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I was at Vingula Transcribing the information which we interviewed people at Playe village. Now during the lunch hour we went out for lunch. At 12:20 pm I saw Mrs. Chabwera selling her clothes at Vingula market.

She asked me to go there then she greeted me. After we greeted each other, she began to ask me if I am still working the doughnuts for selling.

I told her that since the project came, I am not doing that business because I am very busy working in the field. If possible I will start again in August or September if I will not be busy.

She then asked again about the business of groceries, I also told her that the business of selling the groceries is very difficult because in the groceries, there are no much profits. Now it needs the owner of those but not leaving that business with other people.

If you do that you can gain nothing. Now because of that, I am not doing that business as of now until I sit down at home and be running it by myself.

She asked me to tell her the difference between selling the doughnuts and the groceries? I answered her that the doughnuts make much profit than the groceries but the doughnuts gets busy.

It gives much labour than just buying the groceries and be selling them. That is the only different that I know. Mrs. Chabwera commented that the groceries are not the things which can make much profits. People are selling the groceries because they don't have much money for opening another business.

After that she asked me about the place which I bought at Vingula market if I have already built the shop.

I answered her that the owner of that place refused me to build my shop. He said that it is not a place for people to build their shops but just to make the bench where you can be selling your things and collecting them going home everyday.

But the shops with bricks are forbidden there. Since he told me that, I did not do anything until now. But I am looking for the place to open the telephone bureau for business.

I bought my receiver but I don't have a place to open my business. Mrs. Chabwera began to advice me that I should make sure that if I finish my contract, I should try to open even a small business.

Business is the same as putting money in the bank at the fixed deposit account because the money matures. But if you just sit down and use all the money by buying clothes and food, that is the end of your money. You cannot gain anything if you have no business.

I answered her that she was saying the truth but the only problem is that the business which can make someone to prosper is the business which you start with a large amount of money like K30,000 going upwards.

But the small business are very difficult to prosper. If you have K5,000 you cannot buy many things which can give you much profit now the problem is that you don't sell all the goods at the same time. You do sell them little by little therefore all the profits that you make there, you just use them for buying relish and everyday life things.

But Mrs. Chabwera still told me that I should try hard to open even a small business which be helping me in the days when my bosses are away. For the reason that I am not married, I am supposed to make anything and buy anything on my own.

It is not true that I should be depending on the job which I always do once a year when my bosses have come. Those people can stop

their [project] any time therefore all the people who depend on them can suffer a lot unless there is something that you are doing here after the project has gone.

She then continued by telling me about the Malawi Rural Finance Company that I can go there to borrow a large amount of money for opening the business if I don't have enough money but I told her that I cannot go there I know the rules of that company and I had been seeing people losing their property giving them to sell if you have failed to give them back their credit in time.

I am a woman I cannot try to borrow money form the MRFC. It is better for me to borrow from a person like me. But time was over since I was rushing for transcription therefore we left our discussion at 1:20 pm.

Then I said bye to her then I was going to my job at Ghana rest house.

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I was going home at 4:45 pm and I met with Miss Latib. This woman's daughter is my friend therefore I was asking her about the life of my friend. She told me that my friend was away. She went to Lilongwe to see her cousin. Her cousin sent her the transport money going to Lilongwe then she was there.

She asked me where I was coming from and I told her that I was coming back from the Office. Then I asked her where she was coming from. She told me that she went to the Chief Luka's ground to listen for the cases which were there.

At the same time, we saw the village headman Ntaja coming by a bicycle and when he saw us he dropped down and began to greet us. After those greeting he also joined our group because Miss Latib asked him that have you seen what the counselors have done on the Headman Balika's case Mr. Ntaja answered that things were not in a

good channel. Miss Latib began to explain about what happened to the chief Balika.

She said that nobody knows the person who chosen the Headman Balika who is Idimu. Idimu has no Mbumba [Chichewa: brother's sisters or community] in the village but he stayed for 10 years while receiving some money from DC as the village Headman Balika.

We call that money Nshyala. People were not happy with what was happening then they gathered together and discussed about the person who is supposed to be their village headman in their village who is not Idimu.

They agreed together and they chosen a person who could be their village headman. Then some of them went to the DC to tell him that they don't want Idimu to be their village headman therefore he should be told to stop going to the DCs office to receive money as he was doing all those 10 years passed. They were told by the village Headman that they should choose the person who they want to be their village headman of their village.

But before they went back to the DC to tell him if they chosen a person to be their village headman, Idimu was still receiving the Nshyala money from the DC therefore people summoned him why he was doing that yet he was told to stop leading the village? The counselors asked why the people from Balika village were refusing Idimu to lead them yet he is one who has ruled the same village for 10 years?

All the people from Balika village answered that Idimu has no Mbumba which he can be ruling and that is not his village to rule. If he can still continue to receive that money, he will be leading the trees in the village but not those people.

And people were wondering why the DC is still giving him money yet he is also the one who told them to choose another person who will be leading them.

The counselors told the people that the case should go back home. Those should think twice and restart talking that case again in the

following week. Miss Latib said that the case ended there then headman Ntaja answered that the DC knows something.

Maybe Idimu went there and gave him money so that he should not stop to pay him the Nshyala. But though it is like that, the truth will come out. People will force him to reveal why he is doing that because that is the bad behaviour.

When they finished talking about the other case which was there. She said that another case was for Mr. Elwin and Mr. Simya Mr. Elwin's wife was falling in love with Mr. Simya's elder brother and Mr. Elwin heard about that sin. His marriage was confused and he just divorced the woman.

Mr. Elwin went to Mr. Simya to warn him that his brother is falling in love with his wife therefore he will see miracles one day. Mr. Simya told his brother about that sin but he refused. He said that he knows nothing about that story.

His wife is not his sexual partner and he knows nothing about that and Mr. Elwin was told that answer. He left him and went back to remarry his wife who he divorced again. But one day, Mr. Simya's brother went there. He did not know that the woman is now with Elwin again and he found Elwin there, then he was caught red handed. Mr. Elwin beaten him and he made an accident that he broke his hand. Mr. Simya's brother fainted and he was taken to the hospital by his relatives.

When he came back from the hospital, his young brother Mr. Simya summoned Mr. Elwin that he beaten his brother without any reason.

The counselors were asking his brother to explain where Mr. Elwin beat him then he said that he was just passing by. He had no the aim of having sex with Mrs. Elwin but Mr. Elwin had the suspect only that maybe he was going to have sex with his wife that was why he beaten him.

But when Mr. Elwin was asked to explain why he beaten his friend, he explained that he heard that his friend was falling in love with his

wife then he went to Mr. Simya to warn him that his brother should take care with what he was doing.

But that man refused. He said that he knows nothing about that. But one day, he went to his house and knocked at the door. Unfortunately he was the one who opened the door during night when people were sleeping.

He asked him why he was there during that time but he failed to answer that was why he decided to beat him because he was the same person who was refusing that he is not the one who is falling in love with his wife.

All the people laughed and clapped their hands showing that Mr. Elwin was not wrong. He was protecting his life and home. I asked her about the judgement which the chief Luka gave him. She told me that he was told that he was wrong therefore he must take a goat and give it or pay it to his friend and he must say sorry to his friend.

He should also stop that behaviour if he repeats again he will be sent to the court to receive the hard punishment then the case ended there. She then wanted to talk about another case but it was dark and I was going home which is far from Vingula then we just left there and said bye to each other.