

Should we start? (Yes) Should we go? My name is Mary Appiah, I came from Kwaso, - Ejisu. My mother's name is Yaa Achiaa, she is there. My father's name is Charles Appiah, he is dead, 1970. I started primary school at my home town. I was born ^{here} in Kumasi (Mho) Ahaa - I ~~was~~ stayed with my grandmother who I was named after her at Bompata - in Kumasi. So, when I grown up a bit, my grandma, my mother, mother asked me to come to her in my home town, Kwaso. (Mho) So, I went and stayed with my grandma for a while and I attended school, but I couldn't cope with the life at the village, I couldn't cope with it. (So?) yes. (What was your trouble) Their feeding - It was their feeding, at night, If I go to school, they would go to the farm. If they returned from the farm, they would prepare fufu at night. Maybe "Seven" 7 pm, and I don't like fufu at night, the soup is full of pepper, I couldn't eat, so, I didn't like it. So, I told my father that I cannot stay there, so, he sent me to 'eh, a certain callist at my home town, and I went and stayed at the Mission house, that place was fine. So, I continued

attended the school always, when I reached form two, I was very beautiful. And the boys, - it was a mixed school. Presbyterian boys and girls school. The boys gave me a lot of problems, this one would say, I love you, this one would say, I love you. And I didn't like that, so, I told my father that, I will not continue the school at my home town again. I like girls school. So, he found me a school at Roman girls school, Kumasi, so, I returned and stayed with my grandma, whom I was staying at first (Mho) so, when I was in school, I liked sewing, I liked sewing. So, when I was in school, I liked needle work was good in needle work (Yes) And, Eh, at Catholic school, we had Roman sisters (Mho) so, I and two Indian girls, Ganga, and the other one was Lila. We were very good in needle work, so the sister took us to their hostel and we do the needlework for them continuously, so the embroidery I know how to do it very well. So, when I completed the school, when I reached form one, I told my grandma that, I will go to Secondary school, so, I sat for the common entrance and passed. And my mother liked to send me to Eh Secondary school, but my mother brought forth two children, The first boy and me. She didn't give)

birth again. So, her friend told her that, you have only one daughter, if you send her to Secondary School and she becomes pregnant, she would cause abortion and die, so, don't send her to the Secondary School. I cried always. From one, my mother didn't send me to -, form two, form three, form four, she said, I must complete school and get marry and bring children, because I am the only girl. So, she didn't allowed me to attend the Secondary School. So, when I completed I said, if that may be the case, then I will sew, (mho) little by little, - So, a certain woman, she is called Ante Dora Afriyie, she has died, so, she took me as her daughter, the woman also, she had only one girl. She took me as her daughter, she said, she like me, and she taught me how to sew. We sewed wedding dresses, very very beautiful childrens dresses. So, she opened a big store for me, it was full of baby's dresses (Mho) So, I was very good in sewing, and I got married at that time, and my mother was troubling me, get married, get married everyday, won't you ^{get} marry and brought forth, Every blessed day, if she sees me. So, I stopped going to her, she was at Ashanti New Town, I also was at Bompata, If I go there with my

friends, tell you friend Mary that, she
~~she~~ must get marry and brought forth
 every blessed day, she troubles me with
 marriage problems. Get married and brought
 forth, get married and brought forth.
 Oh, so, O.K, I have to marry and
 brought forth. So, I got married to a
 man, called Mr. Aggemang. I attended ^{the same} Church
 with him at Presby, Eh, Ramseyer, Adum.
 and he engaged me and we got
 married. So, I brought forth my first
 born, Papa Yaw. So I brought forth
 two years, two years, two years. So,
 my husband, he don't have money, at
 that time, he had no money at all.
 So, when I brought forth my first
 born, he was a bursar, assistant bursar
 at Kumasi Girls Secondary School. He
 had a debt in his work. So, at the
 end of the ~~money~~ month, they deduct the
 debt with his salary. So, I have to
 work and pay our rent, and use
 some for chop money, and give the man,
 my husband pocket money, and look
 after my little child. So, little by little,
 always, the difficulties was there, so
 when I was sewing, the little I would
 get, so, later I decided to bake cakes,
 so I baked the cakes in the morning, I
 woke up early in the morning about
 4-a.m. and baked the cakes, and I had
 four girls, and the would go and sell
 it, before I come to the market and)

Sew, little by little, and we were transferred from Kumasi Girls Secondary School, and we went to Okuapemman Secondary School, it is in Akuapem Akropong. At there also, I started the sewing little by little, from there, we were transferred again from Okuapemman Secondary School to Antoa Secondary School. And from Antoa also, it is not too far from Kumasi (mho) So, we decided to stay in Kumasi here, and my husband should go and come. So, when we were in Kumasi here, my husband go to Antoa and come, and I continued my sewing. So, it was only the sewing. At that time, my mother (Did you sewed at home?) In the market, my mother had a ^{Kumasi} market store. So, I didn't sew "Kaba-Kaba", only children dresses, from babies to ^{maybe} twelve years. (mho) At that time, the babies dresses, some were four shillings, five shillings, maybe, fifty pesewas, at that time. But they buy it. They buy it ^{very} quickly. (mho) And, eh, the villagers, if they come, they buy more and (mho) send it to the village and sell. And the one for the girls also, some are eight shillings (mho) So, prices of goods was not very high (yes) but it was also good. So, little by little, So, when he was at Antoa, a sort of caps, at that time some sort of caps fashion came, they sewed it with Crimprene. So, I went

and I learned how to sew that caps.
 And I started sewing that type of caps.
 So, at first, I bought one of the caps
 it was four cedis, and I torn it and I
 used it to cut the parterren, and sewed
 it. So, I went and bought some of the
 material, and cuts it, and sewed the caps
 I put on one and carried the rest on my
 arms, and sent it to the town, so,
 they bought it all. (Mho) So, it was good
 if I sold it at four cedis, it was
 good, so again, I continued, I continued, I
 continued, and it became bigger (so?)
 So, later, I didn't go to the market,
 I was at home. I employed three girls
 and taught them how to sew it, and
 they sewed for me, and I paid them
 Later, I had costumers, some are from
 Takoradi, some from Accra, so, you see
 that, some sort of caps, caps, they don't
 use it nowadays, so, I continued selling
 it always and I had many costumers
 (mho) So, in the house I was staying, we
 were staying in a storey building, so, if
 you come to the house, upstairs, it was
 full of my costumers, and the land-
 lady became angry, that I have allowed
 many people to ^{come to} the house. Yes, so
 I continued ^{sewing} ~~with~~ the caps, and again
 I had a lot of money (mho) So,
 I decided that, I need a plot (mho)
 to build a house. So, I told my
 mother that, I am ~~too~~ searching for)

plot, because I feel that, the caps was
 good, I can built a house. So, In between
 this, my husband became ill (mho) He
 became seriously ill, he got diabetes,
 (ah) and it came at once, ~~it~~ he was
 attacked at once, so, he went into
 Coma, it was only God, he nearly died.
 So, at that time, he had no money
 (mm) so, I stopped the work, he was
 admitted to the hospital, I have to go
 there in the morning, afternoon and
 in the evening, and at that time, the
 medicine also, ~~the~~ it was expensive (yes)
 So, the doctor, go and buy this, go
 and buy this, go and buy this, so
 only one day, I spent a lot of
 money. He said, he must not eat
 this, he must not allow to eat
 this, eat that, he must not eat
 sugar, & he must not eat yam
 he must not eat cassava, he must
 not eat any starch food. He must
 not eat any food that contains
 sugar, except plantain, so all the
 money I had, what must I ~~do~~ use
 it for? I have to use it to look
 after my husband (Mho) I used it to
 looked after my him continuously,
 he was admitted to the hospital
 for three months (yes) so, when he
 was discharged ^{by the doctor} from the hospital, all
 my costumers, those who owned me
 and have to come and pay me my

money, if they come, I ~~was~~ was not
 in, so they return with the money,
 they don't left it to anybody (yes)
 the caps, which I have sewn,
 nobody came to bought it. And again,
 the caps, many people have learned
 how to sew it, so it became more
 in this city, so I have loosed. So
 all the money I was going to used
 to buy a plot, it got finished, ah,
 it is nothing. Little by little, I started
 the sewing again. I baked the cake
 in the morning, and gives it to the
 girls to sell (yes) and I went to
 the market and sewed my dresses,
 so, at that time, we were trans-
 ferred to Sunyani. (Yes) At that
 time, he was a treasurer at Catholic
 Educational Unit (yes) He works on that
 place. So, at that place also, when I
 went there, I was sewing. I started the
 sewing, I sewed children dresses (yes)
 So, I looked, I looked in the town, I
 went to G.N.T.C (yes) and I went to
 Glamour and I went to the market
 and I searched there continously, I
 saw that, there was no cake, nobody
 sells cake at the place (mho) and I
 said, I will bake cakes, maybe, this
 place, they will buy the cakes for me
 Again, I will bake cakes, I have no
 oven, and I am coming to bake
 cakes! And there was a house)

near me, about four houses from my house (yes) she bakes bread. I went and told her that, please, I want to bake cakes, I am not sure, whether they would buy it here or not, so, please, I want to bake it in your oven for a little while, and if they buy it, I will built my own oven, and she said 'yes' come and bake it. So, the first day, I bake very little cakes and enter, we were staying at Estate, so I sent it to people's houses, here are cakes, here are cakes, so after three days, they have bought all the cakes (yes) and I said, they will buy it, so the following day, and the third day I baked a new ones, when I baked the cakes, I was in front of the oven, it has already baked, and I was removing it from the oven, and a certain girl came, she said, Ante, please, if I want to sell some of the cakes, would you give me some to sell? And I said yes, I will give you some to sell, but I don't know you. I don't know your house, so, if you go and didn't return, what can I do? And she said, O, Ante, I am not a bad person, so if you finish come and see my house, and see where I live, and my mother, for I will sell it. And I said yes.

So, when I finished, I went with her, the girl was called Dora (yes) I went with her to her mothers house and she said, yes she is my daughter and she will sell it, so, I gave some to her. So, the cakes, I divided it into four, and gave her three, that she should go and sell it. (Mho) and I took one and walked around the Estate. She carried the cakes at 9 a.m., (mho) at 12, o'clock, she have finished selling all the cakes. And I said, oh, I have get a job. So, I became very happy. So, at that time, I started building an oven I will build one for myself, because I didn't want to disturbed the woman. And I built an oven and started. I came to Kumasi and bought many cake tins, and I started to bake the cakes continuously, later, they bought it, and bought it (yes) And I went to G.N.T.C and asked them that, I want to bake cake and give some to them, would they ~~re~~ sell it for me? And they said yes, they would collect some and sell and I must give them commission (yes) So, I must go and bring them an application

So I wrote an application and gave it to them. So, they asked me to bring a sieve, a sieve which I

would put the cakes in it. And I started trading with G.N.T.C. So, if I baked the cakes, I gave some to G.N.T.C. and the girl would come and collect some to sell, and I would leave some at home and sell. And again, it was little by little, and it improved a little (mho) and again, the girl who sell it, Dora. She brought ^{she} ~~two~~ ^{three} girls with her, that they should come and sell some of (aha) the cakes, so, again I baked it more (Aah?) I did it everyday. Then, for some time, I said no, I will go to Regional office, they had a big snack bar, there was no cakes. And I went and asked them that, I bake cakes and if they would like to ^{collect} ~~sell~~ some. (Mho) And they said that, ^{oh} ~~they~~ we like it, give us some. (Mho) So again, I gave some to Regional office, and gave some to G.N.T.C. and Eh, there was one hotel in Sunyani, they called it Tata Motel, and I gave some to Tata Motel also. And Eh, there was a small snack bar also at estate, they called it Stone house, and he also run a ^{small} snack shop, and he also collects some. So, I had four stores, who collects the cake (yes) And I had four girls who sells)

it. (Yes) Then, the work became bigger, so I got a lot of money. So, I said, O.K. I will add doughnuts to it (yes) and I started to ^{prepare} ~~do~~ the doughnuts. So I do the doughnuts and baked the cakes, again, I added bread to it. (So?) So the work, it has become very very big. So, at that time, when we went to Sunyani we didn't get a house to hire. So my husband got somebody's house. Estate, the person have gone on transferred, and he said that, he would sell the house to my husband and my husband had no money and I said, oh, it is nothing, he should buy the house. And he bought the house. So, I helped (who) little by little, we paid the amount on the house. So he bought the house and paid the man. And it must take three years, before the person can transfer ^(yes) ~~the~~ it to my husband. So, it did not reach three years. So, it didn't take long that one house, another estate also which was ~~near~~ next to our house, the man said, he was selling it. it was three thousand cedis at that time (who) Today's three thousand cedis and my husband said, he will buy it, and I also know that, myself and my husband, we all are one.

(Ah) So as a woman, I don't want to say that, by all means, I should buy it, so I said my husband should buy it, and I will help him, so my husband bought the house. So my money was involved, and I gave it to my husband (But your name was not in it?) No, because at that time a man, he wants to prove that, he is a man, so he used his name. I thought that it was both of us, and we have six children, so, it's nothing. So later it goes up, we did very big things. Again, when we finished the house, we arranged the rooms very nicely. And my children also, they were not grown up. Again we realized that, we have to do extension (mho) on the new one, because it was very little, so we again made an extension, the house became very very nice. We had a dining hall, Eh, toilet and bath, two-two (yes) Two master bedrooms, a place where my children sleep, Eh, visitors room, a place where my children would study, Kitchen and and store (yes) and in the house, oh, it was very very beautiful, so I was happy, I feel very very good, because, my husband, he had no difficulties again, and there was no poverty like at first, so, again, it)

means that, he can do something (Yes) And again, he started to buy some items for me. At first, he couldn't buy something for me, for he had no money. Later, the job was good, so he can buy something for me. If he go to town, - Ama, I bought this for you, Ama, I bought a cloth for you, and I was happy (yes) He said Ama, have patience, you hear me? At first, if we went through poverty and difficulties, now, by the grace Of God, it is good, so don't cry again, don't be miserable, now (yes) I will look after you and all the children. I said, yes, I give thanks to God. So, he made up his mind that, Eh, at Sunyani, it is somebody's town, we, we came from Kumasi here. (Yes) He comes from Kumawu, and I also comes from Kwaso, and we have lived in Kumasi always, so he would found a building plot in Kumasi and build a house for me and my children. And I said yes. So if he comes from Sunyani, he would search for a building plot always, he didn't got one, he said he want a plot in town, he don't like one which is far away from town (Aha) So, at one time, he came and told me that, he have found one plot, yes, so he ~~is~~ was going .)

to Kumasi, and if he is returning, he will bring money, so at that ^{the} following Saturday, a friend of us have died, so both of us ~~we~~ should come to the funeral, and pay the building plot (yes) and I said yes so at that time also, my mother, my mother also, she travels to Abidjan. She used to ~~sent~~ Kente and ~~weaved~~ woven clothes there, and if she is returning, she ^{would} buy materials and bring it here. (Mhe) And if she is returning from Abidjan, she would stop at Sunyani to visit us, and she would buy something for us. So we were fine with my mother. All my children, liked my mother (yes) My mother was very very beautiful, everybody liked her. And the children pamper her. Grandma-grandma, grandma, we went to dining table with her, Oh, so, if you come to visit us, we were very happy. So, one time, a friend of my husband was going to do harvest, He was a Pastor, (aha) Aladura Pastor, so they were going to do harvest, so I should go with my husband, he brought us an invitation. It is at Accra road. The town is called Amangyase, aha, so both of us planned that, we would go on Saturday morning.)

It was November 6th 1981, yes. And we both agreed to go. So, ~~on~~ Saturday, Friday night, we took one bag, we both arranged our belongings into it and said we would rise up early in the morning. At that time, he have bought a car. (yes) So, we would go with the car. So, when I woke up in the morning, before I ~~we~~ would wake up, my husband have woke up already and have taken his bath and dressed up, and he said, stop! let me go and come. And I asked, ^{oh} why! Both of us are going, why should I stop? I would not allow. He said Oh, Ama please stop, look after the children, I am going to come. It was very painful very painful indeed. And I said O.K. even, you owe me. (Mho-ho-ho) Most of my money is in this building. The building which we have put up, my money is involved. The car, my money is involved, so go and come and give me my money. (He-he-he) He said yes, I am going to come and he left. So, he have to return on Monday morning and go to work. (Aha) So, eh, that Sunday I was sure, he would come in the morning, so I prepare food. I prepare, he liked Palawa Sause,

I prepare soup, light soup and I
 prepare stew, meat stew, and put
 it there, and if he comes, he can
 choose anything he likes and can
 go to work after eating. So, after
 seven, he didn't return after eight
 he have not returned, after nine
 he have not returned. That day
 was 9th November 1981. What is today's
 date? What is today's date? (It is
 8th November) Tomorrow is 9th November
 It is exactly thirteen years. The
 story I am saying (yes) is exactly
 thirteen years. So, at times, I
 shake, and Panic (yes) I said, asked
 why myself, why do I shake?
 I kneel down and prayed. God, have
 mercy upon me, God, have mercy
 upon me. And I stopped. Again
 I became hungry. We both go
 to dining table together so, he
 don't want me to go to
 dining table without him (yes)
 We both eat together, so I don't
 want to eat, because if he return
 and I tell him that, I have
 already eaten, he would not
 like that. So I should wait for
 him. Then, I became hungry (yes)
 I wanted to eat, if I go to the
 dining table, I look at the food
 quietly, something shakes me, so I
 stopped with the food, I cannot eat)

For a little while, I panic seriously then I became confused. Again, in the house, we alone are staying there, all the children have gone to school, so nobody was not in the house, I alone. Then, I go up and down, up and down and I was shaking, ah! What has happened. It was twelve O'clock, the man have not returned. So, when at twelve O'clock, when I was at home, some of his friend in town, at estate, it is a bit far from town, some of his friend who have cars, some of them came with their cars, (yes) when they come, they see that I am in the house. Oh, Mary, how is it, I respond, it is good. ~~But~~ Not knowing that the man have died, he have died through lorry accident on the journey (yes) And he have announced that the man is died. My husband have died. And nobody cannot come and tell me. If you come, I haven't heard it, so nobody cannot say it. So, if they come and see that I am there quietly, they return. If I am in the house, another car would come and blow the horn - pe-pe-pe, if I come out, he would say Mary, Oh how is it? I respond it is fine. He would say nothing.)

and he would return. So, after three o'clock, some of my children returned from school, and again, I became confused, and I feel that something has happen (yes). One of my children said Mama, I have seen ^{that} Manager, the elders from my husband's office, I have seen ^{that} Manager, Paapa Sika, Mr. Odunro, and Agoloso, Agoloso was our driver, (Mm) they are coming. As soon as he said that, I panic, because if he travels, the Manggar don't come there (ah) and nobody comes there also, our driver don't come there. So, I don't understand why all these four men have met and are coming together to me. Again I panic. So I sat down. When they came, I forced to smile, but I couldn't smile, and I asked them their mission. They said oh, they became quiet, and I asked what is your mission? They said, your husband told you he was travelling and he would ~~to~~ return today, but we have heard that he has had an accident. So, I became very quiet, and I ~~th~~ thought that, maybe it was an accident with injury. So, if this man looked into my face but not death. And I asked, Oh, have he had)

any injury? And they said yes, he had an injury, but they have sent him to the Okomfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. And I asked should I go with you? Should I take pijamas, flask and other items with me so that we can go? I thought that ^{maybe} he have had injuries. Then, if this person look into my face, this one also look into my face, everybody looks into another person's face (yes) And I asked, ^{why?} Is he dead? Again, everybody, the men, everybody was crying, "aasshh!" It is a story. It is God. So, I realised that it was ^{coming} ~~pointing~~ to me already. So, at that time, I didn't say anything, I didn't cry, and I stood up and went ~~to~~ into my husband's ^{bedroom}. And I heard ~~a~~ that, I heard it ^{direct} in my ears that, If your husband have died, why are you living and what for? And he also, he was a diabetic patient, so he have different types of drugs in his bedroom. So, I search in the drugs, maybe I can get a drug that ~~is~~ can combine with another drug that can be poisonous for me to drink and die ~~it~~ and it will finish. So I search into it, but didn't get any drug that can combine another.)

drug that will be poisonous (yes)
 So, at once, our driver came and
 lifted me, and I dodge from him
 And again I came inside the house
 and looked for a knife. Satan,
 he is very strange 'o,' he is bad
 and something was pushing me to
 die, I must also die I must also die
 So, I was searching for a knife
 to stabbed myself, but I didn't
 find anything, and our driver came
 and grabbed me, but I got myself
 off from him, and I run to
 the street, I run to meet a car.
 I am going to meet a car that
 will knock me down and killed
 me. It is like, I have become a
~~madman~~ madman, and our driver
 chased me and caught me, and
 they took me out from the
 house. So, at that time, the case
 was very very serious. And big men
 some are strong than this man,
 two, this one have hold my ^{right} hand
 and one have hold my left hand
 and they have keep me inside,
 because, if you leave me, I would
 go to the street, or look for a
 knife or a bottle to stab myself.
 So, they grabbed me seriously, so
 that night, the people from the town,
 the whole town of Sunyani, it didn't
 left with a bird, all of them came

to my house (yes) all of them have gathered in the house (yes) because, my husband was a very good man. He was a very kind man, so most of the people know him. They all came there. Even, Mr. Asiedu knows him, he have visit~~ed~~ us before, when we were at Sunyani (mho) he came and visit us, he and my brother. (So?) So, he knows my husband very well. (Yes) So, they came and gathered around me. So, the case was very difficult. I cried always and my voice, you can't hear it. And my father was also died, so the brother of my father who comes next to my father, he sent a messenger to come and take me from Sunyani, because, the case was very difficult for me to stay there, so, they came for me ~~and~~ ~~some~~ brought me to Kumasi. By the Grace of God, they planned, postponed to two weeks, and sent it to Kumasi and bury it and performed the funeral rites. But still, the thing pains me, I feel that my heart, half of it has cut off (Mm) because, ~~if~~ it gave me pains, I couldn't stop weeping. (yes) I was weeping at anytime. If I am left alone in the house, I cried always and I became miserable, the pastor talked)

to me, many people ^{have} talked to me always, but it still pains me, I cannot stop thinking about it. My husband died 'Eh' November 8th. It was December '81, 31st December, that, Rawling came again with the Revolution, it was 31st night, so it was fearful, so the men in Ghana, even Sunyani, most of them have run away (So?) Yes! especially the rich people and the heads of departments, most of them have run away, and they arrested some of them (yes)

So, at that time, when my husband died, I have nobody ~~who~~ to help me, and at that time, I decided to start the cakes and doughnuts and the bread, so, when they started the revolution, they said, 'Control-price. (Yes) So, if you baked the bread and sent it to G.N.T.C., they say, it is control price, and they will bring a weighing scale (yes) and put the bread on it, if it did not weigh two lbs, they would reduce it to one cedi, and they would sell it at low price, one cedi oo, and they would buy it, and you loose. If the girls come for it and send it to the station, if they go and sell it, they would say, control price and I loose. So, if you sell any-

thing, they say control price, ~~and~~
 So, all the flour which I used for
 the job, I lost, so all the money
 got finished. O.K. If the money has
 got finished, how can the children
 eat? how can they go to school?
 The father is no more (yes) O.K. The
 husband have friends which I can
 go to them to borrow money, he is
 not around, they have arrested him
 If they have not arrested him, he
 have run away, if he have not
 run away, they have called him
 for verting, they have collected all
 his money, (yes) It means it have
 become difficult, You cannot found
 anybody who can help you. Again,
 it was at that time that the fifty
 ceed's notes came into force, They
 said, anybody who have fifty ceed's
 notes should send it to the Bank
 (yes) And we sent it all, so, the
 little I have, they have again,
 collected it all to the Bank. When
 they we sent it, they collected it all.
 That's all, they didn't paid it (yes)
 So, it was difficult for me! Hunger
 So, if the children woke up, they
 dont have any food to eat.
 If the children woke up, the take
 tea, bread and eggs. So, if I wake
 up, even, common porridge, I dont
 have it for the children to eat.

Because, I cannot work (yes) I
 said, O.K. I will go and buy goods
 at Nkrankwanta. I came to Kumasi
 and asked for a loan, Brong Ahapo
 (yes) After Domaa Ahenkuro, there is
 a town called Nkrankwanta (yes) I
 went and bought palm oil in drums
 If I am returning and I reached
 the barrier, they collect it from me,
 the soldiers would collect the Palm-
 oil from me. (So?) Yes, they collect
 it, and asked me that, where did I
 get the money to buy that item
 and they would collect it, so I
 cannot do any work, so how can
 I eat, and look after the child-
 ren in a good way? (Yes) Again
 the living became very very difficult
 When my husband died, the Manager
 who was with my husband in the
 same office, Mr. Adze, his wife was
 the person who was taking care
 of me. (Yes) So, as soon as they
 finished with the funeral arrange-
 ments, the woman told me that,
 my husband is dead. If I had a
 dream and somebody is playing
 sex with me, I ~~must~~ ^{should} not tell
 any person, but I couldn't under-
 stand, ~~So when we finished with the~~
~~celebration of the funeral, after~~
~~fourty days, I had a dream that,~~
~~somebody was playing sex with me.]~~

because, I have never had a dream like that before. (Yes) You said, If I had a dream and somebody is playing sex with me, I should ^{not} tell nobody, but I couldn't understand, so after the celebration of the funeral, after forty days, I had a dream that somebody was playing sex with me a certain man was playing sex with me, If I had a dream, a certain woman have turned into a man and playing sex with me.

The woman also have told me that I should tell nobody, ah, again, I was not worried, because ⁱⁿ this case, If you have not given birth before and have a dream that, somebody is playing sex with you, you would never give birth, but I ~~g~~ have already finished bringing forth to all my children, so I was not worried. Again, the thing happened continuously for about three years, and I said No! So, I told one of my Christian brother, and he said, No! it is not good. We must pray about it. So we prayed about it. We prayed continuously about it. Before then, when my husband died, after five months, my first born, Papa Yaw was knocked ^{down} by a car. (Ah) He was knocked ^{down} by a car and was hit by his head. (Ah) The artist, he was)

Knocked down by a car and he was hurt ~~by~~ from his head. So, he became unconscious for five weeks (Eei!) It was only God, ^{ooh} for he nearly died. In this also, I became wild and I cried continuously and by the grace of God, he regain strength. So ~~we~~ they advised him to go and check from Ankafu, maybe, something bad has happened in his head, and by the grace of God, the gave him drugs continuously and he became normal. Again, everything I did it became difficult for me, and I became miserable. So, at that time I told one of my Christian brothers and he said that, we must pray about it, because it was bad for me about the sexual intercourse between me and some people in my dreams, so ~~we~~ must pray about it. So, we prayed about it continuously. So, myself, I had a dream about my mother, (yes) But my mother, I love her very very much, so the dream was bad, so I couldn't told my mother that, when I had a dream, you was having sex with me, I couldn't said it, because, I have to give her my respect. I cannot say it, ah, and I keep it to myself, it was going on continuously and continuously, and the live became)

difficult at Sanyani, all my jobs has gone bad, I have become poor, the children must eat, ^{they} must go to school, they must be clothed, I remember one day. This story, I will not forget ^{it} in this world, if I am saying it, I started weeping.

I don't want to say it. When we woke up one morning, I these, there was the great famine '83' When the famine became so serious, you would wake up early in the morning to form a line to buy corn, at four o'clock you would not received some of the corn. (Yes) Even, if you get some it was yellow corn (yes) If I used it to prepare food for my children they ~~would~~ started going to toilet, oh. So one day, somebody brought me corn-dough, a very special from good corn and she gave me some money to it, and I prepare banku, and okro stew for the children. But the stew ~~was~~ not enough, so I couldn't leave some of it. So, in the following morning, there was no food in the house, except the banku, there was no pepper, there was no tomatoes, there was nothing, that I can add to it for the children to eat. I said oh, God, what shall I do? What ~~is~~ shall the children eat? So the)

first house that we bought, we
 have given it to somebody to rent
 and the woman has gone to the
 market. So, I went to the house, may-
 be I would find some pepper, for
 she used to dry pepper. When I
 went there, there was none. So I went
 and search in the dustbin, and find
 two pepper in the dustbin. (Eei) Mhwo!
 And I took that pepper and washed
 it and grained it, there was no salt
 in it, no onions in it, no tomatoes in
 it. And I gave it to Emma, the
 last born, and Mr. Aggemang, the last
 but one, for they were small child-
 ren. And I said, Emma and Mr.
 there is no food, I beg you, eat,
 then I became miserable and feel bad
 and I remembered that, when the
 father was alive, in the morning,
 maybe, they would take tea, or rice
 water or porridge, instead, in the
 morning, I have taken pepper ^{from} ~~in~~ the
 dustbin and have washed it (two)
 Oh-oh-why? And when I said it, I
 looked at them, and they said Mama
 we have heard it. Then, when the
 children were eating this food, and I
 look at them, then I feel pains inside
 my stomach, and I got up and went
 into the room and wept bitterly. And
 my last born came and asked, Mama,
 why ^{are} you crying? And I answered,

Emma, Daddy is no more, look at the food you are eating, now, I am not working. He said, oh Mama, If Daddy is no more, why are you crying? Tell Jesus that, Daddy is no more. Why are you crying? Tell Jesus. So, when the child said this to me, then I became shy to myself. And I washed my face and came to sit down. So, this story, it is very bad to me. Anytime I remember, and say it, I must weep. It is like pains within my body. And I said, it is nothing. Later, I didn't know what to do, and I said oh, if I cannot work in Sunyani, If I go to Kumasi, maybe, I could find some work to do. (Yes) Because, the soldiers were many in Sunyani. They harass people in Sunyani (yes) Eh! they came to house to house search. Ah, so, if they find, even, something small, they would beat you severely, and you cannot also work. Maybe, in Kumasi, I would find a work to do. If so, ^{the} building this house, I will sell it (yes) and buy one in Kumasi. Maybe, common iced water, if I carry it on my head (yes) maybe, the children will eat. At that time, the person who succeeded my husband, ~~was~~ he came after my husband, he was a teacher and was staying in Nigeria. So, when my husband died, he told me that, the house, Eh, the

new ~~one~~ one we bought, and have extended it, ~~that~~ it would be for me and my children. My husband didn't prepare any will form, because, he died instantly, so, that place is for me and my children, but the small one, the first one, he would give it to his ^{ex} family. And I said, it is nothing. Then after the death of my husband, after forty day celebration, my junior husband said, even the house, I will not give it to you and your children, I will have it. Eeei, why, should you take the house? He said, I would take the house. I said, then you lie! And he left to Nigeria. After the death of my husband, four years, the man was not here. My Junior husband who succeeded my husband was not here. He was in Nigeria. So, ~~the~~ ^{his} family comes from Kumawu, they take a car, four men if they take a car from Kumawu, they come to Sunyani and abuse me. (Yes) That I must quit from the house, and I answered, Me? I am not going to quit from this house neither today nor tomorrow. And they abused me and I also abused them, and they would return. So, at a certain time, my husband, at the time of his death the money he left at the bank, at time, it was Seventy two thousand cedis (Yes) Ahaa, So, when the revolution

started, J.J. said, everybody who has more money, more than fifty thousand he has laid his hands on it, so, you cannot go to withdraw your money (yes) When my husband died, the papers were joint, so it was between me and his brother, who succeeded him. So, if he was not there, I cannot withdraw the money till a time when Eh, J.J. lifted the ban that, (yes) you can go and withdraw your money. So, within that period, he came. When he came, he said, Oh Mary, ~~not~~ knowing that, he had plans. Mary, let's go to the Bank and for the papers and sign it so that I can withdraw the money, for the children, use some to buy dresses, and use some to pay the school fees. I said yes. So, I knew that, he is ^{telling} ~~saying~~ the truth. We went and signed the papers and finished everything and withdrew all the money. At that time, seventy two thousand, it was a huge money. When we returned home, at that time, Serwah and Yaa Achua have passed the common entrance, and they have to go to the Secondary School at ST Louis Secondary School. And I checked the ~~x~~ items for the children, trunk, mattress, bucket, bed sheet, school fees, I checked it all to the man, that the children needs some items, and myself, also, I)

I need some, to sell petty - petty things
 The man said, I am coming. He took
 the money and ~~a~~ run and run and
 run... he has run away. I run after
 him, thief - thief, catch him, thief ooh.
 My junior husband has run away with
 the money. Eei! All my hope, the man
 also has run away with it. I ~~became~~
 was filled with sorrow and I cried a
 lot, it is nothing. Then, I will sell the
 house and move to Kumasi. The house
 also, if he did not come and prove
 it, I cannot sell it. So, he ~~went~~ ^{left} for
 a very very long time, he didn't
 returned. So, when he returned ~~for~~
 at last, I called some elders, I told
 them that, one from his hometown
 Kumawu, and I called one Bank Manager
 and called one lawyer, and called one
~~one~~ of our Church elder, he knew
 all of them, that I want him to
 Cancell his name from the house,
 so that I can sell the house and
 move to Kumasi with my children
 My husband said no! We started
 at nine a.m. to settle the case.
 Until Three p.m., my ^{junior} husband couldn't
 understand, he said, he could not
 understand me to sell the house,
 he will take it from me. They talk
 and talk and talk, before he
 allowed. He said, O.K. we must
 take the house, but he will not

look after the children. And the lawyer said, it is ~~three~~^{four} years now since their father died, you have paid only three thousand cedis for four years, so if you will not look after them, we like that, we must give the house to us. So, as soon as he gave it to us, the lawyer asked him to give us power of Attorney. And we came to Kumasi and registered it, before we sold the house. (Yes)

And I was searching for one at here. When the person was paying the money, at the same time I come from Sunyani to Kumasi to search for one to buy. If I go and round and round, I ~~couldn't~~ couldn't find one to buy. But before then, I told my mother and my brother that, I am selling the house and buy one at here, so that I can bring the children from Sunyani to this place. Because they don't know anybody, if I die they would remain in Sunyani. (Yes) But I don't know want them to remain in Sunyani. My mother answered yes.

While I am there, my brother who I came after him, the elder one came to me that, Ama, he is the best friend of Mr. Asiedu, he knows him. He said, Ama, I am suggesting that, Eh, if you sell the house, don't buy a house, instead, buy a car for)

me. At that time, neoplan bus was one million. Go and ^{buy} a Neoplan bus; one million for me, so that I can work and, so, while I am working, I would find a building plot and build a house with the money for you and your children. I sat down, and said yes, Since my husband died, four years ago, you have never said, here is one pesewa (yes) or have paid one term school fees. I should go and sell a house, and you used the money to buy articulator for you to work. O.K. I didn't said anything. If I am at home, he ~~to~~ should come and pleaded to an elderly man that I should buy a car for him, eei! He said it several times, and I reply yes. My mother also, she have bought some goods from some people and it have become a dept. At that time, it was twenty one thousand, if they person come and asked for their money, she replied, oh, have patience. My daughter is at Sunyani, she is selling a house, and she will bring me money to pay you. And I said, yes, my mother, you and my brother, is that this is what you are doing to me. You don't think of the children, it is the money that you ~~are~~ want from me? So, after buying the house, it is out of distress that I bought the house

I didn't told my brother, I didn't
 told my mother, because they wanted
 to waste the money, so I did not
 tell anybody. So, it was between me
 and a friend of my husband, he was
 called Mr. Boatey that we bought the
 house. The house, I said that I don't
 like it, and he said, Mary, the
 money may be waisted, Take it like
 buying a plot, count the house
 out. Take it like, you are buying
 a plot for the children, they would
 built it in future. So the friend of
 my husband helped me to buy the
 house. So, by the grace of God, it
 has helped me, that as at now, we
 have a place to lie down our heads
 Though, it is leaking very seriously
 as I have already told you. But one
 day, if there is no rain, we will sleep.
 If God permits and we finish the
 house, you see? - And I came to
 Kumasi here. So, when I came to
 Kumasi, my mother also, my mother also
 rent a room at Ashanti New Town
 I said mother, I don't want you to
 stay some somewhere and I also stay
 somewhere, so come to this place. So
 you must come and choose one of
 the room you like, and you came
 and chose one and brought you belonging^s
 and stayed in that room. Then, after
 my mother came and stayed in the

house, then, things started going worst. Then ~~EEEE~~ even, if I sell something it becomes dept. Anything I sell becomes a dept. If I had a dream, my mother is cursing me (yes) If I had a dream she was using a broom, you see that, we, the Ashantis, we don't use broom to hit a person. My mother, she was hitting me with a broom (yes) Ah, if I had a dream, my mother has changed into a man and she was sleeping with me, ah! but I couldn't say it. Because she is my mother, if I say it she would say that, maybe I believe that, she is a witch, so I couldn't say it. Before then, some of my Christian brothers comes ~~and~~ and pray with me. So, I told them that, the dreams I had was bad, so they came to all night in my house and prayed all the night. All the vision they had, was against my mother. (yes) When they were saying it, I said no! Ah! I like my mother, so if, say that, my mother is bad, I will separate with you (yes) I will not talk to you again. So one time, when she came to the house, as soon as ~~you~~ ^{she} came; When I bought the house also, it remains I sold the house in Sunyani for one point five, and I bought this one also one point one (yes) and I spent about one fifty ~~the~~. So, I have a balance of about three fifty thousand in my hands)

(Ah) At that time, three hundred and fifty thousand was a big money (yes) And I said yes, I will take off the the roof and repair it, because it was leaking little by little (yes) and I said I will take of the roof and replace a new one. Because, that was what the man told me, that I should remove and reroof it. (Yes) So, when I studied it, I said oh, a woman, I have no husband, I have nobody, the children attend Schools, now if I used this money to reroof the house, it will bring me nothing so I must use it for trading little by little. So, while I am trading, I will use the income to start, I will use it to buy building materials to reroof it. And I planned it ^{like} that. As soon as my mother came to the house, she started getting sick, she had diabetes, she had pressure, she had this, she had that, all different kinds of diseases, my mother had it. So after three months, I have used the money to care for my mother and all the money has finished (Mm) Aa! I didn't used the money to reroof it, I didn't used some to buy cloth to wear I didn't used some to pay for the children's School fees, all the money is finish, what shall I do to live (Yes) OK. I put this aside. So, at the time when the brothers came and prayed with me, all the vision was against my mother, when)

we asked her, she said no. Even, I don't
 liked that, if you say it, because my
 mother is not a witch. Again my mother
 became sick, she became sick continuously
 When I send her to the hospital, the
 Doctor said it was true that she has
 diabetes, If they took her B.P., she
 had pressure. It means, all the reports
 from the Doctor shows ^{truly} that, she was
 sick. So one day, my daughter, the
 second one, Maame Nyarko, the seamstress (yes)
 said Mama, we are going to all night
 prayers at Kwadaso Presby, so let's go.
 (yes) I said oh, you must go with Na
 Grandma (yes) She must go with my mother
 yes, she was sick, so that they can pray
 for her (yes) so she went to the all
 night with my mother. So when they
 returned in the morning, and I looked
 into my mother's face, it has become
~~croaked~~ ^{cracked}, and one of her eyes has become
 like this, and the mouth has become like
 this. (Mm) I looked at her quietly, and
 asked, Mother, your face has changed,
 what has happened to you? She answered
 oh, it is nothing oh, when we went
 to the prayers, a certain lady was
 sitting at ~~the back~~ ^{the back} back bench, and she
 prayed very very loudly, and how she
 pronounced the name of Jesus, it was very
 very heavy and she ~~to~~ tried to seized
 my speech. And I asked why? I don't
 understand. ~~How~~ How can she seized your

speech. Again, if she wants to talk,
 and Eb-eb-ba-eb you see? (yes) and
 she cannot talk properly. And I asked,
 why? How can that person seized your
 speech? What have you done to her?
 She said, I say it was the prayers, that
 has done this to me. And I asked, did
 she slapped your face (Mm) She said
 no. But why has your face become
 like this? She couldn't say it. And I
 asked my daughter ^{to} go and called ⁱⁿ the
 Church members, all the leaders of the
 all night prayers for me, so, when they
 came, I told them that, my mother came
 to their all night, when she was
 coming, she was sick, but her face
 was not ~~crooked~~ ^{crooked} (yes) now, her face
 has changed (yes) When I asked her,
 I couldn't understand the story she
 is saying. So, what happened at their
 all night? (yes) She also said, When
 they asked her, she answered oh, a
 certain woman was praying, and ~~the~~
 how she mentioned JESUS, it was very
 loud (yes) Ah, the story, even they couldn't
 understand, and she said, we must pray
 And they started to praying, so they
 prayed continuously, and ^{one} of the brothers
 said, Madam (yes)

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There is something, if you say it and even, a small child pray for you, you would be cured, she said, there this nothing (yes) And he said, Madam, if you didn't say it, you will spoil, your whole body will spoil and you will become filthy, you will spoil. She said, there is nothing. Ah. Before then, somebody came to all night like that she said, Madam I saw darkness, you was in a thick darkness, he said, there is trouble, say it! She answered, there is no case. Ah. And I said within me quietly to them that, so do you think that my mother is a witch? Me, my mother is not a witch oh. And I was dead depending my mother (yes) So later I became poor, I was sick, the children became sick, my roof was leaking, more problems. And I said oh God forgive me my sins. So please please all the vision you had revealed to the brothers, I also had dreams, If it is true that, my mother is behind all these, Lord, let me know, because she is my mother, I don't want to say any bad words to her (yes) So, if it is true that my mother is not good, and has bring my downfall, please Lord, I don't want to see a vision. (Yes) I don't want to have dreams, please, let me see it physically. (Yes) Then I pray like this.)

So one day, the boy went to school. Papa Yaw went to school. When he returned, he said Mame, I have seen the Pastor, Pastor Nkansah. We had a friend who was a Pastor. He was very very strong. I have seen him and I have directed him to our house, he said, if God permits, he will come here tomorrow, and I answered yes. So the next day was Thursday. As soon as he came. It was me and my mother, and the seamstress. We alone was in the house, and the little Emma. When he came, as soon as he entered the house, he said, let us pray. And we all prayed. So, when the Pastor finished his prayers, he told my mother that, Yaa Achiaa, why have you done this? Why have you become one with your family? Why did you go and chewed ^{some} ~~one~~? Then I sat down and ~~and~~ asked, what have she chewed? Why did you go and chewed, some, why have you done this? Yaa Achiaa? If you didn't take care, you will be disgraced, be careful! be careful! be careful. And he was warning my mother. And he turned to me and said, Mary, do you know that, if your mother was not involved, your husband would not have died? I couldn't understand. So I became quiet and said a. And ~~#~~ he said,

I am telling you, your mother is a witch! She is the one who don't want you to ~~become~~ suffer (yes) And my mother was sitting there. So I knew that, my mother was coming to denied. I knew that, she was coming to say it, because, when he was saying it, even, I couldn't believed it (yes) I knew that, my mother was coming to say that, it was not true. Then my mother said Oh, Pastor, it is true, even sometimes I feel hot. But it is true, while she was staying with me, Mary, I feel hot, I feel hot, so even, day time, I put the table fan near her. Not knowing that ~~she~~ ~~if~~ it is true that she feels hot. We had no ceiling fan, so I used the table fan at her side. Through-out the whole night, the table fan is at her side. It was true that she feels hot, because, we pray through-out the whole night, we don't sleep, we would pray continuously. Not knowing that, ~~be~~ she feels hot. She answered, Pastor, it is true oh for sometimes, I feel hot. And I asked, mother, is it true, what the Pastor is saying, is true? (yes) And she looked at my face, mother, is it true? She answered, yes! Mary. And I said, why did you do that? Mother, so you don't like me? How

my husband and me have cared for you everyday, is this my reward? What wrong have I done to you. Then I became very very sad, and I wept very bitterly. And I said, she is my mother I cannot do any harm to her, so we must go and find a very strong prayerful people to pray for ^{you} her, so that they can cast the thing out of ^{you} her and throw it away. My mother answered no! Not knowing that she likes it. I said, yes-yes, yes, we will do-- we will do. She said, send me to ~~Revered~~ ^{Pastor} Amoako. At that time, Pastor Amoako was not dead. We send her to Revered Amoako, she said, she would not allowed him to cast it out, (yes) When we send her, she said, she is a queen-mother, she is the queen-mother of witches, so she wont allow him to cast it away, everywhere we go, she said, she wont allow them to cast it. Eei, you are also staying with me, I am poor, ~~some~~ sometimes I go and beg before I get food for us to eat, Sometime I borrow money or I borrow food, before we can eat, you also, you will not stop. So one day, when we were both in the house, she said Mary come, and asked me to sit down, like as I am sitting with you, and she started ~~telling~~ telling me the story, that she is a queenmother of witches, but at first,)

She was not a witch, but when her mother died, my grandmother (yes) my mother's mother. When she died, my mother succeeded her, so when she succeeded her, they gave her the witch (yes) When she succeeded her, I have brought ^{forth} Emma, my last born, only four days since my grandmother died, now, Emma is sixteen years old (yes) This means, this thing is a very long time you see? They gave the thing to her. So, she is the queen-mother. So, how my husband died, at the time she became a ~~wit~~ witch, she noticed that, my husband relatives has sold him to somebody (yes) But my mother, my mother, because we have married, my mother has become a member of the family, so my mother has protected my husband, you see? (Mm) Yes, but she noticed that my husband cares for me very much (yes) My husband also, he cares for me very very much. Again, he want to built a house for me and my children. And again, he has bought a car for me, even, when he bought the care he didn't teached me how to drive o (yes) Even, we sold the car; My husband has bought a car for me. He has again said that, he would built a house for me, so she was selfish So, they killed my husband. So, she was among those people who killed my husband)

After killing my husband, now, she is my husband. She ~~have~~ marry me spiritually, nobody ~~must~~ should marry me (Mm) Because, when my husband died, I should have married, because I was very beautiful, many people tried to marry me. If you come and see my mother, you would not come to me again. Because, spiritually, I remember that, I had a dream that she was sleeping with me, (yes) it was true. She was sleeping with me, she has changed into a man and ~~having~~ sex with me at night, so nobody can come to me for marriage, so as at now, I am her wife. Nobody should marry me. And my son Papa Yaw also, when he was a child about twelve years, he told me that his manhood (yes) his manhood was weak (so?) So, I sent him to a Gynecologist at Sunyani. Dr. Opoku, he examine him and gave him drugs, at that time, we bought the drugs for, one drug for thousand ~~five~~ ^{five}. It was very expensive. And he had another injection everyday. At that time one of the injection was fifty cedis. He had to take ninety injections (yes) In all these, there was no improvement. My mother said, she has taken my son's manhood, and he use it to marry me (yes) Eei! My mother confessed a lot, it means, sometimes it makes me feel sad, and it is a pity. And .)

my children also, she has attempted to catch some of them, because, she has become a queen-mother, so she has to sacrifice a human being, but anytime she attempt, she come and see that, I am praying, so she dont get the chance to take one of my children, so the money I gain from my job, that was what she collects it spiritually to buy meat for her members, so, I ~~should~~ never have money. (yes) And I said yes-ss Again, the house that I bought, she didnt want me to buy the house, that was why my brother was forcing me to buy a car, because she wanted to waste the money, so that I should not get a place to stay, so, if my brother bought the car, & he ~~shd~~ should not had an accident, but while he was run using the car, she would collect money from the car, for if he returns from the journey, some parts would spoil and he would go and repair it, the next day another place would spoil. So that she can collect the money spiritually, and used it to buy meat, but because, I am very harsh, and I ~~didn't~~ didnt bought the car for my brother, so, if I work she would collect the money from me spiritually to buy meat for her members. Fei! so the story was very very painful to me, and again, I couldn't know how to live. Then again, I was begging oo.

There was a time, all my clothes got finished. When the ^{children} were in school, by the grace of God, I had more clothes, but I sold them to pay their school fees, maybe I had two systems, I sold one to pay school fees. So, I sold my belongings continuously to cater for my children. Sometimes, do you know? I borrow Kenkey (yes) Somebody's Kenkey, and I mashed it in a local dish, and I strain it (yes) and fill it in bottles and put it in a fridge. So, at twelve o'clock, I carried it on my head (yes) and go out and sell it: Iced Kenkey (yes) before I can get chop-money. I means I ^{was} ~~am~~ in distress, and I have grown lean, I have become very bad, so I cannot go to church, so all my clothes got finished, all my clothes got finished. But one time, a friend of my came from Abroad and brought me three clothes, before I could go to Church, but before, I couldn't go to church, (yes) The day, that we ^{would} put on our group uniform, I would go, if we didn't put on the group uniform I should not go to Church. Let me put this aside. I asked the woman to allow us to cast the thing out, She said, She won't allow that, because she had said so, she won't allow us to cast it out. Again, what happened was that, because it has become plain that she was a witch, again, she worked both spiritually and physically (Aha).

She did it plain plain, she was doing it
 If I pour my water for bathing, and it
~~was~~^{is} in a bucket, she would go to the
 bathroom and washed her hands in it.
 (yes) Eei, if we are preparing the meals
 She would come and sit near it and
 looked into the the meals continuously.
 If you finished the food and you
 didn't give her enough meat, you and
 your children, you would go to toilet
 continuously till the morning. Eei. Again
 things was getting worst. At the last
 minute, my daughter who is a nurse, she
 was at ST LOUISE Secondary School,
 and she was at the third year, she
 planned to do medicine, and my mother
 put stones in^{side} her head spiritually, and
 the Lord opened the child's eyes, and
 my daughter has seen that, my mother
 has put stones inside her head (yes)
 So, at examination time, they would
 send the girl home, that she was
 suffering from her head, and she
 would come home, and they would do
 the exams without her. So, the one
 who comes after her, the one who
 is in varsity, she finished Secondary
 School before the Nurse. (Yes) At
 exams time, they would bring her home
 they would tell me that, she is
 suffering from her head (Mm) Oh!
 And I became angry and told her that
 If she didn't remove the stones from my

daughters head, I will kill her. She answered, I cannot remove it. So it was Prayers, little by little, and by the grace of God, she was healed, before she could finished school and she entered into nursing, if not so, she would stop the school and stayed at home. I handle it little by little, and said, you will go to your home town, I cannot stay^{here} with you again, because, you will not allow me to get a husband and get married, (yes) You will not allow me to work (yes) Again, you will collect my money, and you have allow me to become poor, and my children also, you have given^{all of} them diseases, So, please, go to your home town, She answered, She will not go, because if she go, things would become worst (yes) She would do worst things, if she go to her hometown, and I said yes, go! and kill me, if she kills me, and the children, a person must die once, if we die, then, there is nothing again so she must go and kill us. She said, she will not go. Again, last munit, one day, I told her that, all she has done to me is very painful But my son, the artista, whom she has siezed his manhood, (yes) He has completed school, he has grown up, his manhood is still weak (yes) So, what)

Can he do in the world? And I told her that, mother, if you didn't give my son's manhood to him today, what will happen would happen today, if you didn't die, I will die! If I die, instead of my son, I like that. And I went to the town, when I returned, the woman has packed her belongings, that she is going. Where are you going? She answered I am going to my hometown. What are you going to do? She answered, Eh, Papa Yaw's manhood, the man, the person, who helped me to fix it into my body, he has asked me to come, for if, I didn't go, he would not receive it. And I said you lie, you are running away. She said I will return in exactly three days time. And I said, if you didn't return in three days time, I will pack ^{all} the rest of your belongings to you. So she left. When she left, she didn't return in two weeks time. And as I am saying, I have no money ooh. There was a man behind my house, I share ^{the} ~~some~~ wall with him, and he had a mummy truck, and I pleaded with him that, Mr, I have no money, but I want to send ~~my~~ some belongings to my home-town, how much will you charge me, I will pay you later. He said, he will charge one thousand five, at that time. And I ^{said} yes. I packed all my mother's belongings into it, and sent it to my home-town. When I reached there, she was)

Sitting there, and I asked, you said, you are coming to spend those days and bring the child's manhood to him. Why didn't you return? She answered, I should not come to Kumasi again. I asked, are you not coming to Kumasi again? She answered No! I won't come. And I asked, you won't come, so you will not give my son's property to him? She ~~she~~ sat down. I said, here are your belongings, I told you that, if you didn't return, I will bring you your belongings. Here are your belongings. She answered Put it there, must I leave it here? She said yes. And I put all the things down. And I said, driver, let's go. And we returned back. And I know that, if the devil destroys something, ~~to~~ it cannot replace it. So, it was only prayers, and little by little, we sent my son to all night prayers, and we were fasting, and going to all night, and we were fasting. By God's Grace, little by little. Now my son has gained his manhood again. ooh. Again, By the Grace of God, ~~he~~ it has become good (yes) Ah, now, about a couple of days ago, I have asked her to have a girl friend, for because, he has grown up. He-he-he- I have told him to have a girl friend for he has grown up, you see? And the woman gave me a lot of problems continuously. The story of my mother, it is)

too much, If I want to say it, it will be about three caccets, even, I will not finish. And I left the place. So, when I came here, I have to work again, so, the Iced Kenkey I was selling it couldnt help. So, my mother's market store was there, so I decided to ^{into} go ^{into} the market store. I will start ^{the} sewing again (yes) But I couldnt get money to buy materials to sew, so for, if we go, we pick the large ones cut it, if we go and buy that one, the price is low, (yes) and I cut it and a sew it for girls dresses, (yes) and the villagers would come and buy them, so that one also, it was good, and they bought them, and I got chop money, and I get some for the children to go to school little by little. And before then, when the children were in secondary school, my children were ^{very} in difficulties. Maybe, when they were going to school, and I have go give them provisions, maybe, three cups of gari, one cup of sugar, is what they took to school, Oh, please, you must not look into Somebody's belongings, you must eat the food from the school like that, so, my children, they were in very very difficulties, including myself. There was a time, the three girls had only one Sheo (yes) so, if one used it to go outside today, the next day, another one must used it to go out, and little by little, I was paying the school fees,)

Sometimes, I would go and plead with the Head Mistress and ~~pay~~ paid it by installment, little by little. By the Grace of God, the children completed their school. When they finished, ~~their~~ schools, they said they will continue again. And because Serwah was doing Science, and she couldn't, she turned to Nursing Training (yes) Even, when she was going for ^{the} first term, the "advance" - deposit" twenty one thousand, I suffered a lot, before I got twenty one thousand to pay, little by little, Maame Nyarko also entered into vocational school, when she completed, she said, she want to become a seamstress, she also, I sent her to somebody and she charged. we had a family friend, who had taken the place as a father. He is called Mr. Fei. He has helped me a lot. If he comes from Accra, Ama, take this for the childrens school fees, and he gives us money. Sometimes, a bag of rice, Sometimes, a bag of wheat, he would bring it to us, little by little, he helped us. As at now, if he comes, Ama, here is a little, get it. Even, if he don't have some, he would asked us to pray, and he will pray. He is the only person, who, since my husband died, comes to me and my children (Mm) Little by little all my children have reached this age. So, when I came, I was staying in the market store, and sewing little by little.)

Before then, my brother, when I came to this city, and the money got finished, I lend money, one hundred thousand, that I am go using it for trading, and you said, Ama, you are a woman, so give the money to ^{me to} use it for bussines, and I will feed you and the children, and I gave the money to him. It was a Government loan. So, when the time came to pay the money, he said, he dont owed me, because the money me collected from me, that hundred thousand, when I bought my house, It was the profit I recieved, is what I pretended that it was a loan, so he wont pay. Eei! This is a story I am saying soh. He said, he wont pay, I should arrest him and put him in cell, so that he should know that, he has colleted my money and I have send him into cells, so, he wont pay. So my mother said OK. the market store, with which you are staying in, at that time she was staying here, she has not started her bad things, it was at that time, that I was suspecting her that she was a witch, it was at that time that I was suspecting her, and salam's ways, she wants to sell, she wants to get rid of the store. She said Amma, go and find somebody and give the store to her and come and stay home, and collect advance to pay for the loan and use some for trading. And I said yes.

So, I find somebody and gave the store to her for advance and paid the loan and used the rest for trading, and if I go to Accra and buy clothes and returned, they would buy them. If you go, somebody would pay half, and this one would pay a little, before they would finished paying the money, we have used the first payment for chop money and it is finished. Within three months, all the money got finished. When the money got finished, then I came and stayed at home, so what, can I do? I will start baking, again I went to find a loan and built a local oven, have you seen that, there is an oven in my house? (yes) I built an oven to bake bread. So I started the baking little by little. One night, it was raining, it was Sunday. And I heard that, somebody was knocking at my gate, so I told Papa Yaw that, somebody is knocking at the gate, go and see who the person. When he went, he said, it is Grandma, my mother. It was a long time since she left, it was more than one year. And my son said, he would not open her, it was raining and she was standing in the rain, he said he will not open her, and I said, Yaw, it is very dark so open her, he said I will not open her, we won't allow her to enter, she must go. And I said, it is)

nothing, it is dark, let her come and sleep, and she will leave tomorrow. And the woman came. So, I have prepare bread in a room, so about four a.m., the bread was rise up. And I woke up and prepare the fire, so, I was kneeling ~~on~~^{at} the oven, and arranging the bread in the oven, and my mother came and stood at my back, Mary, I am leaving. And do you know? When she arrived, the basket she was holding, her belongings was in the basket, and there was a fermented Kenkey, fermented Kenkey was on top of the basket, but I couldn't understand, because, I knew nothing, and she left. I baked the bread, and all my costomers, each one came and collected ~~it~~ her part. If they collect it, ~~sometimes~~, they bring the money in three days time, and I would go and buy flour and prepare another one. Then three days later, I saw that, ~~this per~~ each person ~~was~~ carrying her full bread in a scieve, Some are carrying them in a full pan. The bread has fermented, (so?) Fei! Lord, what happend? And they answered Ante, when we left, nobody bought, even a loaf of bread. All the bread, even bread don't get fermented in three days. All the bread has fermented. The flour about one full bag which I baked, it has fermented. And I said yes. When the woman came here, she brought a fermented Kenkey on her bag and put)

it near the bread, so it means that she has spoiled the bread spiritually. I went for another loan again and bought a new flour. If I baked it, it will get fermented on the next day. It means, she don't want me to work, so, what can I do? to eat? And I said it is nothing. Again I will go to the market. If I go and collect some peoples good, I carry it, and^{if} I sell it in the evening I go and pay them. and sent what I get^{at} home. Again, Ghana has become difficult, it has become very very difficult! Again I was carrying peoples goods, that means, maybe if you are a cloth seller, I would asked, Ante, may I come and carry some and if I carry it, maybe the cloth is ₵5,000, I also may add two on it (yes) and it will be ₵5,100, and I would get that, that was what I used for chop money (Mm) It is nothing, little by little, it passed away. Again, when my mother left, my brother came and said, Ama, let's go and sell the market stall, my mothers market stall, ~~what~~ which I was staying in. And I asked, why must we sell it? That is where I am working, we have given it in advance, it has left with a little time for me to go and collect it and stay in, Why must we go and sell it? And he reported me to Rev. Quainoo that, my mother is sick)

I don't look after her, (mho-ho-ho)
 As I am saying, he also, when my
 mother got sick at first, my brother told
 me that, she was a witch, so he would
 not look after her. And I told him
 that, he is a foolish, he is not wise,
 your mother has become an old lady,
 if you cannot look after her, you say
 she is a witch, so he washed his
 hand ~~off~~ off, from her and leave her
 to me, so, I spent a lot of money
 on her continuously till a time she
 proved to me that, truly, she is ^{was} a witch,
 and she left. So, at the time, when
 Rev. Quinoo sent for me, my brother
 has gone to my hometown and has brought
 my here, that she should come and sell
 the market stall, We talked and talked,
 my brother said that he would sell it,
 he is selling it and buy a car, so
 that he can work and look after ~~my~~ ^{her}
 his mother, and I said yes, then he
 went and sold the store, and bought
 a car (yes) When he bought the car,
 it was six months that the car spoiled
 Now, where is the car? Now, my brother
 he is staying at home. If he didn't
 get somebody's car to drive and get chop
 money, it is the wife, who would cook
 and give some for him to eat (mm)
 And he got rid of it - O.K. By the
 Grace of God, little by little, the children,
 they have not completed schools, so, I)

have to struggle, and Maame Nyarko
 has completed her work, so she has to
 get a place to stay, the store which
 she should stayⁱⁿ and sew, they have
 sold it (mm) So, we must go for a
 loan, and pull the wall down and built a
 store. So, we went and search for a loan
 and built a store which she is using
 now. So, ~~if~~ the apperentis comes, we used
 the money she charges to reduce the loan.
 (Yes) So, if she sews continually, we
 gathere the money to reduce the dept. And
 my store also, the sister, which I once
 showed her to you, (yes) She and her
 husband also, have given me a little loan
 to start the store. So, the store is the
 permenet work I am doing now. And
 the store, if I have money, and if
 there are more goods, it will be very
 good (yes) And, because the goods are very
 little, you cannot know your property profit.
 (Yes) Sometimes, I paid income tax, I paid
 for store lincence, (ah) you see? And you
 see that, our place, our place is off
 the city, there is no store, except the kiosks
 that is on the road (ah) Mm, some people
~~has~~ ^{are} runing stores later in other streets
 But for Gods Grace, the store may be
 good, which I take it as, it is a work
 of a mother, which I may get my
 daily chop money, but I cannot get money
 to buy the goods in cartons (So?) Sometime
 I buy it one, one, so maybe, 10 - 10, (20)

4/20. Because of this, I cannot see the work properly. So I was praying that God, have mercy upon me, and give me a job, because this leaking house, there is no husband, there is no father, there is nobody so that, I can repair my house. I prayed continuously. Before then, I was sewing caps. During the sewing, yes, my son, the artist, he was working with a man. He was called Mr. Ampofo, so, if they print the T shirt, and maybe somebody will sew a cap, he would bring the caps to me, and I would sew them. The caps helped me a lot. I sewed the caps continuously, little by little, I used some to pay school fees, and used some to buy food and used some to pay water and light bills. And the caps also, you are not paying any income tax, I stayed in my room and sewed it so, the very good job I did later was the caps. Even, now, sometimes they bring a little. So, later, when the man stopped the work with me, if my son also, if he gets some, he would bring it to me. If there is any artist, they would bring it to me and I would sewed it. little by little, till I get this store, yes) So, when I got the store, it was what helped me continuously. Because, I have no money to fill the store with goods, I cannot see the job properly, yes. So now about my past life, I couldn't know exactly the ^{real} work I did. If I do this

one for a little time, I would do this
 one also a little. So I couldn't know the
 real job I did, maybe I was a seamstress
 or what, so in my life, I cannot say
 much about sewing (So?) you see? I
 would say a little, because the sewing
 was good (yes) because at that time,
 the children dresses, when I was starting,
 I used three pounds £3 (yes) I started in
 July, in August, (yes) no, up till December,
 Eh, July, August, September, October,
 November, December, it was six months
 I was handling forty two (£42) yes.
 So, at that time, it was very good.
 When I went to Sunyani also, the
 cakes and bread and dough-nuts I was
 baking (yes) it helped me a lot, but
 later, when Rawlings came, and they
 started control, control price, it ^{was} spoiled ~~it~~
 So later, they asked us to form coopora-
 tives (yes) So, if you are ten people, =
 bakers, they would give you two bags
 of flour (yes) - (he-he-he) Were you here
 at that time? do you remember? (yes)
 they would give you two bags of flour.
 So, that two bags of flour, all the ten
 people, you would wake up early in
 the morning and go to ^{the house} one of them and
 baked it, and you know women, we will
 quarrell, (hehe-he-yes) you see? So, at that
 that time, it was very-very bad, so the
 very work I did to care for my children
 was the sewing. And before the Revolution)

When J-J. was returning, the bread and the cakes and dough-nuts, it was very very good. It helped me a lot. That was why many people, I became popular in Sunyani. (Yes) They say, Mrs Aggemang-Mrs, Aggemang. At Sundays, the cars from the town, which comes to my house for dough-nuts and cakes, even, it was money. You see? So, if you give some to your children to school, you couldn't notice. If your friend comes for a visit you can give her a parcel or take-away. So later, the work became bad, so I couldn't know the real work (yes) I did, because, I changed the work continuously and by the grace of God, I looked after the children. Now, Papa Yaw has finished, he is an artist and he has got a kiosk which he is working in doing his work. And Maame Nyarko also, she is a seamstress, and she has an apprentices now they are five, (yes) And Maame Serwah also, the third one, she is a nurse. It is only few days ago, when she completed Nursing school training at Okomfo Anokye, and she is now working at the same Hospital, G. Acc. And Achia also, is ^{now} at third year at Cape Coast University (mm) And Mr. Aggemang, the last but one, he attended ~~K.T.I~~ (yes) yes, and he did Auto body repairs (yes) He is now at Neoplan. (Ah) I want him to stop. The job is not good. The pay is not good (ah)

at all. Again, the spraying also, gets inside his body. He reports everyday of head-ache and other things (mm) yes. I have asked him to stop. I want him to learn electronics (yes) He is interesting in it. And Emma, the last one, he is now at - he-he-he-. He is also at S.S. one at Anglican Secondary School, Kumasi. So, I have suffered, about my life history, I cannot say the real work I did, because I mixed the job continuously. Because, since my husband died, it was sadness, weeping, and many stories, and my mother's witchcraft which was added to it, that means, the life became difficult. At first, I was fat, oh.

The Day you came to my house, did you saw my ~~pitcher~~ picture? I was ^{very} heavy. So later, I grow thin, and I have never become fat again (mm) Everyday you have a ~~problem~~ problem, everyday you have this, another one is sick, this one school uniform it worn out, this one's school fees, this one's sandals, so every day, problem - At the same time, it is raining, the roof is leaking. (Mhe-he-he) So everyday, I am ^{only} in distress. But if put your trust in God, (yes) you will never be in a disgrace. And it is the grace of God, and He has done miracles little by little. That is why, if some people see me, they asked, eei, how did you looked after your children? I answered, - ah! I don't know, you see?

Somebody also may asked, ah, Mary, you never had money, how did some of your children have become graduates. Some are this, other one is this, how come? I answered ah? It is God who did it, I don't know! How I brought the children up, (Mm) Even, I don't know the way I use to eat. So, it was prayers. I prayed Oh Lord, please, you know that I have nobody, so give me a job I can do. to re-roof the house, now, I have no uncle to ask him to help me, my brother also, he want to collect which is mine even, he wants to bring his children to me, so that I can look after them. (ah?) Yes, that is what he want now to bring all his children to me and feed them, while he pays nothing. It won't work, you see? So, I prayed continuously! I have no sister or brother at Abroad, those who have brothers and children at Abroad, they bring money for such things. So, it was prayers, Lord, give me a job, Lord give me a job, till I met you, and we started this work. So, that is what I have planned that, I will help you. May God help and give me strength. He may not let me get sick, He may not let you also get sick. God may not allow nothing to destroy the work. This is my prayers, that Lord, please, join this my sister and me together, so that, we would have the same mind and become one.)

(Yes) and give us strength, don't let us become sick, don't let any money problems or any bad thing happen between us. And the Lord may help us, so that, the work we are doing may end well.

(Yes) And the little you would give to me, I will gather it to buy iron-sheets, woods etc. Even, it couldn't buy it all, and I plead with any brother or somebody that, it is left with this, so, please, help me, maybe, he would have pity on me and help me, so that I can ~~it~~ repair it. So, Akua, about my life history, if I am saying it, it would be about eight cassettes, and it will be about one week, even, ~~we~~ I cannot finished it. If I didn't cut it, (Mm) I have cut it. Many stories, I have cut it. Lord, what have you done ^{these} to me? And now, Ghana has spoilt, because the people has become too much (yes) People have become too much in Ghana. If anybody lives in a village, and finished school, he said I am going to Kumasi (yes). While he is coming, he don't know where he would sleep, (yes) he don't know the work he would do, and he would come and stay in the city. Some of them have mixed with bad boys and picking pockets, (yes) Some have mixed with bad companies and and smoking wee, And because the mothers are living in the villages)

they also have no job to do, except the farming. Even, the farm work, is not what they can sell some. It is only what they would eat. (yes) So, when the child finished school, she said go to Kumasi, go to Accra. And they are pushing them. So, the work they don't deserve to do, they would do it. Those who would ^{even} have work to do, maybe, selling of oranges. Like Orange Queen (yes) ^{Here is} Kumasi. If you have even ₵500, you can sell oranges. Look, the people are too much, you see? So, this has become, the living in Kumasi, Ghana has become very difficult. At first, even I bought a cloth for ₵10, even, six reels cloth, I bought one. (Mm) The day we went to town, did you heard the price of cloth? (yes) A T L The cheapest ones was ten thousand. (Mm) When would you work little by little till you get ten thousand to buy cloth? It is not easy, unless you suffer a lot, on the other hand you have to steal (yes) If not so, you don't know how to steal, they turn into prostitute (yes) and bring forth bastard children and all of them would be in Ghana, So, Ghana has become difficult. And the Government also have not decided to help anybody. He is using all the money for politics (yes) and he is using some to buy amunitions to defend him self, it is

true. If you look into it properly, Ghana we have gold, (yes) we have timber, we have many things, why is it that, Ghana have no money (yes) Do you know that, last time, when we went to the market they said, they were going to renew the market and Bode and Eh, other places (yes) When the world bank came and asked for ~~the~~ their daily income, One month, it can renovate it (yes) Why do they want to do it. The people like too much of everything, they are selfish. If he comes to power, maybe a Minister or a Head of State, he wants himself and his family alone (yes) so you; the little you are doing, he would squeeze the tax from you. Look, Akua as I am saying, my children, If, God the Lord, did not gave me strength and power, maybe, nobody would have no education. (mho) you see? Why are we living in our country, and maybe somebody is miserable, and the Government cant say, these children are good in school, so, I will look after them? NO! It it only the Northners, who the Government looks after the children in schools. But all the regions (yes) we have poor people there (yes) You see? Last time, the children who sat for the exams, when the result came many of them have passed, even, some of them got distinction, they have to continue, the parents are poor farmers)

The Government won't mind them, even if you are poor, you would pay your tax (yes) So, this our country, it was not very hard, but our leaders are selfish. After the thrown of Kwame Nkrumah. All the leaders who came after him, he knows that, he is coming to chop some and leave (yes) you see? About Kajetia and bode, as we are saying, this Nana, you are here (yes) A person, not mention (he-hehe) yes) you are here.

Even, you can use few weeks tax to re-novate there (Mm) Why don't you do it, so that the people may have peace to stay and sell his/her goods. If it rains everyday, they would sit in that muddy place, even this can cause disease.

If you are sick and have no money for hospital, you will die. you see? (yes)

One of my children, a nurse told me that, many people who died in hospitals, some are lack of money (Mm) So, at first, if he collects her allowance, do you know how she spent it? She used it to buy infusions for the sick people who are lying in bed (So?) Yes! The person is lying there (yes) maybe the disease attacked him on his journey (yes) There ~~is~~ is no friend or relatives around, and maybe he need an infusion or blood. Who is responsible to give it to him. He may said, Please, nurse, give it to me, if my relatives come they)

will pay it. Maybe the nurse may have pity on him and give it to him, or use her own money to buy for him. If he recover, do you know that, the Nurses run shift? (yes) So, maybe, she is in the afternoon shift, when she come in the afternoon, she would notice that the person have been discharged, and has left the dept. He has no money to pay, so he has run away (yes) So one of the nurses said, she have did this continuously, so he have a big dept. So, even if you are dying, how much is the salary of a nurse? ~~with~~ How much drip can she buy for people like that. She feels the pains for you to die. (Ah) and have borrowed money to look after and you have run away (yes) So, if you are dying, what can she do? you have to die (yes) So, when my child entered into it, she was doing it, if she finds somebody who is miserable, she said, I must use my money to buy drip for him/her, if the parents come, if they come, they would not pay, rather, they run away you see? Why don't he use all the money he is using for politics and other things for free medical fees at hospitals for those people who have no money. At first, when we go to Government Hospitals, they don't charge money (yes) Even, if they collect it, it may be something small. Now, they would collect money for lab.

X-ray, and the medicine, what you will get, is common para. Even, sometimes, they will prescribe it for you to buy it all you see? So, the Government enjoys, and the people are in difficulties. I remember, that, when my children were in Sungari, when it ~~was~~ an exams time, and they have arrears, they drive them from school to come home, they won't allowed them to write their exams, because, I have not paid their school fees. Why do the Government don't consider that ooh! these children, if you look at their back ground, maybe, they had no father, the mother also have no job? NO! Did you hear in the news a couple of days ago, that we must help the street children, how can we help them? you see? The Government have to see to all these, and send all these children to school (yes) they are those who are going to build the country. But no! he wants ^{something} only for himself. Even, if he die's, his family will be rich, you see? Now, one thing is that, there is no work. Now, they have closed all the factories in Kumasi. At first, when I finished school, I worked at Jute factory (yes) I worked for ~~for~~ six months at Jute factory. Jute factory have many people, we had more than two thousand workers (yes) Now, it has been close down. What work should the people do? you see? We had shoe factory,

Theo factory has been close down. We have many factories, what kind of work should the people do? (yes) And there are some jobs, which the Government says, it can't ~~pay~~ get money to pay the people, so he has ~~it~~ re-deployed some of them. You have redeployed him, and maybe he also has no hand work. How can he live? (yes) you see? So, all he/she have to do is, I have to go and sell oranges or yams or plantain, and the people also are too much. So, if you sell it, your daily chop money, even, you may not get it, you see? So, the ~~sis~~ crisis in Ghana, it is because, ~~of~~ the people have become more, and the Government have no work, and the prices of goods are high. At first, the Government give licenses to import goods, you see? So, when the import their goods, the Government also import some of the goods, you see? So the Government goods would be cheaper (yes) So, those people who had already import their goods, may be expensive. So, they would buy the Government goods, and they won't buy yours, so you will reduce them. So, goods were cheaper. Now, the Government, ~~he~~ don't import goods (yes) He would give you the licence to import them and you would pay heavy duty (yes) and)

what will happen? And ^{all} the prices
 would go up. you see? Even, made in
 Ghana goods are expensive than the
 imported goods (so?) Eh! made in Ghana
 goods are very expensive (yes) Look at
 at Ghana's pepodent, at store, how much?
 Seven, at least eight hundred cedis, but the
 Imported ones, Eh, Rotadent, you would
 get some at Six hundred cedis or five-
 fifty cedis, (you see?) (yes.) Made in Ghana
 prices are high, and the tax they pay
 also, you see? So we don't know how
 the people have become wicked. He
 has become very wicked he don't think
 of any person, even how can one
 feed him/her self, all that he wants,
 is to collect tax from you. At first
 when we were children, what has worsened
 Ghana is that, when I was a child,
 Ghanaians were Christians, you see?
 Ghanaians feared God. (yes) So when we
 were at school, they taught us Christian-
 ity (yes) you see? If we go in the
 morning, they taught us Bible lessons
 first Subject (yes) you see? If you
 see an elderly person, you have to
 respect him/her, you must not insult
 an older person, don't steal, don't
 fight with your friend, you see? I taught
 us, so you respect an old person, I fear
 to do bad things. Now, they don't teach
 Scriptures in schools, you see? So,
 nowadays, children don't respect their

elders, If he/she wants to steal, she
 he would steal. But at first, if you
 attend Presby. School, you cannot steal
 (yes) because, they have taught us that
 it is a sin, if you steal, so you would
 not steal, but now, they don't teach
 nothing in school, they don't teach
 Bible lessons in schools, they say,
 something is called Cultural Studies,
 witch-crafts, how to pour libation, (mm)
 how to become fetish priest (yes) but
 if you teach these to the children,
 and they grows up, there would be
 no fear in the country. You are teaching
 him/her how to practice with witch-craft
 and the way he should pour libation,
 the way he should call the ~~ghost~~ ghost
 So, When she is young, that is what
 she knows, She don't know God, so if
 she is ~~do~~ doing bad things, she don't
 think about it, you see? So, if the
 Government would give the schools to
 the Churches again, you know that, at
 first, we had Presby Schools, their
 teachers were Presbyterians, the Methodist
 School, had Methodist teachers, the
 Catholics taught Catholic School, you see?
 So, there was discipline, you see? There
 were no bad children, you see? Now,
 they have mixed it, so, there are bad
 children. So, if these children grows up,
 what should he do? I ~~think~~ think, it has
 stopped (No) (Yes, do you want to say)

it again to me?) If that place was not recorded, what I am saying now is that, Now, there is no fear in God in Ghana, (yes) Children don't respect ^{their} elders, they don't teach Christianity in ~~Ghana~~ Schools, so, if he is stealing, he will steal, if he wants to abuse an old person, he would abuse him. But at first, when we were at Presby School, it was not like that so, when we were children, there were not too much sins. Now, we don't do all these again, so everything is only ~~a~~ sins. He don't know God, everybody ~~needs~~ only money. Even one can kill his brother for money. Now, the modern money, you see that, even small children about twenty years, they are trading with millions of cedis. But when we were young, even we never knew thousand, even hundreds, (mm) we used pesewas. But we were happy about it. But these modern children, even, if he will kill his brother for one million now, he will do it you see? (yes) So, some of these, is because of the Government. Because if there ~~was~~ are many jobs in Ghana it may not be like this, because, if somebody is a thief, and there is a job, he won't steal, and because there is no work, he would steal. Some women are prostitutes, if there are jobs, and she know God, she may not do this (yes) And because there are no jobs, and she don't)

fear God, she is doing it for her daily chop money, and she is selling herself to men, you see? But it was not like that at first. Ghana was very good. Even if you have a job, you are satisfy with your salary. And as I am saying, I started children dresses with ~~a~~ a few money. Look, Within six months, I got what I need. It helped me a lot. When I went to Suinyani, the baking which I started, if it was not the revolution and the control price, ~~it~~ maybe, it would help me a lot. Now, Ghana, We are praying only to God, that Ghana may change, you see? It has become very very difficult, and if you look into it properly, few are enjoying. You see that, the people are in very very difficulties, and the people are too much. And people also are bringing more children because, my mother brought forth me alone. How many people have I brought? Six. (yes) So, if my daughter Nyarko brings forth four, Papa Yaw four, Serwah, four, if everybody bring forth four people, look we are always multiplying, you see? So, I think that, there must always be crisis in Ghana. And it is not in Ghana alone, all over the world, but Ghana is worst. It is only God, who knows the way He will lead us. And as the sister was saying, if they increased the petrol, even one cedi, they would increase the fare. If I am coming with a car, and I have)