and open enough to say anything she might want him to do for her and then friend said that he folded his letter and gave his young brother who gave her. (3 packets ended and friend went alone and came with 2 packets and we were chatting as well as drinking).

Friend went on saying that indeed the following day after he had finished selling his business in good time he was just waiting her to when her finish her business or to the time she may knock off for her business. He said that after she had finished selling her business at around past 6, when partial darkness fell, he followed her and they meet on the Nsambu Road leading to her home at hilly area and he said that they begun discussing issues on how they will be running their love affair. Then I asked my friend to tell me whatever they had discussed. He said that the major issue they discussed was about confidentiality and followed by that if he had proposed her then there should be no need of him going around with another sexual partner besides her and if she will discover that she will divorce him and there will be no any compensations [compassion? Compensation?] or compromise because she knew that he is married and even when she had made up her mind to accept him she knew that he is married and that's why she was rebuffing him in the beginning avoid to quarrel or fight each other with his spouse. Friend said that she also stated that if he had completely made up his mind proposing her it means he had seeked that who Mphula Trading

[looked over the women at Mphula] and saw that only his wife and her were better in his sight and then there is no need for him to look for another extra marital sexual partner besides her and his current wife and added saying that she is also afraid of AIDS and said she is very young to die of AIDS and that's why she refuses a lot of men's proposals due to the reason of that they are not satisfied of what they have and said that for man it can't be avoided to have another extra marital sexual partner even though married. Then I said to my friend that indeed the girl was truly in love with him because of the way she was talking, she was opening his gaps to love her alone and closes any gap for to love another one except her. He laughed and agreed with me and said that she pleased him when she was talking like that saying that she is afraid of contracting AIDS and warns him to be careful if wanting their love to continue.

I asked my friend with my light smile that: "Indeed she mentioned that she is afraid of AIDS if he will be double-crossing her?" Friend triumphatically answered saying that indeed she said that she is greatly afraid of AIDS if he will have 3 sexual partners, her, his wife and plus another. I laughed and said: "She didn't mention anything like that you should be using condoms to her since she was afraid of AIDS or mentioning that she was afraid of pregnancy?" Friend answered saying that she didn't mention anything regarding to condoms or pregnancy concerns. Then friend said he can not waste money by giving a girl rather a woman wanting to be sleeping with her and be using a condom and if he will meet such kind of a girl he will just say ever since he [was born he] never used the condom and he should not start using the condom because of her and said that he will just say to her that its better that they should divorce each other and be no more love among them because what he really wanted from her was her heatness and sweetness and not that he should be having sex to a rubber and added saying that had it been it was like that then it better for him *Kukhutchu-Mula-Chichewa* (meaning masturbating).

I laughed and he laughed too and said that to him using a condom is better to just stop having sex with the girl and he concluded himself saying that a lot of girls doesn't ask for the condom because they know that they can not feel sweet and he said that if the girl accepts the man's proposal she certainly knows that she will be fucked and be receiving sperms from men so that they should be feeling sweet. I laughed and said he was saying the truth. And I asked him whether he knew rather knows that there is AIDS which is claiming a lot of peoples' lives of that sort of neglecting the use of the condom. Friend laughed and said that indeed a lot are dying of AIDS and most of them are dying because they are contracting that AIDS through Barbershops when the machine used during shaving and cut a person having AIDS and at the same time sharing another man/person and since a man/a persons body is full of small sores and when shaving the machine tends to cut the sore and the virus from the previous person who was shaved and had a cut blood coming, the viruses can still to the teeth of the machine and get them transferred to the new person being shaved through the cut as well. I refused him completely and said that the machines used in Barbershops can not transmit AIDS viruses because of the high temperatures it exerts rather produces due to electric power and these electricity (heat) enables to kill all the viruses that he said that get stuck rather stick to the teeth of the shaving machines. But friend completely denied and said for sure he knows that people may be running away from having plain sex and be thinking that they are really safe from AIDS but in reality they get it from Barbershops that they are used to go and have their beards and hairs get shaved. I was just listening him and we seemed to be drunk now and friend at this point of Barbershop, he stucked on it and was very hard to be convinced that the machines used when shaving in Barbershops cannot spread rather transmit AIDS and because he was very obstinate to be convinced then I just left him like that.

Then when the chatting proceeded I asked him whether he also told her that he doesn't need to be double crossed as she said? Friend said that he also emphasized the same as she was saying and he proceeded saying that she told him that she has another sexual partner who sells second hands clothes at Mbakwindi and he had already appeared to her parents and he is the one who gave her the capital which she is able to run the business she is currently taking place. He said that she told him that she said they had agreed to marry each other and everyone at her family knows about that and the programme can not change and told him to think of that and said it's up to him. And then I asked him what did he said after he heard that with nowadays status that a lot of people are living with AIDS? Friend said that he doesn't mind of that and he said that he told her that it was very rare for him to find a girl like her age without having any partner and to him he just wanted her love and not considering of whether she had other sexual partners provided he is to be loved as well. I was just listening and then talking of AIDS he said that as he had already said he doesn't mind of that and as of him he knows that everyone has AIDS. He said one can divert from one way

of contracting it and then another way he/she may catch it. I agreed with him. He went on saying he doesn't matter even seeing them chatting each other and several times he had been seeing them her and her sexual partner who stays at Mbakwindi who sells second hand clothes and he said that the her partner who stays at Mbakwindi is a boss he has money and he said that he had one time visited him rather/saw him at Mbakwindi on his bench where he sells the clothes and he said that he (Nyadani) is too young to [be] her sexual partner and admitted that the man who lives/stays at turn off has a lot of money than him (Nyadani). Then friend went on saying that he is not after following somebodies/someones footsteps but rather only wanting her affectionate and the issue of AIDS then he had it already and said to me that this is not the time that one should be afraid of AIDS since its MULILI-(Chichewa) (A crises in English).

And he went on saying that when a crisis has come rather a plague has come in the world by God no one is to rub [erase] that, God is almighty and brings everything in time which he wishes to, because he is God and he had created this disease AIDS because of the apparent reason which he wanted to fulfill and if God himself wanted one to die of AIDS rather He had planned someone to die of AIDS then there is no way that you may move away from that but definitely you will die of AIDS and if God had made you to die of accident or drowning into the sea certainly you will dies of that and no running away from that. I agreed with him and then he, himself said that the same day he followed and escorted her and the same day that they first meet and thoroughly discuss about their love affair, then after a long distance and it was dark my friend said that he asked her if it was possible for them to have sex and the girl said that "but tomorrow" and friend said that he asked her what was the problem with her that day? And then friend said that she said she had no problem but it was dark and wanted to reach at her home fast. I laughed and my friend laughed and said that he coaxed her and eventually the girl added saying that is was her turn to cook *nsima* at her home and if she is going to have sex with him then she will be too late. And friend said he still coaxed her that only if he will have sex with her then he will know that she loves him and he added saying that he assured her that he will not be late and she will notice. Then friend said that then the girl accepted and she said that they should walk a bit near her home there are Banana plantations and they should go there. I was listening. He then said that after they reached where the Banana plantations he just saw her pulling his hand heading towards the plantations. He then [said] that day he fucked her so hard and he said lucky enough his wife was in month periods those days and he had no sex with his wife and it means he had more power that he ejaculated on her and he laughed and I laughed too. Then I had K40.00 only in my pocket and I wanted to help him buying beer and to keep us chatting still. Then I went to the counter and bought one Chibuku Beer and brought it where we were chatting and then when I came with it –(the packet) I said to him that he have a Black beautiful woman and he should try hard for the man who stays in Mbakwindi the businessman should not snatch her. He said that beginning from the first day he had sex with her and looking rather considering on how he fucked her that day, she admitted herself that I reached the place where her husband to be doesn't reach and he was laughing and I laughed too.

He said that if one want to win a woman or a married woman despite that her husband has a lot of money, but what her extra marital partner should do is that he should make sure to fuck her very hard and ejaculate into her very hard as well so that the woman should distinguish with her husband and be preferring your sexual approach. I laughed and he said that he was saying the truth and if a lot of men are high jacking their bosses women its because of this/that principle and he added saying its very different with money women rather girls for sexual approach and not money. Then I asked him: Why he even [give] her first of all K800.00 before she accepted? Was not winning her because of money? He accepted that he wanted to win her and to win a girl who might have another sexual partner somewhere needs to be given money and then money should be compromising with those her sexual partner gives her; and he went on saying that after you have won her and you want her to be completely yours then you need to be fucking her very hard and often so that every day she should be thinking of you and he went on saying that his sexual partner Bayna wants him that day but she didn't see him and had it been she saw him she could have come and he went on saying that she is certainly come after learning that he was where we were (at Balalikas). He said that she can't forget him in the way he treats her, he said that he had been visiting many places with her ever since their love affair started like Mangochi, Balaka town, and many time Mwendu town and one time in Zomba. Then I asked him what for in these places? He said to just walk with her (Honeymoon) and he said ever since their love affair started he had spent a lot of money especially with journeys of these sort of honeymoons shopping and be booking the expensive rest houses. He said that the aim is to give her the pregnant because he said that the girl is so sweet indeed and his size and [more] beautiful than his current

wife. He went on saying that if he could give her the pregnant then certainly the partner who wants to marry her will not marry her and she will remain his and if his wife will not be pleased of that because he had grew someone a pregnant then be displeased and divorces him he will be pleased of that because he love Bayna very much and she is the live girl that whenever he happens to walk with her a lot of people glances on them especially her and he added saying that even at there Mphula still people are now knowing that she is running an affair with me (him) but still a lot of men are proposing her and she tells him.

Then I asked how many children my friend has that he is thinking of not considering his wife after she will discover that he had given Bayna the pregnant. Friend said he has 3 children and the wife pregnant too. Then I said to him he should take care of her 3 children [it's] is not a joke and he needs to love her and remove the slavish mentality of thinking to marry Bayna after giving her the pregnant but rather he should just be helping/assisting her since he will have the child with her. Friend said that what he is doing, buying expensive clothes for her is winning her completely and he don't want of give chance the man who wants to marry his sexual partner.

And when we were chatting we saw the girl coming and I told the friend that it could be good if they could meet away from the pub so that they may discuss openly and hear what ever she need. Friend smiled and said 3 days has passed without meeting each other and he heard that she was suffering from Malaria and he heard that yesterday she came wanting her [him] and she didn't meet with him for he was at Nyongani Village drinking alcohol till 7 p.m. And he said that she is wanting to be fucked since some days have passed and I laughed then friend went to meet with her on the Tarmac Road and they discussed there for about 30 minutes I believe. Then he came back and said that the girl was indeed wanting him and he knew that she wanted to be fucked and I was laughing and said up to that extent? A girl wanting rather asking a man to be fucked and not by vice versa? He said yes she is of such kind because she loves him very much. And what did he responded then regarding to her request? Friend said that he just told her that he will meet with her tomorrow she should make sure to come to the market even though she will have no business to run but he should make sure to come around past 5 p.m. and he will escort her and then he said to me that he will certainly fuck rather sex her. He concluded that when ever he is near her he is greatly attacked by sexual desire and he can not miss having sex her, she is to tantalizing and even her eyes are so beckoning that he fails to resists her beckonings and he concluded saying that if it is the issue of AIDS then they had shared each other. I said to him that if it is then he had contracted from her and not him giving her. He laughed and said how do you know? I answered him that I was just assuming that because probably he doesn't go with many sexual partners as she might be. Friend said that he had been sleeping with many sexual partners both after and before marrying and he went on saying that and he only makes sure that the girls have no AIDS since he doesn't sleep with Bargirls but he makes sure that he sleeps with village girls who are, a lot of them doesn't move around as town girls and bargirls that one can suspect that they have AIDS. I asked my friend how can he react after hearing that his sexual partner Bayna had had a sexual partner who was found having AIDS and probably the partner died of it? Friend said that he can not do anything and he can continue be sleeping with her because it means if it is AIDS then he had already contracted it from the first time he slept with her and even stop going with her it won't help because as he heard of AIDS he heard that AIDS can be caught once. He then said a lot of rich people are dying of it and who is he that he will remain forever and he is not a seed [?], he said dying is dying and about AIDS he said that he considers it as *Mulili* – (Chichewa) and it's a crisis (plague) that God has put rather afflicted in this world and then he smilingly said that he don't see any reason why he will stop going with sexual partners. I asked him whether he will have another sexual partner apart from Bayna & his current wife? Friend said that he is certainly have someone at Phiri and another one at Dizilo near Mangochi District that he really visits her when going and coming from the lake by his bike and he said she loves him too and she doesn't demand money, and her husband (the one goes to South [Africa]) staying/living African and [she lives?] at Dizilo [that woman?] she has a lot of money and most of the times she is the one who gives him money to add on his capital and he assured me that he will not divorce rather leave her for she assists him a lot.

We chatted and chatted and then he went and bought one packet the last packet and then we were taking it and then I asked him whether he gave Bayna money to buy medicine and friend said that he forgot to tell me that she asked him money to buy medicine and he gave her K100.00 to buy medicine and relish and she said she is going to buy vegetables and that's why I saw her going back to the market and then friend finally

said that tomorrow he is going to have sex with her he know that she is longing for his sex and he laughed and I laughed too. Then he said he wants to marry polygamy but among the sexual partners he has he loves Bayna very much despite the one who stays at Dizilo who assists him for she has children and older than Bayna and Bayna is a very beautiful sweet girl black in complexion the complexion he admires most. We laughed. We finished the packet and he said that's all what he had to chat with me and to offer me and I thanked him very much for the generosity he did to me and he said that I should not get worried since we normally chat. Then we departed the place and all of us we entered into the market and where we saw Bayna coming out of the market but having no vegetables in her hands as friend said to me that she wanted to buy and friend meet with her and I left them while they were two talking and I said to my friend that if possible we are going to meet tomorrow. Then he said we will meet.

THE END

COMMENTS: The conversation was so long due to the reason that we stayed for a long time and most of the talking were long enough before coming to the point of saying for example to talk of AIDS and even talking of him not using the condom for instance and coming to talk about other sexual partners he has for example the one at Phiri who [he] did not say much of her and the one staying at Dizilo village near Mangochi who [he] described her a lot especially of her love towards him and then the long story as to how he won Bayna and what they normally do running their love affair. He talked of course few areas tackling the issues of AIDS and the perceptions but after biting about the bush rather waffling. Then I don't/I could not do otherwise but write from the beginning to the end. I started writing the same day on 18th/09/03, and I only wrote 14 pages and go to sleep and then from 19th/09/03 from 2 a.m. up to 6 p.m. and I had the break of going to get a shower and at around past 8 I started writing while watching my T.V. gradually till past 10 a.m. when I finished writing.

P.S. He answered me that he started this love affair with her in April this year (2003).

20th/09/03

Today my friend Jason came home at around past 8 a.m. He is my neighbor as I usually says. He came to chat with me and then during the course of our chatting we were chatting other various issues and my wife was busy at the kitchen cleaning on it as well as washing plates. Friend said that he came because he just learnt that I bought the T.V. and wanted to see it and then I called him to sit with me at the sit room and be watching it. We chatted and chatted about weather in Malawi and said that this year the rain will come fast since he heard on the radio that the cyclones El-Nino (Chichewa like) winds which brings the bad weather in Malawi is now ended rather ceased and the radio said that farmers, if anything goes well, rather if no change of weather will happen, will suspect [probably] have ample food this year since there will be normal rains and he said to me about his plan. He said that his plan this year is to plant cassava, maize and as well as G/nuts [groundnuts, peanuts]. He said maize for consumption, G/nuts and cassava as a cash crop. I said to him that if he is thinking like that then he is thinking correct and wise enough and that's showing up his sense of maturity. He asked me of my plan this year if the rains will be reliable. I said to him that most of these weather meteorologists are liars they tend to cheat and I don't know what kind of forecasts do they do that keep on changing continually to what they prophesized rather forecasted. Friend agreed with me and said that indeed they tend to cheat people but he was just asking me if everything goes well and what will I going to plant then? I answered my friend that I [am] only going to plant maize, Groundnuts and [pigeon] peas and few cassava for consumption. He said he will add cassava because he would like to have a lot of money this year he would like to start a business after selling his cash crops he mentioned cassava and ground nuts. I asked him why he had decided to start running/doing business now for many years he had been growing G/nuts for example but I had never seen him doing any sort of business.

Friend said that but this year he gonna do business because everything goes with time. He said that now he had decided to be having money because girls are now going to men who really have money and not poor men. I laughed and he laughed too and he said that had it been he had money his extra marital partner at Enesto Village could have not leave/left him. I laughed and said to him: "Friend tell me the truth what had happened to her for I heard that you have an extra marital partner in Enesto Village and there is a child

there. Friend agreed and said: "Yes a daughter." Then I asked to tell me everything as to what had happened as the[y?] started talking. He said that, as I heard that he had an extra marital affair and was indeed true and he had been helping her a lot especially the 2001 Hunger year he was going with maize grains for her to be cooking *Nsima* together with her relatives and now she had accepted someone and she is no longer interested with me (meaning my friend). I was just listening. And he went on saying that girls rather women indeed are very dangerous because they are very discontent. I asked him: "And you have agreed and noticed now? He answered me that indeed and from this one I have now believed and I was only hearing from others that a girl rather a woman is very uncompromisable and you should only be loving her and not trusting her. I agreed with him and he said that what Stella had done to him he could not believe. I asked him: "You mean Stella Enesto?" Friend said that: "Yes that one, the Black plump young woman." I asked him: How many children she have? He answered saying that she has only one child who is his daughter now a year. Then friend said that it is true that the girls who seem not to be novices are the dangerous ones and are the kind people who are killing a lot of men in this world. He went on saying that the young woman Stella is now running a love affair with a vendor who seems of have a lot of money within Mphula Trading. He said that the one who is running the Honourable Maize Mill, employed by the Honourable Musawia of West Coast Constituency. (Then I came to know about the man).

Then I asked you mean Baisoni? Friend agreed and said that, that one and he added saying that he was used to be my friend but from now onwards he is no longer my friend and I will be serious when meeting with him always that he will notice himself that he had done a wrong thing high jacking his extra marital sexual partner. I laughed and said that he will just be wasting his time becoming serious with him maybe he was not knowing that she was running an affair with him (friend). Friend said that he was knowing because several time he had been finding them together at the partners home especially when darkness fall when he happened to cross by the Nsambu Road since the partners house is near this Nsambu Road and I agreed with him that I know the house where she stays and its an corrugated iron sheet house. I said to my friend that when I was living here in our Mphula Community I was thinking and considering Baisoni as some one unique and faithful enough that he doesn't go for extra marital partners even though I knew that he is a polygamous, he has two wives. He was just listening. Then I went on saying that I was always seeing her [him] busy no time either talking with any girl or woman as his fellow vendors and owners of the shops at Mphula do and in my mind I was saying that if anything and if his spouses are faithful enough then certainly he will not catch AIDS and he's entirely protected from having chances of contracting H.I.V. (I said H.I.V. as I have written here).

Friend laughed and said he was also thinking like that but he is now believed as he had already said that these quiet people are the serpents and are the ones who normally do have a lot of sexual partners than the clever people and he added saying that for example Telezia (his previous sexual partner) is falling into these category, he said that saying her appearance one can not believe that she can have a sexual partner because before proposing her he heard from his friend who has also married those at Enesto known as Dokotala saying that the girl is so hard to be proposed and when ever a man proposes her she shouts at him and says she doesn't wants stupid things & if the man keep on insisting proposing her then she says she doesn't want and if he wants its better for him to go and propose his sister and be sleeping with her and not her and friend said with this system she had been beaten by men. He said that and for him to win her was only time in the way he heard his friends for he was not sure that she could accept him, he said that he just wrote the letter proposing her aim that if she will be shouting she should shout at the letter than on him personally. I laughed and he laughed too. Then he said he gave the letter to his friend Dokotala to give her and after 2 days his friend brought him the reply and the reply was positive and he did not believed that she could accept him but really he read the letter that she accepted. I said to my friend that one time our friend Moyo Mofolo told me that he had slept with her (Stella) during the Hunger period because of K10.00 the same year 2001 and then she must be the prostitute and such kind of a young woman one should be careful with. Friend said that I was saying the truth she married and she was living at Malawa before he proposed her. And when she was living in Malawa she was looking very attractive and with her plumpness only added her beauty. He said that her husband had just went/gone to South Africa and till now he never returned back to Malawa to see his wife or sent any assistance to her. He said that when the man (her previous husband) was going to South Africa they had quarreled the previous day at night and in the following morning he just departed off to South Africa and without saying farewell to his wife and he only did farewell to his relatives and off he went away and the woman was just staying with her husbands

relatives for a year but no any letter she received from her husband who went to South Africa until she was tired and her husbands' relatives told her to just be going to her house and the relatives (her previous husband relatives) gave her transport to go to her home and then that's why she began staying here. He said that it's the year he proposed her in 2001. Then he said that probably the man divorced her in that indirect way because of her behaviour probably he discovered that she had another sexual partner besides him there at Malawa. I agreed with him. Friend when on saying that in the beginning she was indeed showing that she is the kind of girl/young woman who can only trust one partner and indeed it was like that, still only in presence [the present?] but yet she was having sexual partners like what he had just recently heard because of the issue of Baisoni who is running an affair with that someone had told him that during the time he was running an affair with [him?] during the same hunger period she was running an affair with Mr. Dekha – the shop owner within Mphula trading who has recently died of AIDS. Everybody knows within Mphula that Mr. Dekha had died of AIDS and he had slept with a lot of girls and women within Mphula trading because of his wealthy especially during the Hunger Period.

Then I agreed with my friend that indeed the hunger time which had just passed a lot of shop men/owners slept with a lot of women rather girls because of money to buy food. Friend agreed and said it was the same year that Malawi was stricken by hunger that he won her. Friend said that girls flock to anyone who seems to have money and he said that's why the man had high jacked him SAINA and he knew that it's because the man had money and few shops with the trading which he receives money monthly from people who rents there. I agreed with him that the girl was loving him because he was sometimes helping her and the help was enough for her and she was not proposed by anyone having a lot of money than him she could have excluded him out of her mind long time ago. Friend agreed and said that indeed girls are the satanics and money is the major element which makes them to be the satanics and it's what is killing a lot of us. He said that one can be a faithful girl as his, this previous sexual partner SAINA when she was in his hands because she was receiving a little assistance from him like soap, he said he had been buying few *zitenje* for her, *sofiya shoes* (rubber shoes), and be giving her some money to be buying whatever she may be wanting and she was satisfied of that and then those kinds of things became nothing to her and now she has a rich person. I said that even the man is the same that whenever he comes to have a lot of money then he starts going around with extra marital partners because of they have money that they can be able to give these extra marital partners and as the result contracting AIDS. Friend said that there is nothing good then having money, the same money gives you to be thinking very irrational and be admiring women and beautiful women for instance and they don't refuse your proposal and because they know that you can manage to give them money. He proceeded saying that to a woman if she doesn't have money she accepts any man who comes to propose her after knowing that the man will be able rather manage to give/be giving her money and any sort of the assistance she may need. He also said that by accepting that she doesn't even think of AIDS but wanting assistance and I agreed with him.

Then friend went on saying that if the woman/girl has found what she wanted then another rich person comes she accepts as well because he has money, thus if she doesn't have money or she is running a small scale business wealthy K100 to K300 a capital she dreams of having a sexual partner who might be helping her say giving her the capital, enough capital say K1000.00 to change her business of selling *Mandasi* or *Zutumbuwa* which needs rather requires small capital to run it but switch to sell dry fish or be cooking rice and be selling in the market and especially in market days hence catching the disease AIDS, she will be catching other diseases like the Syphilis, Buboes but the troublesome disease which her parents will greatly be concerned will be AIDS since once contracting it then there is no any alternative of caring if the cure will be dying. I agreed with him and then friend said *PALIBE KUSEUANA MASIKU ANO – UCENDO ULIPO BASI. TINGODIUIRA TSIKU, WOYIMBA UJA SANANAME KUYIMBA KUTO `OZIKO LA PANSI NDI PA DEPOTI*. He said these Chichewa words while laughing and I helped him laughing too. The words in Chichewa means: "THERE IS NO NEED TO BE LAUGHING ONE ANOTHER NOWADAYS. BY ANY MEANS THERE IS THE JOURNEY AND THE SINGER (Malawian Singer) DID NOT LIE (cheat) SINGING THAT THIS WORLD IS LIKE THE BUS DEPART! <These words means that there is no need that one person should be laughing at another person because every one has and will have AIDS and when he said that there is the "Journey" means there is death because of this disease AIDS and talking of the singer it means the singer sang that the world is like the depot meaning any time any one can board the bus, since he/she is at the depot waiting the bus to board, and off [he will] be going

where he/she intends to go and this symbolizes that everyone will board on to AIDS disease and go meaning "dying" of it>.

I agreed with my friend and he said that the way he heard as well that the woman was also sleeping with Mr. Dekha the late, he has no any courage to be going to her again as other people might do. I asked him why? He said that it's better for him that the only virus which is he had already contracted probably before probably from the late sexual partner of his previous sexual partner SAINA. I agreed with him that he need not to be adding that. He said that had it been he doesn't know about that late, that she was sleeping with him, probably he could be going to have a taste of her and said that they could have been two, the rich and him and even knowing that he will be the loser in terms of taking/snatching the girl completely since he has no money. I laughed and he laughed too. He said but he can not do things so deliberately and if one tells in advance especially concerning this disease AIDS and says that such a person who died was sleeping with such a girl and that girl happens to be his rather (for instance my friends' sexual partner), he said that he definitely drops her. I asked him why dropping her? He answered saying that because if he drops her he knows that he will, by that time he had only taken few viruses that will take along time to multiply and be many than be continuing sleeping with her because every time he may be having sex with her it means he will be adding some viruses in his body and these viruses will be multiplying very rapidly and he can only stay in this world for few years that he could have stayed and he went on saying that but to those whom he doesn't hear their rumours regarding to AIDS he will certainly be going to be sleeping with them.

And he said that right now he had one already in Enesto Village as well whom he had just proposed last week with the money he obtained from the 3 days workshop (seminar) and he had already gave her K100.00 and I laughed and he laughed and this time we were still watching T.V. but not much concentrated on it but rather we concentrated on our conversations. I asked him why he had found another sexual partner there at Enesto and not another village. Friend said that its because its near him, he said that he doesn't like having the sexual partner within his village because his wife can easily know about it than a distant village but not so far like Enesto Village as he said. He said Enesto Village pleases her a lot because all the tribes in it are the Yao tribe and the Yao tribe is a sweet tribe sexually in his choice. He went on saying that for example last night he went to this new sexual partner and he slept with her and he came very late night around past 12 midnight (meaning he went there on 19th/09/03). I asked him how did he manage it coming such a time 12 midnight as he said for instance? He answered me that he always tells his wife that he likes watching night video at trading than the daylight videos because at the day they don't show the Nigerians films which he likes most but they only put at night and he always coaxes her to go with him but she keeps on refusing and he said that because she had children and a young child that she can not manage to walk at night and he laughed saying that the coaxing is of hypocrisy, making her that she might be thinking that he goes to the video at the trading without knowing that he goes to his extra marital partner and he said that this system he had been using even the time he was running an affair with SAINA and he used the same last night and she (his wife) suspected nothing at all. I warned him to only be trusting his wife alone since he knows that there is AIDS and he said that if he has AIDS then he is to spread it and even if he is going to stop going around with girl if he has AIDS he has it and definitely he will die of it and I reminded him saying that he should remember he said that is continuing sleeping with sexual partner then he will be adding the viruses and die fast since the viruses will be many in his body and why he was changing his own sentence then?

Friend said he was meaning that after hearing that the sexual partner he has had a sexual partner who died of AIDS or hearing that probably he is suffering from AIDS or he went to the hospital and [was] found with AIDS then he said he will stop going with her because another thing is that he will be having sexual intercourse with her but not in a happy mood than to someone whom he doesn't suspect her having AIDS or whom he did not hear anything concerning AIDS that she has and suffering malaria for instance or dysentery he will be in great worries because he may be thinking that he has started suffering from AIDS and with great worries he may die fast. I laughed and agreed with him but still he went on saying that his plan rather aim is to have a good business going to the lake and be buying dry fish or opening a shop so that he may be having enough money to be supporting sexual partners that the incident which had happened to him of high jacked should not happen again. I laughed and he was serious saying that indeed money answers any question and to the person who has money can propose anyone whom he wants and he assures that he is able rather will be able to manage to give the partner money.

Friend went on saying that at Mphula then there will be no-one in a year to come who really goes proposing girls that will still remain safe from AIDS [in a year will not be able to find a girl who is AIDS-free]. He said that in coming years at Mphula trading centre the shops found in it a lot of people will leave them for one reason that they will die of AIDS and the healthy one will be buying [a shop for] MK2.00 (I laughed by saying K2.00 => which is the very small amount of money). We chatted and chatted and then friend just went on emphasizing his point of starting business and I was encouraging him to do so and said that business is important but only if it is handled properly because when running a business and be going after sexual partners and be deducting money, the money from business the end result is falling bankrupt. Friend laughed and said that I was saying the truth but he will make sure that he will not giving much rather a lot of money. He didn't miss talking of SAINA and he said that she was a kind of young woman that he did not believed that she may have another sexual partner apart from [him] in the way she was talking in his presence and continued saying that indeed we men we are not going to Mphula in this world as seeds > (*SITISALA NGATI AMBEU*) (Chichewa). He said that these kind of women/girls who are the silent killers will indeed kill us and silent be descending to the grave. He also said that the point as to how AIDS is in Malawi and the way it is spread, then in 2 to 5 years to come everyone will have it and death will be like songs because of it since we tend to have sexual partners as our parents were used to have and a lot of people like him get afraid to go for blood test and just be living without knowing that she/he has H.I.V. >(the exact word he said) or not and the woman rather the girl just accepts the man to be her sexual partner in love affair or in marriage life hence if one has AIDS then give it to the other partner.

I agreed and asked him why he is saying that a lot doesn't go for blood test [because] like him they become afraid? Friend said that most of the times it is because people tend to recall on how they moved, each individual recalling on how he/she had moved and several sexual partners he/she had had and solve rather come to a conclusion that certainly he/she might have it (H.I.V.) and therefore not have the courage to go to the clinic to have the blood test because as he said that when for example him, knew that he has AIDS he can die fast because of great worries, for example when he will happen to suffer malaria he may be thinking that it's the beginning of AIDS and he concluded while laughing and I laughed too.

We chatted and chatted until now it was to lunch hour and we noticed that my wife was preparing, busy to wanting to cook *Nsima* and then friend said that he wanted to go home and I wanted him to have lunch with me there and he said that thanks for my offer he will eat one day but as of him ever since he heard about his previous sexual partner that she was sleeping with the late Mr. Dekha, the shop owner who died of AIDS, he has no appetite of food and he eat sometimes because of hungry and had it been a person can live longer even without eating, he could be one of them since when he recalls on how an AIDS patient look he doesn't fell well and he was still laughing. And I helped him laughing as well and I said to him that [if he is] concerned why laughing then? Friend said that it's not a happy laugh but rather instead of that he could have been crying, and it really pains him a lot in his mind and mentality. He added saying that he knows for sure that indeed the young woman SAINA was sleeping with the late Mr. Dekha. I asked how sure he is? He said that he is sure because whenever he sees her healthy status it is deteriorating, he had been noticing this/that for the past 6 months. He said that since from the past 6 months she has been complaining of frequent malaria, today she could complain malaria, tomorrow complaining of stomach ache, headache, the next day malaria again and he said to me that even if I can see her today I can notice that she has lost weight and her legs have black spots resulting from the sores which she had been developing on her legs and this gives him assurance that indeed the young women have H.I.V. which will eventually develop into AIDS in future.

I did not answer rather comment but he went on saying that since he was sleeping with her then certainly he might have it and that's why he was saying that now he has no much appetite to food but he so courage enough [?] because he knows that AIDS diseases is not the kind of disease like cholera or cerebral malaria that can make him die fast if he has it as compared to cholera that can not last him a day, even a day without dying but AIDS he can stay even 10 years while alive and he said that with the lives of today of AIDS and other diseases and other troubles for a person to live extra 10 years from this year 2003 that is definitely blessed for many will not reach 10 years from this year. I absolutely agreed with him (for I said to him that: I agree with you my friend so absolutely).

Then friend said that he was now going for he has a son at home known as Betelehemu who doesn't eat for example lunch when he knows that he is around, at home unless he is there and therefore he said he wanted to go for that his son to eat *Nsima*. I tried to coax him to wait [for] the *Nsima* my wife was cooking to eat with me but only he just thanked me for the offer and said again that he will eat another day but because he knew that if he is to stay with me longer chatting like that and be watching T.V. like that his child (son) will be just crying failing to eat wanting him to be close. Then I accepted him to go and I only escorted him a bit then I returned, before I returned he promised me to visit me one day to watch T.V. one day morning and I accepted.

21st/09/03

Today I was with my friends, two of them known as Beata and Robert. We were going to the trading centre Mphula we were going there more to chat since it's not very far. From my home to reach the trading approximately rather by estimation it is 7 km. Then Robert my best friend to reach is 15 km there for he came all the way from his home and found me at my home to chat with me and it was around past 1 p.m. and found me coming from the bathroom where I went to bathe. Then we only chatted for about 15 minutes at the sit room where we were watching T.V. Africa and there were no interesting and good programme on the T.V. since there was Kids Club (K-Club) programme where we could see the cartoons and friend said that the programme was not interesting and indeed for children then it could be better for us to go to the trading to chat and then I accepted and then I told my wife that I was going to the trading with my friend Robert to chat and she accepted and told me that I should not forget to buy soap and aspirin tablets since the son was showing fever and told me to come at night since she wanted to give the son the aspirin tablet treatment in good time.

I agreed with her and then off we were going and on our way going we meet Beata another friend who was also going to the trading and in total we were 3. We were chatting as we were going and on the way we meet a certain man known as Mr. Chunda. The man was coming from the trading and he was on his bicycle and this man is a neighbor to me because he married a woman near me (in my village Ndapasowa I stay). He is a polygamous man and another wife he married at Enesto Village. When the man was coming from there, despite at the short distant, and despite that I really know the man very well this time when he was on his bicycle I didn't recognize him until he dropped his bicycle and greeted me together with my friends who were with me. I noticed that the man was not feeling well he had lost his weight and he had sores all over his arms. I said to him that he is very scarce nowadays even though he is the neighbour. He said that for 2 weeks he was not feeling well, he was coughing and malaria caught him and he admitted saying that indeed for the 2 weeks and some days he is scarce at home for he was staying at Enesto to his another wife and said that now he is okay that he is able to cycle and said that he was going to see his first wife now (near me, a neighbor).

Then we chatted like that and then we separated and he was going heading from where we were coming and we were going towards the market rather trading and as we were going my friend Robert said that the man is extremely thin indeed only for 2 weeks getting thinner like that? Beata also commented the same. Then I told them that I did not recognise him when he was coming from there and I only recognize him when he was near and dropped his bicycle. Beata said that the man is sick and certainly that one is going and his coughing and the sores which he has are the signs of his going. I laughed (going here means his death <ULENDO>). Friend Robert said that coughing came longtime ago and even sores and not that any person who suffers coughing and develops sores is going (is dying) dying for what? Beata said that dying of AIDS and he said that he knows the mans'behaviour very well. Robert said that what kind of behaviour he has? Beata said that the man is a polygamous but even though he has 2 wives but he is not satisfied of his wives and he goes with other extra marital partners and he had been meeting with him for several times at night when he was also going to his sexual partner at Nawangwa Village and he added saying that the woman whom he is running with, her husband has died after a long illness and people who really knows about the death of her husband are afraid of her to be running an affair with her because a lot of people knows that her husband died of AIDS and then he is going there probably unknowingly or because of his negligence after told or knowing himself.

Robert said that most of the times what happens is that the one whom we suspect having AIDS is the one who doesn't have it because a human being is supposed to suffer and no one has never suffered before because he/she is a human being of flesh born and not a steel. He went on saying that and to those whom we admire them being plump, smooth and healthy enough are the ones who have H.I.V. (he said that H.I.V. exactly as I have written). I agreed with my best friend Robert. Beata answered the friend saying that indeed it is true but as the man we saw (Mr. Chunda) he has H.I.V. because of the partner he had been seeing him with and he swore confirming that he has H.I.V. and Robert said that even him (Beata) he has it through the sexual partner he has he said at Nawangwa Village because he never know that how many sexual partner she had slept with. I agreed with Robert and Beata said that if talking like that then definitely everyone has it but because we are not yet started suffering then we can be talking of others because its their turns they have started suffering and it will come the time that we will also start suffering and other will talk of us as well and he went on saying that it is currently happening that people who have H.I.V., because they have not yet started suffering AIDS are the one laughing those who are showing signs of AIDS because they doesn't know that they have the virus which causes AIDS and this it normal and it's a human right to talk and no problem provided you talk in the patients' absence because it talking in his/her presence them just know that he/she can sue you at the court and you may pay him a lot of compensation like money for insulting and defiling his/her human dignity. I agreed with the man and Robert agreed as well.

And answering to what Robert said to him that he never knew how many sexual partners his sexual partner at Nawangwa had and how safe she if from AIDS, he answered him like what I wrote and adding on that he said he makes sure that when wanting a sexual partner he makes sure to first of all inquire about her character from various friends and she should be of young age ranging from 12 to 15 years and a school girl at such who was strictly brought up in her family, that she doesn't move with men. And I asked him: "Do you think that a 12 to 15 year old girl can not have AIDS that [she] can give you when you sleep with her?" Robert also commented also about my question. And then Beata answered that he believes that and to him its 100% that if a 15 year old girl who has just started her menstruation and never slept with any many can not have AIDS and moreover the one coming from a strict family and he makes sure to take that one who has good character of not movious, young and quite enough and not the talkative one because a talkative girl give the impression that she is not shy even to boys or men and as the result she is clever enough that she can be able to sleep with men or her age mate (boys).

I laughed and Robert laughed and then Beata went on saying that as of him he knows that he can not take rather come to contract AIDS from an extra marital partner by this system of asking first his best friends about the girls character before sleeping with her and of young age there not of movious. Robert said to him that there are some people who are born of AIDS while from her mother's womb and how can he know that the partner he is sleeping with despite her age has H.I.V. contracted from her mothers womb? Beata said that it's very rare and impossible that a baby can contract AIDS from her mothers womb since from her womb and grow up to 15 years without started showing signs of it and said that by the time she reaches 15 yrs likely she could have already changed her healthy status like: *KUMANGOTUWA KULEPHERA KUBZOLA MAFUTA KUTUWABE* and be coming extremely thin. (The "Chichewa words in capital letters"*KUMANGOTUWA KULEPHERA KUBZOLA MAFUTA KUTUWABE* means – She becomes pale despite applying oil on her body. => A sign of that the person has H.I.V./AIDS, as he meant). Then we laughed and we agreed that he was saying the truth that he continued saying that 5 to 6 years is enough for a person having *KACHIROWBO KOYAMBITSA EDZI* to start showing signs. (*KACHIROWBO KOYAMBITSA EDZI* => means H.I.V.).

Then the story went back to the man who prompted this topic rather this issue to start Mr. Chunda. Beata said that when the man has already had had *KACHIROWBO KOYAMBITSA EDZI* (meaning H.I.V.) in his body then meeting with a sexual partner having H.I.V. as well then a man can not stay up to 6 years – to him a year or 2 years are enough to start showing the signs of AIDS and begun completely suffering from it and an example is Mr. Chunda whom we meet, he said the man had started going with sexual partners long time ago and when he also first married at Enesto the wife he divorced because his friend caught her with another sexual partner during the initiation ceremony and he told him everything and he believed and divorced her. He said when he was staying with his previous wife at Enesto near him, before he divorced his previous wife, he was hearing them (Mr. Chunda and his wife) quarreling most of the times because of

the mans' behaviour of being movious and for several times she has been catching him with sexual partners and be hearing more stories concerning him that he has sexual partners but his wife not divorcing her [him?]. Robert asked: "Up to that extent? What kind of the woman is that one for other women/wives can divorce him and a lot of them he had been hearing and seeing divorcing their husbands because of catching them having sexual partners afraid of catching AIDS and says its better to go home and be suffering alone caring rather looking after themselves with children and be lacking things a husband was supporting her than accepting to get AIDS from the husband." Beata said that women and men are different he said that when a woman catches her husband red handed with another sexual partner besides her she can be still continuing living with him as compared to a man catching his wife red handed with another partner because women are weak in mind because they tend to think of that whenever she divorces her husband she will be suffering rather troubled caring children alone. We all agreed with this statement and Beata went on saying that that's why a lot of women catches AIDS from their husbands because they don't react much when ever for instance the woman catches her husband doing sex with another partner besides her either divorcing the husband and accepts to sleep with him at night despite what he did afternoon and never know that the partner her husband slept with has AIDS and certainly can transfer it to her. We agreed.

Then Beata went on say that when he was staying rather living in Enesto Village the man (meaning Mr. Chunda) was also caught doing with sex with the young sister of his wife and the case was so shameful and his wives' relatives hid the story and since there is no secret under the sun then some of them get the incident rather the story of what happened. Robert asked: "the marriage did not end? Beata said that indeed the marriage did not end. Robert then agreed that what Beata was saying was true that the man could have contracted this virus which is in talk of every mans mouth because of his bad behaviour. (The virus which he meant as to every mans mouth means AIDS disease). Friend Robert said that the man is bad because he heard that he was sleeping with his daughter and everyone was knowing that. He added saying that the man and the daughter were loving each other very much that people were suspecting a lot in the way the loved each other. He said that he was dressing (buying expensive clothes to his daughter than his wife). I and friend were just listening as friend Robert added saying that they could go together to the market by his bicycle and then coming with late hours and he also told her daughter to stop schooling because he suspected her to be moving with boys when going and coming from school and he was jealousy of that. He went on saying that he also been hearing that the girl has been proposed by several men to marry her but his father kept on shouting the men instead of refusing them politely but shouting them and in time dating them [?] and hence he just told her daughter to stop school because of jealousy that probably she might be meeting with the men whom he had refused to marry her. We laughed. And then we concluded that indeed everyone deserves whatever he sow rather plant and if the man's coughing, malaria and sores which he is suffering is due to the reaction of AIDS it's the reality of what he should deserve. We chatted and chatted until we reached the trading and them we changed the subject after meeting with some friends and we chatted, this time we separated with Beata and I only remained with Robert chatting for 3 hours then I bought aspirin tables and soap and then off we started going back home.

Comments: I started writing this story the same day on 21st/09/03 at around 8 p.m. and stopped at 10 p.m. and went to sleep and at around past 4 a.m. I begun writing and finished writing today on 22nd/09/03 at around past 5 a.m.

The same day on 21st/09/03 before I started writing this story, during supper time when I was eating with my wife, I told my wife everything concerning the man whom I meet afternoon on the bicycle, the neighbour Mr. Chunda and the change of his healthy status and what we were talking with my friends. And my wife started saying that the man indeed has AIDS and if there is AIDS in this world then certainly the man has it. She proceeded saying that if the man happens not to have it then certainly everybody in this world doesn't have it. I laughed and he said that he meant it. She said how good is he towards God that God will keep on sparing him, from not catching AIDS that catches those who have the same manners like him. I asked my wife what manners was she trying to say? She said that the man indeed has bad manners, she also heard about that he was caught doing sex with the young sister of his second wife at Enesto Village and the rumour circulated even though they tried to keep it secret and she added saying that whenever she happens to meet with her (the young sister to his second wife at Enesto) wife said for example at Maize Mill she notices her healthy changes. She said that at first when she did not have slept with the man she was looking perfectly healthy she was plump and even her hip was broadly exposed and

her body skin was smooth than nowadays that is MAKWINYAMAKWI NYA -> (Chichewa) <meaning – the skin becomes rough>. She went on saying that the virus has found the weak blood in her since the year has just passed ever since that incident happened.

She went on saying that we people we are different, some have strong blood and CHITETEZO CHANTHUPI CHAKE NDI CHOLIMBA (Chichewa) meaning <some have strong blood and its antibodies as well are strong> and proceeded saying that while others have weak antibodies and when a weak antibodies person catches the virus it doesn't take many years before showing its signs say it only take a year or 2 while those having strong antibodies can stay even 10 years without being noticed. I was just hearing. She said that for example the mans' second husband at Enesto, she married to a man who had died of AIDS. I asked her: "How do you know that the man (her previous husband) died of AIDS? Did you saw him suffering?" She responded saying that she knew that man was called Kampeni as his name and she had been seeing him especially in funeral ceremonies and it came a point that he was extremely thin that he did not either visited the funerals afraid to be suspicious to people. She said since an AIDS patient when walking for example along the street a lot of people glances on him/her. I agreed with her (wife) and said I also knew the man (Kampeni). She said everyone knows that the man (Kampeni) died of AIDS and certainly his wife, the widowed woman has contracted it from him.

She said that since a woman, a lot of women have strong blood antibodies that's why the woman whom Mr. Chunda have married is still alive and not showing rather more signs as to the coughing which will eventually lead to T.B. She said that if the woman is showing the signs is only gradually getting thinner and with her good dressing she is not noticed that indeed she has H.I.V./AIDS (my wife said the words H.I.V./AIDS exactly as I have written). She said that but some women have weak antibodies and those women doesn't stay longer before dying of it (AIDS). She proceeded saying that but a lot of women whenever they have AIDS, as she learnt at Under five Clinic, said that women tends to stay little longer than men both living with H.I.V./AIDS because women have more compartments in her body that tends the viruses to hide on and be gradually eating away those parts than a male who is a straight away truck. She said that also women faces month periods that really helps her a lot to remove monthly blood which also gets rid of the viruses away/out from her body than men who doesn't do menstruation period and all the viruses stays in his body. I asked him this last statement of monthly period if she had learnt that at Under five Clinic as well. She answered that she didn't learnt that at Under five Clinic but she got it from her friends when one day they were talking of AIDS with her friends when one of their friend was discovered that she was refusing to get married but to just be moving around to be obtaining money and neglected/rejecting the marriage and says is a troublesome work of no profit. She was there and she is out and wants to stay single and of there is MANDA A MBETA she will be buried there. (means: The special grave yard for the unmarried single she will be buried there). I laughed and she said that who said those words was Berifa her friend at the Bore hole they were gossiping her. She said that they talked as to that she may be staying alive for a long time but she will just be killing men whom she will be sleeping with. (I said to my that that's bad then).

Then we finished eating supper and we were still at the table chatting and it was around 20 minutes to 8 p.m. and then wife told me that she heard that the first marriage of Mr. Chunda is now ending. (The one staying near us <neighbour>). I asked her why? She said that she heard the story from her friend yesterday at the bore hole that her friends have heard from one of the first wife's relatives that the marriage is ending because the man have given her (his first wife) Chindoko (Chichewa) disease for the 3rd time and she knew that she is not movious, she always stays home and she believes that certainly her husband has given her that Chindoko. And my wife said that at the bore hole everyone said that indeed the wife is very faithful and she doesn't move even going to someone's house to chat and whenever she happens to move is at the Bore hole, market but not often since he is the man who comes with everything from the market to her. She said that also whenever she happens to move is going to funeral and also going to the Maize Mill. She doesn't go for initiations ceremonies which does not involve her or any relative as other women in the village. She always goes to Mosque every Friday.

N.B. For my own note: The entrance time for the Mosque is noon and going to pray there is everyday at any time one wants wished to do so rather pray. They call these daily goings to pray/worship one wants as IPINDI and at Friday they call IJUMA =>All words in Arabic language – but I have written it in Chichewa but sounds the same since I don't know Arabic writings). Wife continued that she is sure [the case] is

already presented to the marriage counselors who are also tired of the man's behaviour and the marriage counselors on the side of the woman are saying that there will be no more marriage again and they are waiting for their daughter to recover first and then table the case and ends the marriage completely because they say (They => marriage counselor of the woman side). They say that 3 times is enough for their daughter enduring the marriage after contaminating the same sexual transmitted diseases and if they are not going to rescue her from the bad man certainly they will be the losers since the final stage will be giving her ADIS and they will lose. I agreed the words in the presence of my wife that the marriage counselors of the woman are quite correct. Wife said the same and said but they are too late because the time they are taking this drastic measure it means their daughter had already contracted the disease which they are saying [they] are afraid of. I agreed with her, and asked her whether she agrees that the marriage should end? She answered saying that the marriage should certainly end because it really shows that the husband is unfaithful and he doesn't love the wives including her because had it been he has love towards her for instance he could not have been going to other sexual partners besides her and its better that the marriage should end and probably the woman will get married to someone who might have great love and trustworthy towards her. We chatted and chatted. Then I said that and if she gets married again to someone will that one never contract the *Chindoko* again? Wife laughed and said that the new husband to her will not get rather contract the *Chindoko* because by then she will be okay, free from it since she is under treatment. She added saying that but certainly that man (the new husband to the one who is divorcing her husband due to the *Chindoko* she got from her husband) will get AIDS from her and said with a light laugh that hence AIDS will never end in Malawi or even in any country because people keep on divorcing each other and keep on marrying each other. I agreed with her and then we chatted and chatted until she went to bed and I remained writing. => This story I begun writing on 22nd/09/03 from 7:30 a.m. after finishing the other story and end up writing at around to 9 a.m. (something 10 to 9 am)