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I left home at one o'clock in the afternoon I was going to see the parents of my friend Naomi who have come to celebrate the Christmas and New Year season.

I arrived at the house and found that she was bathing her baby for she had a journey to a certain place. She told me that she was worried for I did not visit her during this happy season.

She said that she thought that I had gone to my village for I did not come to see her parents who will leave tomorrow for Chiradzulu district.

I told her that if the parents will leave tomorrow then I am not late for I will be able to see and greet them. I entered the room where the parents were chatting with their grandson and daughter; the children of Naomi.

I greeted them and Naomi introduced me as her best friend who helped each other in troubles or happiness but her mother told her that she is a liar for she had not seen me during Christmas for she believed that this is the only happy time during the year.

We all laughed and after chatting for a short time Naomi told her parents that she is going somewhere and she will be back soon. I then wished the parents a nice journey tomorrow when going home.

Naomi's father told me that he will be happy if one day they see me in Chiradzulu for this will show that we are real friends.

I told them not to worry for I will do exactly what they have said and Naomi commented that we will visit them during the time they will harvest beans so that we will have more beans to bring back here.

I followed Naomi without asking her where she was going and what she wanted to do because we were busy making plans of visiting her parents that suddenly I heard a certain lady welcome us to her house and he offered us a mat that she put under a tree and we sat.

After exchanging the greetings, the owner of the house, Hawa told us to stay at the house

for she was going to get her bucket that she left at the borehole.

I then asked her why we have come to Hawa's house. She told me that she has joined a certain group that takes care or help the people who are seriously sick especially AIDS patients.

She said that their group they have a meeting once a month on every first Thursday of a month which means today is the meeting day but people are late maybe it's due to the rain.

After few minutes, three men arrived then I told my friend that I am leaving but she told me that there is no problem if I listen to their discussion and one man also told me that I must not leave my friend I must wait for her for their meeting is not secret that anyone can attend the meeting for they also advise people good ways of helping AIDS patients so my presence is also very important.

Another man said that their meeting doesn't need only members but they also need everyone that I will see other people will attend the meeting.

I did not say anything for I saw other people arriving and Naomi told me that others are not members but they are just listeners other have come with problems while others need certain help like Moleni Rojesi, or soap and even medicine.

Within an hour there was a lot of people. Then a certain man stood up and said that before starting everything anyone must pray so that may God bless the meeting.

A certain young man stood up and prayed. He prayed that God is very great for he had allowed the rain to stop so that we can meet here. He asked the same God to be with us during the meeting and keep the rain in the sky until the end of the meeting Amen.

The young man sat down and the same man came to the front and thanked the young man for the good prayer.

He said that the first thing as usual is to remember the people about this, for other people might think that the agenda has been changed so it cannot be changed until the disease of AIDS comes to an end if possible.

He said that their aim is to try to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in this area by teaching people the dangers of HIV/AIDS and also teach other good ways of caring AIDS patients in order to avoid getting the disease.

He said that there is chance for the carer to get the disease if she/he is not protecting him/herself when caring the patient.

He said that when he is saying caring the patient he doesn't mean that bathing the patient only but he means doing anything for the patient like feeding the patient, washing his/her clothes, chatting with him/her, supporting him/her when going to answer call to nature if the patient is unable to walk.

He said that the first thing that the helper needs is love, he/she must have great love upon the patient so that he/she must find it easy to stay with the patient for without love he believes that one cannot help his/her friend.

He said that when we go into the Bible and read from Luke chapter ten from verse twenty seven Jesus commanded us to love our friends the verse reads, "The man answered; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

He then continued saying that these words were said by a human being but Jesus told him that the man is right and commanded him to do that and today these words are coming to us people living on earth we must love God and also our neighbour and this neighbour doesn't mean the one who stays besides our house but everyone, our friends we must love each other.

He said that if Jesus commanded us to love each other, the great, the more love must go to a person who is sick, who is failing to do things on her/his own for that one needs our love and help more than a person who is well and fine.

He said that the patient who is very serious especially the one who is suffering from AIDS must be cared and when caring the patient one must protect him/herself to avoid getting the disease.

The ways he mentioned included:

- Protecting the hands with plastic bags or gloves if available when cleaning the patient's wound and when bandaging the wounds. He said that wash the bandages that will be used again with clean hot water and throw the unnecessary bandaged in a pit latrine.
- The hand must also be protected when bathing the patient if she/he has skin sores that produces watery substances.
- Protection also needed when washing the patient's clothes/beddings that have touched the body fluids.
- Avoid touching any body fluids with naked hands to avoid getting the disease of AIDS.

He also said that protection is not needed during any time when you are with the patient for the patient may think that he/she is a bad thing that he/she may sometimes refuse any

help.

He said that protection is not needed when feeding the patient or when you are giving him/her medicine for here there cannot be any fluids that could be available unless if the patient is vomiting then you can use protection.

He stopped there and asked if any one has any comment or question on what he has said before many things are said for other people can have a question when one is talking and if it took a long time she/he may forget the problem that he/she had so this is the chance.

After a short silence a certain man stood up and said that what he had is just a comment on good ways of caring an AIDS patient about the place where a serious patient slept.

He said that the place where the patient slept must always be warm and dry in order to keep the patient warm for if the place is moist the patient can feel cold as a result she/he can suffer from other diseases like pneumonia or malaria.

He further said that most people when caring a patient who is unable to get up and he/she does everything on the place of sleeping they fail to keep the place dry due to the bad smell of urine or feces of the patient that the place is always moist.

He said that this is very bad because the bad smell is a dangerous to the health of the patient and others who come to see the patient as a result people can stop coming to see the patient.

He said that especially women are the ones who do this forgetting that the country took them as good helpers to patient [than] men and they are very important people in caring serious patients.

He sat down and the other man thanked him for a good comment that he forgot to say then he asked for more questions or comments.

Then another lady Mrs. Kathako stood up and asked that other patients refuse to be touched while covering your hands and they can tell the helper to leave him/her alone if you find that he/she is very bad that you cannot touch him/her with naked. So in such situations what can one do to leave the patient or follow his/her words?

Before the question was answered another lady stood up and said that she has a comment of the question and she said may be the patient the one whom you loved most that you don't want to cover your hands, there cannot be any means of protection? Or these cannot be any solution or medicine that one can wash the hands or body in order to protect the germs/virus from entering your body?

Many people laughed then the Chairman of the group Mr. Emulani stood up and dried the laughing and said that we must laugh for [only a] few minutes for there are many things to be done.

Then he thanked Mrs. Kathako and Usaliri for their good questions. He said that he will start with Usaliri's question for what she had said shows that people have nothing to do with the disease of AIDS.

He said that people must understand and know that the disease of AIDS is spread from one person to another that is why we need to protect ourselves when doing certain things.

He said that there is no solution that can prevent the virus of AIDS to enter into one's body if there is a chance that it can enter and the only way is to protect the hands for the hands are the most important weapon that one can use when caring the patient.

He said if you don't want to protect your hands, make sure that you have no cuts in your hands where the virus can pass. So the best way is to cover your hands with gloves or plastic bags that have no holes.

He said that his friend has already said that not all the times [do they] need protection, so try to use during those dangerous times when you want to touch wounds or clothes/beddings that touches the body fluids.

He said that but before using the protection, you must have discussions with the patient, telling him/her the good/bad results of using gloves in order for the patient to understand the use of protection other than using them without telling him/her anything for he/she can indeed refuse.

He said that if the patient still continue to refuse try to ask someone to help you telling the patient or you can just come to him and his friends, they can help you for it is their job.

He further said that patients are very difficult people to understand for they demand things that are not good sometimes they can harm themselves so it is not good to listen or follow everything that the patient has asked but try to do only helpful things.

He asked Tiferanji and Mrs. Kathako if he has answered their questions and the ladies said, yes. He thanked them and said that he don't want anyone to go back home while he/she doesn't understood something, it is not good.

There was silence for a long time then a certain young man by the name Yonam stood up and thanked for the silence for it means that people have understood about caring the

patient who is very serious.

He said that he had a comment on the place where the serious patient slept. Indeed it must be dry and warm and the beddings must be washed with soap and clean water then they must be put on the sun to dry then iron them in order to kill the germs that remained during washing.

He said that urine is warm so if the patient is not changed his/her clothes/beddings he/she can have sores which can end up to be wounds and this could be another problem.

He further said that a person who is suffering from AIDS, every one knows that his/her body defence has been destroyed so that the body can easily be attacked by any disease so the moisture can give chance to other diseases to attack the person and the place could have a bad smell as if the patient is rotten and the bad smell attracts flies which will make the place unhealthy.

He said that if the place is kept clean (dry and warm) always the patient cannot get other diseases as a result the condition can change to better maybe he/she can get well although he/she was serious.

He said that he knows that caring for a serious patient is not a joke and it needs more than one person so if one has seen that he/she is failing to care for a patient for he/she is alone he/she must come to the group and ask for assistance they are ready to help anyone for it is their duty that is why there are more people in their group and they still need volunteers to join them in order to help our friends and relatives.

He said that before he forgets, their group ask the community to join them must see him at the end of the meeting so that they must register their names and be told more about their group.

He sat down and a lady stood up and said that before they go further they want to hear the argument that people have brought or if anyone has some thing to explain about his/her patient at home.

Another man said that the lady is talking about people who have patients in their homes and have been already visited or others who knows that they have patients who are very serious and this group have never visited them this is their chance to explain.

He said that he doesn't mean only who have problems with their patients but they want to share everything even if the patient is well or is getting better, they want bad and good news.

The man also said that if someone doesn't want more people to hear about his/her patient,

there is no problem for he/she can see Mrs. Yonah privately but those who are open to let the village to learn from him/her.

After a short silence a certain lady Mrs. Tumo stood up and explained that she has a request but firstly she would like to explain so that other people might learn from her for it is a sad story for they have wasted a lot of money.

She explained that she wants people to stop thinking about witchcraft for sometimes it's a waste of time and money. She said that her young sister started suffering some years ago and they consulted a witchdoctor who told them that the girl has been bewitched and they believed it due to what happened to the girl while sleeping.

She said that one day the girl dreamt that her grandmother was pouring water on her head and when she wake up she finds her grandmother in her bedroom.

She said that so many things happened to the girl in magic and all her relatives believed but the girl's condition got worse and worse instead of getting better and they have been wasting a lot of money that they sold all their goats and pigs that her parents left but the girl is still suffering.

She said that when this group visited them they encouraged her to take the girl to the hospital to test for HIV but the brother was against that he refused to help with anything for he hoped [believed] that the girl was bewitched.

She continued explaining that for it was difficult to carry the girl on her back she went to the Illovo company and asked for transport and they gave her a car that took the girl to the hospital where she have been found with AIDS.

She said that and she kept quiet with her face downwards for some minutes then she said that she is very sad with her sister for she is only fourteen years old but no wonder for a girl get the virus from her parents who died eight years ago.

She said that she said this due to what the doctor who tested the girl said, he said that the girl shows that she did not get the disease from her mother.

She said that she wouldn't have said that but she have said because would like to encourage women to test for HIV/AIDS when they are pregnant for nowadays there are chances that a child can born without the virus although his/her mother is HIV positive.

She then said that her request is now here, she wants her sister to have a chance of receiving the drugs that makes a person to live longer with HIV/AIDS.

She explained that although the doctor have told her that the girl's immunity is not weak

that she can start taking the ARV drugs but she is the one who takes care of the girl and she knows the girl better than anyone. She was a very powerful girl but nowadays she is very weak that she can not do any piece of work and most of the times you can find her sleeping. She can play for a short period.

She said that what she wanted from them is to try to get the ARV drugs for the girl for maybe she can get well and start going back to school.

Then she sat down and a certain man stood up and thanked the lady Mrs. Tumo for she had done a great job for other people are unable to stand on public and explain as what she had said. He said that everyone must take a good example of her.

He told Mrs. Tumo that he will come and see the girl then they will be going to see what to do for the girl needed to be helped so that she can continue with her education and have a good plan for her future.

The chairman Mr. Emulani said that he had a comment. He said that he is very sad with the girl's story for she is innocent and she is suffering due to careless of her parents but this is not the time to point fingers on someone but work hard to avoid such things.

He said that this must be a lesson to women who refuse to test for HIV, they must stop it and try to make good decisions for their future and the future of their children.

He said that every woman is not forced to test for HIV/AIDS but she must think before a thing so it will be good if all women get tested before getting a pregnant in order to plan if it is necessary for her to have pregnant.

He promised Mrs. Tumo that he will do things that will help the girl to get the ARVs.

He then asked for other comments requests or questions. A certain lady stood up and said that her husband's sickness is getting worse that she wished the chance of getting the ARV could reach him as well and she asked if the gloves are available for she was promised that she will get them today.

The chairman told her that she must not get worried for her husband will soon get the ARV but she must prepare to go and learn more about the drugs for they can not receive the drugs before learning about the ARV drugs.

He also told her that she will get the gloves for today they have some of them and she told her that she must also take care of the gloves for they have few but there are more people who need them.

He said that everyone who needs gloves will have the pairs he/ she must wash the used



gloves with warm/ hot water and dry them on the sun in order to kill the germs then you can use them again.

He also said that everyone one who asked for the ARV drugs must wait for everything have been arranged that they are just waiting for the day and date from the hospital but they must not get worried for they will start getting the drugs by the end of this month.

Then a certain man stood up and said that he had a piece of advice to parents who allowed their daughters to go under a certain initial ceremony and at the end of the ceremony they had a process of “kusasa fumbi” <Chichewa: wipe off dust; have sex soon after the initiation ceremony>.

He said that he is originated from Mangochi and little girls are forced to go under initial ceremony called Sondo and by the end of the ceremony a big man has sex with the girls to test their womanhood but he had realised that this practice is spreading the disease of AIDS.

He said that he had said this because he had the daughter who have passed away with AIDS and one daughter, he believes that he got the disease from the man who did the 'kusasa fumbi'with her.

He said that his daughter died at the age of eleven and he believes that the daughter have never have sex with any man because she was a disabled girl that she always move with her mother.

He also said that he had also an uncle who died with AIDS and this [is the] one who did the 'kusasa fumbi' and he was one of those people who spread AIDS to the girls and even his daughter because the year his daughter underwent the initiation ceremony his uncle acted as a fisi and this gave him a picture that his daughter got the disease from his uncle.

He said that not only his daughter get the disease for other two girls were together with his daughter are suffering from the disease of AIDS.

He then said that his advice to parents and other elders is that they must find other ways to test womanhood for this system encourages the spread of HIV/AIDS so as a result many people will die with AIDS if this system is continued.

He also said that there is also another way that encourages the spread of AIDS which is Chokolo <Chitumbuka: cataract; marrying a woman/wife inheritance>. He said that Chokolo is spreading AIDS because one cannot know what has killed his friend so once he have sex with one's wife, he can get the disease so this must also stopped to reduce the spread of the disease of HIV/AIDS.

He sat down and the chairman thanked the man for the good advice and he also said that the man said the truth.

There was silence for a short time then the chairman said that he hopes there is no-one with any problem but he knows that most people's problems are about gloves but they must not get worried for everyone will have two pairs.

He then asked a certain lady to say something if she had some but she must not take a long time for people may get bored and tired.

The lady stood up and said that she will only took few minutes for she want to talk about a popular thing that many people knew it.

She said that she just want to let people know that AIDS is real and it kills for other people thought that AIDS is a joke or is just like any other disease but this is not true because AIDS kills than any other disease.

But this is not true because AIDS kills than any other disease for it has no treatment while other diseases can be cured.

She said that there are serious and dangerous diseases that kill people but they can be cured if it treated early or properly for there are medicine or vaccine but for AIDS has no way to be defeated the only way is to avoid getting it.

She said that other people can think that AIDS is a dangerous animal but it is not like that, it is a disease that is caused by a virus called HIV.

She said that HIV is a very dangerous virus for it works silently without making any sounds - means without the body showing any signs until it has destroyed all the soldiers of the body, then it began to shows the fruits of its work. She explained that the person who gets the HIV doesn't know that he/she has any problem for he/she can look healthy and fat for a long time but when he/she start suffering from AIDS, it took a short [time to affect] the health. She said that the health changes quickly because all the white blood cells has been defeated that they are weak that they can not be able to protect any disease to attack the body as a result the body accept any disease.

As the lady was speaking it starts raining and Hawa invited everyone into her house but only few people entered the house and down and think properly about the life we had.

We must think that what is life? Where did I get life? If I lose it, where can I buy another life to replace it?

He said that we will find no answer to the questions we can have about life that is why

we need to thank God for the precious thing that he gave us. He said that life is a very expensive thing for one can not buy with money but it is just a gift from God who is a loving father, the owner of everything for he created everything we see on earth. He said that there is no one who have seen God but we must praise him for we see his duties for everything done on earth is from the power of God although other things are evil coming from the devil, it is God who gave the devil power to perform evil things which is part of our life for it strengthens the faith of a Christian. He said that for a Christian to have strong faith, he / she must meet with difficulties for sometimes God uses such things in order to test our faith in him.

He said that in the Bible there is a certain man called Job who was very rich, he had many things like cattle, goat and he had also children but he was faithful to God than any one else and God tested him by killing his children and everything he had all the animals and he made him get sick but Job did not stop praising God, he was still faithful although his wife and friends tried telling him to stop praising God and even ask him to ask God to kill him.

He asked a certain man to read the story of Job from the Bible to see if what he was speaking is true so one man opened the Bible and read from the Book of Job chapter one from verse thirteen up to verse twenty-two which has the heading says “Job's children and wealth are destroyed” and here it goes.

One day when Job's children were having a feast at the home of their eldest brother a messenger came running to Job “we were ploughing the fields with the oxen” he said and the donkeys were in a nearby pasture suddenly the soybeans attacked and stole them oil.

They killed every one of your servants except me. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.

Before he had finished speaking another servant came and said lightening struck the sheep and the shepherd and killed them all. I am the only who escaped to tell you.

Before he had finished speaking another servant came and said three bands of children raiders attacked us, took away the comes and killed all your servants except me. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.

Before he had finished speaking another servant came and said your children were having a feast at the home of your eldest son, when a storm swept in from the desert. It blew the house down and killed them all. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.

Then Job stood up and tore his clothes in grief. He shaved his head and threw himself face downwards on the ground. He said I was born with nothing and I will die with nothing. The Lord gave and now he has taken away. May his name be praised! In spite of

every thing that had happened, Job did not sin by blaming God.

There he ended his reading and he went and sat down then a lady came in front and she prayed that God must be with her, help her explaining the passage, adding she will speak less for she is not an angel. Then she said that I was born with nothing and I will die with nothing these words has touched her heart. She said that every person born with nothing but we get everything after birth and when we die we will not taking anything. She said that we must know that things on earth are not important than our life so it is better to die poor maybe you can receive eternal life after death.

She said that most poor people have a better chance of receiving eternal life than a rich person because a poor person always prays hard to God asking him to grant him/her today's food and he / she always thanks God for a little thing that she / he has get. She said that but for a person who is rich, he / she daily life forgotten to thank God for he is the one who have given the richest, he/she forget everything about God he / she only sat down and enjoy the riches of the world.

She said that the world is full of enjoyment that makes people to forget that there is someone who is protecting them everyday / every hour. They even forget to help the poor with just little things for this is one way of thanking God but most rich people dislike poor people forgetting that they [were] born with nothing and that they will not take their riches when going to heaven.

She said that Job had not forgotten God, he praised him while he had everything and he continued saying that we have seen now the wealth and children of Job lost but he did not say anything against God. She said that Job lost everything on the same time and the messengers arrived one by one but during the same moment, Job did not say any word against God instead he praised his name for he is the giver of everything and he takes everything when he needed so there is nothing to worry when one is met with difficulties.

She said that Job is a good example of a faithful Christian who loved God, who do not blame God in times of troubles but he / she praises God and tried to advice other people who tried to make her / him blame God that God is the giver and taker of everything so we must accept everything that comes on our life and we must praise him.

She said that the testing of God on Job did not stop there because if we continue reading the passage we could have heard how Job continued to suffer the consequences from God on his healthy life.

She said that the problems we say that they came from God although we know that God can not give a person bad things and we believe that bad things are the work of the devil for he is happy when he sees a person suffering.

She said that indeed Satan the devil is the owner of every bad thing but we must know that Satan works with the power from God, God is the one who gave power Satan to deal with people in order to test their faith so a true Christian will not move from God.

God in any try but he/she will stand still on God trust him praying, asking God to remove such problems.

She said that Job met another problem for he got sick, the whole body was covered with sores and his wife told him to ask God to take away his life because he has suffered a lot. She said that Job did not listen to what his wife told him but he continue praising God the giver of this precious gift, life.

She said that certain three friends of Job visited him and when they saw how Job had suffered, they tried to make Job sin against God but he did not listen to any advice from his friends for he thought that his friends were not helping him.

She said that although Job suffered for a long time but one day God put an end to all difficulties that Job met and he got well from his sickness that his health was restored and his wealth comes back, he had more wealth than he had at the beginning, even the wife and children than he had before that he praised God as he did before.

She said that when a person is able to persevere difficulties, he gets good things at the end of the troubles. She said that true Christians must remain faithful to God although how tough the problems he / she face he / she must stand firm, rely on God and do not blame him but put eyes towards to see what God as for him/her.

She ended there and she asked if there was anyone with a comment on what she had said.

Then a certain man stood up to add a reduce on what the lady has said but he want to start another things.

He said that Jesus was sent by God to save our life so that whoever believe him will not die but will live forever. He said that this forever doesn't mean that he / she will not die but it means that he / she will die but he / she will have another life. If heaven where he / she will enjoy with so many holy people together with God and Jesus as well.

He said that Jesus told his disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them so we Christians believes that Jesus is still preparing that glorious place but he is about to finish that every one must get prepared to reach that place, the Kingdom of God. He said that a person who wants to be with Jesus in that place, he / she must did what pleases God he / she must do good things like charity work or alms giving.

He said that today he want to discuss more on one of the works of Jesus that other people

can do it today, this is healing.

He said that he is the prophet of Jesus so that when he prayed to anyone who is sick, the patient can get well, if the owner believes Jesus. He said that Jesus healed many people in different ways and in one way he heals a person who has faith in Jesus Christ.

He said that nowadays praying is a good way of praising God who is the giver of everything and he gave everyone who asks with faith that God is the giver of everything.

He said that when one is sick and have faith that Jesus is the real doctor and pray in his name ask him to cure him/her, it is easy for that one to get well.

He said that he will read the Bible so that we can see how Jesus healed people so he opened the Bible and read from the Book of Mark chapter nine from verse fifteen up to verse twenty nine and the passage has the heading which says: Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit and here is the passage.

When they joined the rest of the disciples they saw a large crowd round them and some teachers of the law arguing with them. When the people saw Jesus they were greatly surprised and ran to him and greeted him.

Jesus asked his disciples what are you arguing with them about? A man in the crowd answered teacher I bought my son to you, because he foams at the mouth, grits his teeth and becomes stiff all over.

I asked your disciples to drive the spirit out, but they could not. Jesus said to them 'how unbelieving you people are how long must I stay with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy to me, they brought him to Jesus.

As soon as the spirit saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a fit, so that he fell on the ground and rolled round, foaming at the mouth. "How long has he been like this? Jesus asked the father.

"Ever since he was a child," he replied, "many times the evil spirit has tried to kill him by throwing him on the fire and into water, have pity on us and help us if you possibly can."

Yes, he said if you yourself can! Everything is possible for the person who has faith. The father at once cried out, I do have faith but not enough help me to have more. Jesus noticed that the crowd was closing in on them so he gave a command to the evil spirit "Deaf and dumb spirit" he said, I order you to come out of the boy and never go into him again.

The spirit screamed, threw the boy into a bag fit and came out. The boy looked like a

corpse and every one said “He is dead!” But Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him to rise and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately “why couldn't we drive the spirit out?

Only prayers can drive this kind out” answered Jesus, nothing else can.

He stops there and said that he hope the passage has well read and easy to understand for it was straight forward that it doesn't need any explanation because he has already talked about Jesus that he was healing and in the passage we have heard how Jesus healed a boy while his disciples failed to heal the same boy.

He said that this just shows that Jesus never fails. He does things that people have failed but this is able due to prayers as Jesus told his disciples.

He said that he will not go further for he wanted to act as Jesus, he want to make people realise and understand that a prayer is a true weapon for everything, a prayer is a way to Jesus and it is also an answer to any problem on our life.

He said that he would like to pray for those who are sick but the owners must have faith in Jesus that through human prayers in the name of Jesus they can be healed.

He asked those people from the group who are not well to go to the front so that they must receive blessings that they must be healed if they believe that Jesus is still healing people trough prayers from people like himself.

Other people went to the front and he told them that everyone who will pray with his/her whole heart with hope that he/she will be healed, he / she will be indeed get well for Jesus is among us and when he will be praying. Jesus will touch those with faith in him and they will get well.

He told the people in the front to put their right hand on their throat when he is praying then he closed his eyes and prayed.

In his prayer he asked God to send the holy spirit to heal the sick people for they believe that God through his son Jesus is doing a great job, he can heal those with faith in him, he is the answer to everything that he believes in him the healer. He continue praying that Jesus healed many people while on heart and he's still healing although he has gone to heaven but we still rely on him for new believe that Jesus is among us although we can not see him with our weak eyes. He further prayed asking Jesus to perform a miracle of healing to those suffering from different diseases. He prayed that Jesus is above everything that is why people praise and mention his name, he is the great one so he must also do great things among sinful people so that they must have at least more faith in him. Amen.

He opened his eyes and asked those people to go to their places and see how they will feel after a minute and everyone went to his/her place then the man faced downwards and get a seat without saying any word.

Then another man got up and said that a prophet of God has spoken and did his work so he is waiting to see the results of his prayer for he cannot ask without receiving an answer so he has closed his mouth waiting for answers and it is those answers that will open his mouth.

He said that he knows and believes that God has already answered the prayers for he has got any answer to any question that is why he can not lie or fail.

He said that the prophet is waiting for the sick people to witness the good job of Jesus that he have done to them for he believes that other people have been healed now while others the process of healing is still going on so they will be well as soon as possible.

As he was speaking three people [came] to the front one after another and they were told to sit on the chairs without saying any word.

The prophet spoke up, he started by shouting that Alleluya and the people said Amen! And he asked the three that men of God what can I do for you? Is there any problem?

There was silence for a moment then a lady from the three stood up and said that she believe in Jesus who had healed her from her sickness. She said that she was suffering from stomach [pain] which began three days ago. She has tried traditional herbs but the pain continues then she went to the hospital today but the drugs she got there did not help her, she had just wasted her 250.00 [kwacha].

She then said Alleluya and now I am well for I feel no pain in my stomach. I walk with difficulties with a piece of cloth and I am going home to eat nsima that I failed to eat these last three days Alleluya AMEN.

The prophet commented that she will not suffer from stomach again. Then the second one was a man who stood up and said that thank you the prophet of God for the good job he had done to him because on his own he couldn't be able to pray and God healed him as he did. He explained that he had a problem of swollen and aching of legs and many people who knew him know about his problem. People said yes commenting to what he was saying.

The man continued saying that when walking his legs were very heavy and painful too that he walks very slowly sometimes he asks his son to carry him on his bicycle that by his son on the bicycle. He said that now he feels no pain and his legs seems the swollen



has begun to reduce the swollen which means he has been healed that he is very much happy due to what God has done to his life today, he has made him happy after a long difficulties.

The prophet said that God is able to do everything so he asked the man to continue praising God the great who is the in-charge of everything.

The next one was a man who said that he had been healed from his swelling on the armpit. He said that the swelling started some days ago and it was very painful and the swelling is nowhere to be seen which shows that he has been healed. Amen to God.

The prophet commented that the work of God is always good for God is always happy to see his own images staying happily and healthy.

As the three was witnessing that Jesus is still healing other people also went to the front and every one was given a chance to witness the healing for they were all healed.

There were more than thirty people who were healed and it took a long time maybe 3-4 hours for everyone to speak of everyone.

But a certain man make everyone laugh because he speak opposite to what other people were saying that I just thought that the man is mad.

The name of the man is Kawola who went to the front as he was got to be one of Jesus witnesses, but he went to the front and shouted that Alleluya Jesus is good always but a human is good sometimes and bad other times. He said that these are the work of man and not Jesus so everyone who has been healed will suffer serious before sunrise tomorrow.

A certain man hold him and forced him outside but he was still shouting that Satan is among everyone who believes in the false prophet who is one of the satanic worshippers. He further shouted that who want to see God must follow him for he can show people a way to God.

When his sounds was not heard, the prophet spoke up saying that God must forgive him for he don't know what he was doing. He adds that it is not strange because Christians must meet with such difficulties in our daily life.

As he was speaking a certain man break out from the group and shouted that Kawola is right to disturb them for he has been prayed but he is not healed. This make people to make a lot of noise and other people began to leave the place for it was also getting dark and I was among those people for I saw that the meeting was not going to continue.

THE END

I was coming from the nursery school where I went to fetch my son and I decided to pass through Kusita primary school for I want to buy tomatoes at one of the teacher's house.

As I was passing the school compound I saw some children and their teacher sat under a shade of a tree and the teacher was teaching the children about the disease of AIDS. I notice that the children are from standard one and who I wondered if the children knew about AIDS and I decided to stop at the nearby tree where there was people selling different foods like bananas, sugarcane, etc.

I was chatting with a certain girl who was selling sugarcane her name was Timeni. I was asking her why she is absent for classes and she is selling sugarcane while her friends are in classes.

The girl told me that her mother is sick so she wants to get some money to buy medicine for there is no one who can buy the medicine for her.

As I was chatting with the girl, I let my one ear to hear what the teacher and the children are discussing. I heard the teacher asking the children if there is anyone who have seen AIDS for other people said that it is an animal.

No one answered and the teacher said that the silence means that no-one have seen AIDS for the truth is that AIDS is not animal but it is a disease that is killing a lot of people. She explained that AIDS is a very dangerous disease than any other disease because once a person start suffering from AIDS he / she will not get well but he will really die. She told the children that once they heard that someone is suffering from AIDS they must know that he/she will die sooner or later. She told the children that every one can suffer from AIDS for there are different ways of getting AIDS.

She explained that most children get AIDS, from their parent before birth, during birth. If they found that there is one among them who is suffering from AIDS they must love that one, play and chat with that one for he / she is still their friend. She told the children that even at home if they found that there is someone who is suffering from AIDS they must chat with them, they help them with any work they can be able to do. She said that they must respect everyone as they do to their parents for them to be good children at home as well as at school.

She told the children that there are so many symptoms and signs of AIDS, which include:

- diarrhoea
- The hair becomes soft
- The person began to be thin due to loss of food in the body
- The skin can be covered with sores

- The skin becomes dry

She told them that it is not good for them to laugh at a person who is suffering. They must also not think that anyone who is thin with soft hair is suffering from AIDS. This is not good because one cannot say that this one is suffering from Aids just because of the signs he / she has. She said that one can know that he / she has the disease of AIDS by testing the blood at the hospital and she told them that they must also test their blood when they grow up.

She told them that they must try to avoid getting AIDS for this disease is passed from one person to another through blood contamination. She told them that to avoid getting the disease of AIDS they must avoid the sharing of razor blade after cutting fingers or any part of the body they must also avoid the sharing of teeth brushes with anyone even parents.

She also told them that another important thing they must avoid is touching the blood of someone else. She said that when one of them has been injured and blood is coming out they must not touch the blood instead they must invite any teacher to help them if they are at school and at home they must tell any elder to assist them. She told them that they must understand that blood is very dangerous for it transmits the disease of AIDS but the same blood is also very important to our lives for without blood a person can die immediately.

She reminds the children that they have learnt about AIDS that it kills people and it also spread from one person to another so they must be very much careful when their friend is bleeding. She then started asking the pupils questions about what they have learnt and most pupils were able to answer the questions correctly and at the end they sang a song that was talking about the dangers of AIDS that it can kill everyone on heart if people failed to avoid it.

The pupils sang the song loudly while dancing and a certain woman who was selling sugarcane said that the pupils knew only dance and sing about AIDS but they don't know what they are doing. She further said that if the children were of the ages between ten and fifteen at least they could have under stand and remember what they have learnt today but this little children have heard but some hours they will forget about everything.

Another lady told her friend that this age is a good [beginning] for if they are teaching little children about AIDS it means the subject is being taught to all classes which means if these little children forget one day they will remember when their teacher will come again with another lesson which will talk about this disease of AIDS.

There was disagreement between the two ladies for the first was telling her friend that it is wrong to teach the standard one and two pupils about AIDS because there will be other

words that will be not of their sizes like they will talk about condoms and sexual intercourse.

She said that when a little child hears about condoms and sexual intercourse they must wit to know [?] or try them so as to see what their teacher has taught them.

The other lady told this friend that it is not good for a teacher to tell children of six – seven years old about sex but they can teach them things of their size as the teacher has done today. She asked her friend if she had heard the teacher talking about sex or condoms when she teaching the children about the disease of AIDS.

The other one said that this is the beginning of this school year which means this is also the beginning of this subject and when try go in the interior of the subject the pupils will be taught about the condoms and sexual intercourse for these goes together with the disease of AIDS.

Her friend still against her said that what she said is not true for there is no parent who can tell a child of six years about sex but he / she can tell older children maybe of the age of fifteen who knows more about the world. She said that these little children will learn about condoms and sex when they reach maybe standard six or above but not at this age. She said everyone knows that the disease of AIDS is killing a lot of people everyday but little children can not know everything because they are very young even their parents die with AIDS they cant know anything.

Her friend adds that AIDS is really killing a lot of people and many children have no parents because of AIDS but they don't know for many people used to hide.

The other one said that it is good not to tell a little child that [their] mother/father died with AIDS but that must know about it after growing up so that he / she must knew what killed his / her father / mother. She said that most children today are orphan due to the disease of AIDS that kills without mercy or thinking about children who will remain.

Her friend said that the problem is not with the disease of AIDS but the people who get AIDS for they knew / heard about AIDS killing people but they did not care for their lives by avoiding sexual intercourse.

The other one said that in a family (wife and husband) one can be faithful to his / her partner but the other one went here and there with another one went here and there with other partners as a result he / she gets the disease and spread to the wife / husband. This is very painful to the one who was faithful.

She further said that AIDS can not be spread through sexual intercourse only but once say that he / she was a prostitute forgetting that there are other ways that can be spread the

disease of AIDS.

The lady asked her friend if she had remembered her certain brother who passed away three years ago. How he suffered together with his wife.

Her friend said that she had remembered and added that they suffered a lot and find nobody to care for both of them for all their relatives said that they had wishes to get the disease of AIDS. Then her friend said that those people wished to die soon because the husband was the one who was encouraging his wife to have sex with people who were building a certain block of the school for she was getting a lot of money to support the family and during that time they managed to buy a bicycle. She further explained that five years did not pass before both of them start suffering so who could wish to help such a family.

The other one said that they would have helped them although they get the disease deliberately but when they were doing such things they did not think that they can get the disease so there could be someone felt pity with them and cared for them when they were suffering.

Her friend said that she had advised them to stay at the hospital for there are doctors and nurses whose work is to care for sick people.

The other one said that is not possible because there are more patients than doctors and nurses so they can not be able to care for all the patients and their work is to give proper treatment to every patient and not caring the patients. She said that caring is doing different things for the patient like washing clothes, cooking food, cleaning the place where the patient slept, bathing the patient and many more than needs a special person to do - not one person for ten patients that can not work. She said that a person who is suffering from AIDS needs more help than other patients for he / she can be weak and needs support, he / she can need to be fed, clothes, bathed and more things that one person can get tired with so what will happen is all the patients at the hospital are left in the hands of the doctors and nurses.

Her friend said nothing then she laughed and said that let it be like that for it happened already but let's talk about our lives and AIDS. Her friend said that she wants to drink water at the near borehole then she will talk about herself for she fears disease of AIDS.

I chatted for a long time with the girl for I was also waiting for my standard two son and when they said goodbye to their teacher I searched for him among the children and once I found him we started going home.

On our way my son, Chisale told me that they have learnt about AIDS that it is a disease that kills a lot of people. He also asked me if I knew the animal called AIDS, I told him

that their teacher told them it is not an animal but a disease that kills people as he already told me.

We laughed due to his questions.