

(It is good) (Please Mama, I think we must start our conversation) (you have written ~~of~~ all of it down) But it must be on the cassette) Ao, it is good, we will start it from the book) (So?) Yes but we will start from it) (At number three?) (At number one)

Please Mama, what is your employment?) My real job that I do to survive, is that, I do... I train girls, so that they stand on their feet in future "Or care for themselves" properly (yes) again, we also dress corpse - corpse, this is the work we do. (Yes, do you have another job that you have attached to it?) (I think you are - Eh, what do we call it? Do you dress dead body? (Dead) (Eeh) (Is it the corpse?) (Ehee, the corpse) (Corpse) (Yes) (We call it corpse)

(Mm,) (Dead body) (Yes, I have understand (Yes) (Please, you said that, you train children on which ways? explain it to us) Eeh, (maybe somebody is staying with you, and you are training him/her, and yours; explain it a bit)

Ao, about mine; I have done it like school (yes) We teach the children; it is a Vocational School) (Aah) Ah, we call it Opoku Ware Girls Vocational institute, (yes) and we teach the children dressmaking, ~~and hair dressing and high rich food~~

Eeh, catering, house keeping, how to train, how to look after children and hair dressing, and high rich food (Yes) - (Yes) Thank you very much (Please Mama, before you starts this job, what type of work did you start in first as a young woman?) I was a seamstress

When I was a young woman, I was a Seamstress. When I sewed for a little while, I noticed that, if the children come, there are certain things which they cannot do, excuse me to say, if somebody come to you, and so, you must give him/her ^{even} some water, how she will present the water to the person, if you are around, you feel shy, so I saw that I have to add more to it, so that the person would be very good person, so I decided to add cooking and house keeping to it, when I add it, I have noticed that, it has helped the children very well. (This means that, it is the sewing that you start, you have done it up to this time?) I have done it up to - (you have add something to it?) Mm, I have add something to it. (Thank you very much, Please Mama, this school, that you are running, and these children, that you are training, how did you start it?) Emm, when I started, I was a Seamstress, even I had no sewing machine, so my uncle's wife, had a machine, hand machine (yes) and she gave ~~it~~ to me, and a small dining table, this was what I used for sewing. So, little by little, it was improving and I have already saved some money, I decided to buy sewing machine with the money I bought, at first, I bought the one, use by men, foot machine, (yes, men's foot machine) (yes, men's foot machine) I bought one of it and I used it little by little. I used it little by little for about two years, I got married and travelled, when I travelled, I spent about

Three years. (Please, where did you travel to?)

I went to London (Please, did you travelled with your husband?) I went with my husband, when we went there, he learn some kind of business and I also, I continued my "job" sewing, in a school called Paris Academy School (Yes) Oxford Street - - - - - (yes) So, when I returned from there, I ~~be~~ again started my job, when I returned and start, I started with six persons little by little, as I said at first, they were learning how to sew, but they have to know petty petty things at home, so I decided to add something to it. I went to social ware-fare and told them that, I want them to give certificates to those who will pass their examination, (yes) and they told me that, I must add or write Girls Vocational ~~on~~ ^{in the} name. (Yes) At first it was Ghana Fashion Center (yes) So, because of this, I decided to change it completely, so we went and saw Otumfuo It was not quiet long, when they enstooled him (yes) and told him that, we want to open a school, but we want to name the school after him, so that, it would be something like, as soon as you mention it, everybody would know that, it is in the Ashanti Region. So, when we said this, he became very very happy, so we call it Opoke Ware girls Vocational, that is why you see that, there are many women here. (Yes) (You have done very well). (Please, what difficulties or problems did you have? Because, in every business, you will have sweets and bitters, so

do you have any problems ~~or~~ any difficulties?)

Problems that have is that, sometimes, how they pay the school fees (yes) most of the parents (yes) are not very serious in it (Mho) Sometimes, the money don't come in time, this is the only problems that we have (yes)

Secondary, the place where the school is situated, it is not the property of the school (yes) The school has it's own building plot

(yes) It is at Kyiriapaterz, the road to lake-side Eserezo, (yes) the school has a very very big land, it is thirty acres, the land is there, even we have started the building of the school, that is the cause of our difficulties

We are asking for a loan, but we haven't receive anything (yes) Now, by the grace of God, we have been able to ~~built~~ two-

put up two mighty buildings, and it is there,

(yes) It has remain with the roofing (yes) when we reached the roofing, it has come to a

stand still (yes) because, you must have the money in bulk, before you can work on the roofing, but we are trying - - - - -

(AO, have you started, you see?) Please Mama, I am listening to you, I think, you did not finished you talking and - - - - - I was asking you

about the difficulties in your business and so on) Yes, that was what I was saying.

The only problems is the collecting of school fees, it is difficult, again, how things changes everyday in the boarding section, sometimes, the money that you will collect, it cannot do anything, even the term would not end, but,

the money will get finish, it means the prices of goods, nothing can ~~buy~~ buy the goods (they have increased the goods) But when we lived in the world at first, it was not like that, this is what has brought crisis to us. But sometimes, we look up to Heaven, maybe some grace will fall from Heaven to us (Ehe-he-he) (Yes, God is there - mhoom - Please Mama, you said that, you and your husband) yes, (Has your husband ever objected to your business activities or helped you in your business?)

He supports me very very seriously, and he help me very very well, sometime, I feel like: I want to stop indefinitely and become a house-wife. (Yes) He said, no-no-, everybody is working, so do the work. (Nhe-he-he, this means he has try and support you) Yes - - - (Please Mama, I think that, this one is a bit difficult I think you job is not a small job. Please, what helped you to move forward in your business?) EEmm, what has helped me is by the grace of the people, the give some advice everyday, Eeh, if something is not going well, if you go and ask somebody, he/she will tell me to put it in a different place.

Again, we have Board who looks after the school. (You mean that, elders) Elders who are our support, we have meetings with them, ^{once} in every three months, they also give us ~~and~~ advice, put it here, put it here. And especially, Otumpo, it is because of the words from his mouth, that these two building is there (yes) He told me that, even, if you have more

money, even, if it is a full room, you will do it little by little, and if you can buy even, one or two bags of cement in every month, use it so that, people would know that, you are doing it, if not even, the land we have given to you, somebody will say that you don't like it (Yes) It is the words from his mouth, that these two mighty buildings are here. Even, if there more time, I will take you there to see for yourselves (Mm, Please, that means, this place you are staying now, it is not for the school?) No, it is not for the school, but the school has been here for a long time, this means, that, we will still remain here, till we finish the school in future, when we finish the new site (you will go) we will go. Even, we knew that we can move on January but we couldn't moved, so we are praying that, maybe next January. Everytime, also, we fix it in January (Mho-he-he-) (Maybe, it is not time yet, it will be alright. Please, have you been able to ~~ac~~ acquire any property because of your business?) It is because of this business, that we have been able to acquire this land, this thirty acres. Emm, if you count it, every one acre is four plots (yes) It is near the Sheo factory, the way to Esereso, Sawia Junction, at your right hand. So, it has help us to get something. Again, because of this work, we have ^{one big} ~~an~~ bus, this one also it is because of this work, that we got it. (yes) ~~to~~ because of crisis, we use it for business (yes) it is on the road, it is on the road)

(It is good, he-he- we thank you very much. Please, have has the business enabled you to help family members or other business?) Yes, it has help me, and I have been able to help not only my family, some of the people, when they come to school, it may not take too long for their parents to die, (yes) and she have nobody to look after her, so if we see this, we take her to our side. She don't pay money, she come to school, the school feeds her (yes) ~~the~~ it is the school, which do everything for her, a typical example, even, one of them is a teacher in this school now. (Ah, fine) When she completed school, I have again employed her as a teacher here, which I pay her (Yes) (So) Some of the family members also come and learn, and they also use it as they carrier, (yes) So, it has ~~not~~ helped a lot of people (Truely, God has ~~to~~ helped you, we thank God, that you have done something like that. Please

Mama, have any of your children joined you in your business?) Yes, ~~#~~ some of them, came and joined me for a while, but because of marriage, they have gone far away. (Nhe-he-he) (Women?) Yes, I am sure, maybe, if they wait for a while, they will come back and join me again. (Yes) When they came to joined me, I was less tired (yes) Eeh but now, those people who are helping me also, they are very hard working, so (mm) I can't see the difference, wether my children are around or not, because, everybody do

exactly what she should do. (My questions, now, even, you have answered some of my questions already, but I have to ask. Please, have you trained any other woman in your business?) Yes, (about this, I am sure you have already answered) Yes (Yes) Some.....
 Some of my wards, they work very seriously in this city (Yes) One of them is at Adam, she have more than fifty apperentices, (Yes) One of them is at Stadium, she has more than sixty children (Fine) Most of them, they are too much in this city, and other places also, (yes) Yes, (Thank you, you have helped us a lot, ha-ha-ha, you have helped Kumasi town-ship very very well. Please Mama, if a young woman ~~today~~ be come to you for advice about starting this kind of business, what would you tell her?) Ehee, if she wants to learn or she want to? (She want^{to} start this kind of business) if she want to start this kind of business? (Yes, maybe she want to come to you and learn from you, or she want you to give her some advice or some directions?) Ah, about this, the only advice that I will give to her is that, this kind of business, you cannot do it without inviting God to it. Anything she would^{do}, she must put in the words of God first, again, she must be faithful in all her ways. Again, also, she must set good examples to the children who are coming to her. Excuse me to say, maybe, somebody is training a child, but her character is not good which ~~the~~ that the child would learn from,

her. She think that the person is only coming to learn, but if she come to learn, the children look up to you as a leader, somebody like a leader. The children also, they are very happy in everything you would do. You will see that, if you are not around, they practice what ever you do. (Yes-he-he-he-) So, you must be very careful and do everything correctly. (Thank you very much. Please Mama, how does your life differ from that of your mother and grandmother?) There are not very much difference because, when I grew up ~~and~~ ^{and} see my grand mother, she prepared food for weddings in this city, my grandmother who gave birth to my mother. I am also doing the same. And my mother also, who gave birth to me, she was also a teacher who teaches (a teacher) So, it means that, what they did is what has come into this. (It is the same) Yes. (It is as the same) Yes. Yes (So, please) (What I will ask you about this, is that, at the time you was working on the children, at the time, when there was happiness or things was going on well for them, if you compel it to this time, what are the change/difference in this present society?) The only change ~~are~~ is that, there is civilization now (Yes) So, there are many things. At first, if you do few things, it is only one person. So, if you do it very well or not, every body will come to you (Yes) But now because of civilization, there are challenge in everything. Yes, it is something like competition but not challenge. (He-he-) (Yes) So, aaah, this

is the only difference, if not so, I may not know, because, if you are looking for something now, it is here already, but money, it is involved with so much money, but if you meet with the person, and the person understand that the "things" items, now, everything is not low so if we prepare it, some of it will left, that means, he/she will not disturb you in any-way.

(It's nothing) (You said that, civilization has brought these? Is civilization a good thing or a bad thing?) (This modern civilization?)

This present civilization, I think that it is good, but it seems that, like something is over-loaded on us. (Yes) (Yes) You see? Something

is over loaded, if we reach that portion, I will say something (Mm) I think that we have not reach that place yet. (Yes) (Yes)

(Please Mama, would a young woman today be able to start as you started?) Somebody who have a clear mind, and don't like too much of everything, she can start like that. But these present children, she wants everything in bulk, bulk, quickly, - quickly - quickly. It is not like that in the world, you see? Everything if you start, it is little by little, before it grows up, it is like, if you give birth to a child it grows, if you plant something, it grows, if you start everything, this is how you must start it. It is only few people, who get help when they start something (Mm) He/she can start it very big, but most of them, it does not end well. He/she starts it very big, but when it is improving, later, it comes down

because he/she didn't noticed the beginning, and he did not struggled in the beginning, so he/she cannot take control of it properly. And if you start it little by little, from the, the white man says, from the scratch (Yes) This, you take care of it properly. So, everybody can start it, exactly as I started and be successful. (So, why the changes difference in this present society?)

The only changes is that, now, women struggle now, than at first. The struggling that the women are facing, it is not that, we are not aware or we like to struggle, but the story is that, the world, how it was at first, only few of our mothers work. (Yes) And it was the fathers ~~of~~ who goes to work and bring the money, and it means, it can keep the home and do everything, it means that, it can center for their home. But now, the father go, the mother go, if the mother didn't go and add something to it, it would not be good (Yes)

There are a certain mother, the work she do is that, she gets up, she leaves the house very very early and go to her business, she will return late. The one who will not leave the house very early in the morning also, she travels, maybe, she would not return in a week, she has no responsible person to leave the children to him/her, so, when she return, everything goes bad for the children, even their dresses are dirty, she left it to a child, we say "maid". This maid also, she has no training, that I am going to look after a child, so ~~a~~ I should do this, I should do that.

The food she likes, is what she will give it to her/him, she will put the money on the table Akua ~~it~~ here is it oh, so, when you are not at home, the way that the child moved, how he/she went out and play, people who came and visited him/her, the food he/she ate, you did not ~~see~~ ^{saw} none of these, the only thing you did is that you are leaving the money there, because of these, our present children, some of their behavior, even, we as the parents, we don't know. (Yes) Especially, we, who are staying with school children. (yes) Maybe, somebody has some type of disease, the parent are not aware, except in the school, that it will come out, and you have to go and ~~not~~ invite her parents, she is travelling, so she doesn't know what has happened or what is going on. So, how things are moving, if possibly, it did not come down, but it will go up, in future, the lives of the children would go bad than this present time. (Mm, thank you very much. Please, Mama, What are your regrets in life?) In my life? (yes) My regret is, when one of my brothers died, this is my regrets in this world, he died with my father at the same time. When this one died, it was not too long, that the other one also died. This is something that I will not ~~of~~ forget in this world till I die (Please, I will add this one to it. It is not because, the person is no more, that is why you have regret, (mm) What we want to hear about it, is that, something that have happened in your life, in your business,

Maybe you have made some petition, and if you were to be given some another chance, maybe, you will do different programme, because you have regretted that go went that way, can you say something about it?) About the business (In the business or anything, as it ~~can~~ happened) I have no regrets in the business (You have no regrets in all) In ^{all} these, sometimes, I feel that, anything that must come to me, and if it didn't come, it is not mine (Mm) If it is yours, God is there, so it will come. And if the thing is coming, but it did not come, maybe, it is not the time yet, to come, to you, and it is not Gods will, "or" arrangements. This house of ours, which I was talking about, last year, when we were coming to celebrate the Easter, a very huge storm came and hit the building, the one that it was at the roofing level, that very day, half of the building collapsed. (Mm) That very day, this very place, the toilet, all the roof was taken away by the storm (Mhoo) The same day ooh: When I returned, and they told me, I sat in my chair at a very very long time. They asked me, are you not going to see it for yourself? I answered, ooh, let me sit down Again, as I was sitting there, I laughed. Somebody asked, ah, why? I asked, answered, I think that God have not built the house. (Mho-ho-ho-) If God have really built it, it will not have collapsed. When I went and saw it myself, I ~~was not~~ didn't become worried so much, I said, ah, this is all the case of God, so, I got

somebody to go there, he said eei, this big thing, truly, it did nothing to you? I said, no, no, a man can do something, but you cannot do it all. You see? Only this, (Thank you. Apart from this, what has been your happiest moment in life? Maybe, something happened in your life, and you became very very happy) In my life, it was the day I got married. (Ehe-he-he-he) (Oh fine, it was your happiest moment in your life) Yes (He-he-he-mm) Please thank you. (Who has influenced you most in your life?) Head of the clan. (Your head of your clan?) Yes (Did he help you?) He helped me very well. He is one of those people, whom we opened the school with them, we call them ^{the} a Board (yes) He is our chairman. So, if anything at all, and I go and discuss it with him, he would say, do this, do this, even, if he could not come, support me. Even, if he has seen you for a long time, he would come, eei! I haven't heard anything, I think that, everything is going well. So, he has helped me a lot. (Thank you Mama, is there anybody, whom you copied from her, or learned from her? Eh, as you said it, when I grew up, and I wanted to ^{do} something like this, maybe, it was your mother who started this kind of work or maybe your grandmother, or maybe, somebody out side, ~~Eh~~, who was your old mother? Maybe it was somebody like that, whom you learned from her?) (Eh) This kind of work, it was not what I said I would do. I never said I would do it at all. It ~~is~~ was the same)

head of our clan, whom I was talking about, he was the one, E.E.H., at the time we passed the common entrance, and I was going to asked him to sign, also, at first, if you pass the Common Entrance, (yes) and you are going to interview, if you performed well, those people who received scholarships, they send everybody copy to him/her, so they sent your forms to you, for your parents or guardians to sign it. Your parents to sign. So, when I sent it to him to sign, when he studied it, he said eh, here is Politechnic, that is the school for women. You are going to a school, which will last for a long journey is that the only thing you like? And I answered Oh no, as for me, it is the only one, that I want to attend. He answered, no, no, -no, you will go attend this one only. I pleaded and pleaded, but he answered, this is the only thing you will do. And I wept and wept and wept, but I was not troubled, that was why I attended it, from hence forth (Kumasi Poli?) Yes, it was 1958. When I left there, I decided to go to Ghana Airways, he said, look look, look, listening to what she is saying. I said, I am going to join the Police. He said, you will do only what you are doing. (Ehe-he-he) So, he sent me to Mancells. When I went there also, the only thing I saw was that, I was in the classroom, everyday, I am in the classroom (mho-ho) You are not a teacher, but they call you teacher Vida because, at first, my uncle know that, it is

a bit higher here, than ^{some of the} vocational schools but when he sent me there also, it was not like, I am going to school, but you are helping the teachers, so I came home and did ~~EE~~ -----

So, I didn't see that, even, when I travelled, I said that, I will not do this. When I travelled, "me": excuse me to say, I was in a hospital where they train mad people, that I am learning mental Nursing, (yes) (yes) in a certain Hospital called Saint Ebb's Hospital, Ebson. (Mmho) you see? I go everyday. I spent two years there. Everyday, my husband asked me to stop it and do my own business, and I told him that I will not stop. But one of the madmen helped me, one patient, he was a son of my friend. He became very very wild, and I said that, I am going to pamper him, but he pulled out my hair, and my neck got swollen for two weeks, he said, you see? (Yes) If I go and narrate this story, somebody's child, they will say that, I have brought you here and killed you, so you will stop it and do your own work. So, that was why I stopped it and turned it to learning. I mean, I did it, if not because of this, I won't have done this. When I started also, everybody became happy. Try, oh, you are doing well oh, be-careful, you don't stop it (Yes) Especially Otumfoz, when we named the school after him, he said, look, our ~~pe~~ people, if you do some business with them, and they see that the money didn't come quickly, he/she would stop at once. It is a school, that you are)

doing, what-ever you are doing, you are training women. And it is in this city, so, even, our children are many, so try and a time will come when you will say that, you dont get ~~more~~ more profit so you want to stop. So, it is the advice from him, that has helped me up till now. (Thank you very much. Now, do you believe that you have fulfilled in life? or you have done everything you planned to do? Do you feel fulfilled) EEm, I cannot say that I have ~~done~~ ^{finished} all what I planned, but I have done the greater part. They say, a man came to do something, but he cannot do it all, you see? But me, I feel that, all my attention is on the new site, if I finish it, then I will see that, I have done what is in my heart, and if it is beautiful, Ehee, so. It is only this. (God will help you to do it ho-ho-ho) (How ~~does~~ has the current economic situation affected your life?

yes, this economy and your job, in which ways has it affected you?) Aaah- ah- how it has affected us is that, we who has gathered some of the children and are staying with them, we call them boarders, you feed them three times a day. If we vacate and you ask the parents to bring this amount of money to train the child, and I am staying with her ~~at~~ here for three months. We have re-open the school, they have paid the money. Today, if they sell the thing for sixpence, if you go tomorrow they will tell you it is nine-pence, if you go to-morrow, they will tell you that it is one

Shilling. (Mmm) Because of this, we don't know what we are doing now. But it is like, you have put your hands in a sick person's food you cannot take out of your hands. We are always praying to God that there must be a change, so that things may come down for us. Changes which is good. So myself, my advice is that, everybody should pray hard and ~~EEh~~, so that all the world may come down, I mean something go down for us. If not, the job which you will get the children and stay with them and feed them, the money that you must collect from the parents, the parents also cannot (get) He/she cannot get it, but he/she have to, you see? ~~£~~ So, you cannot know what you are doing. This is the only thing that ~~the~~ has made me ^{go} very very bad. (But now, ~~at~~ ^{whole} the problem is the feeding of the children) (Ehee). (This is the only problem) Because, even now, if the people come, we cannot receive them oh. (Yes) At first most of people come from their homes to school "day students" It was only few of them who were staying here. But now, everybody want his/her child to (stay here) stay in the school (Mho-ho) there ~~were~~ ^{are} few people who are day students, if they also come this place is too small, so we cannot receive them. Somebody may come and sit at the office, if you are not around, he/she can sit for about three hours, that he/she is waiting for you, and he/she would not understand what-ever the teachers will tell him/her, or at the secretary office also, if you go there)

She will tell you the same story, it is like, you don't like want to receive her, somebody said, Auntie, we are bringing you money, but, what are you doing? I answered, I have no place for her to stay. Somebody said, I will buy my own bed, I answered, we have some of the beds, but we have no ~~pat~~ place to fix it (Ehe-he-) you see?) This is the only problem. (Yes) But, if we go to our new place, we have a big land, so maybe, we can grow some foods (yes) Maybe, we should grow many many ~~things~~ crops, so that we can feed the children from it. The farming, we do it ourselves at first, but if you have a farm, and you are not staying in the farm and if it near ~~near~~ the town, (yes) your goods will get finished before you get there. We have done it several times, we have grown many crops for several times. How we have spent in the farm, if we know, we should have used it for the roofing of the building, maybe it will reach some place, so we are waiting, if the school get there, we will do the farming very very big. (Yes) If we do it we will not spend very much in a day (If you have food, you will not spend much, you will get something from it) (Thank you very much. Please Mama, What has changed most in the community and the general society/country for the past ten years?) Ah, the past ten years and this time, the women, Eeh, at first, though, we do business, but we were not very serious as now, that every woman wants)

do business. Eeh, If she would do the business ooh, if she would not do the business ooh, if she has some knowledge about it ooh, if she has no knowledge about it ooh, she would do it. And the world, Eeh, I think that, how it is moving, if we are ^{more} interest in it, it will bring more hard ship. It means that, Eeh, the young children who are growing, how ~~we~~ how their lives are different, we don't have time for them at all, we have no time for the children at all, so, the children also, they don't know what they are doing, rush, -#rush, rush - Something more, bad, so if you are staying with the children, you have to accept her as your own child ~~whom~~ ^{who} is not a good child, but you have tried in many ways to change her, if not you cannot stay with the child. Again, most of the people have joined many groups, so, in every week, somebody may go to meetings every day (yes) But she has nobody who will take care of the children ooh, so, if she leave the market, as soon as she reach home, and if she finish ⁽²⁾ taking her bath, she will go again. Untill she return, maybe her child is asleep. If you go to some place at night, ten o'clock, at that time, that they are preparing fufu. (Yes) Ah, it must not be so, you see? (Yes) And, maybe if things go down for us, and most of us play our part, maybe, I think that, it will make things better. But she says, Akua have ^{got} this (yes) so I also must ^{also} have it, so, she will try in other ways (Yes) Even, God didn't do it like that' ⁽¹⁾

(Yes) If Akua have this, maybe Akua, this things looks nice, but it is ~~not~~ ^{don't make up} your mind that, big all means, you must have ~~the~~ the same thing that Akua have. This is why all our things have gone bad, covet and some unnecessary things (Thank you very much. Please, how have women's and men's views in the African context on marriage changed over the years? Which changes have been positive? What changes still need to take place?) Our marriage, it seems like, there is no understanding. At first, Eeh, if you want to get married, most of them, if ~~the~~ see you, even, he cannot tell you himself (yes) rather, he will go and tell his elder, and the elder also will watch from the house you came from, and they will also come and tell your elders. Even, at that ~~time~~ moment, ~~you~~ ^{the} elder will not tell you anything, he will tell your mother first, (yes) that, Akua, your daughter, Eeh, this person and his house hold have come and beg that, they want her for their son to marry, before they will ask them that, which one of their children, and he will tell him, that, Eeh, the one who do this, or who do this) And you will say, then lets call Akua and tell her. If they call Akua and tell her, do you know her? She answers no! I dont know him. They will say, he says that he loves you, She will say, as for me, I will not marry him. (Mho-ho-ho) They will say, exercise patience, Akua, exercise patience, again they will ~~find~~ ^{find} somebody, to work secretly and ask ^{for} the boy's behavior, and they will ask)

whether there is ~~a~~ some bad disease in the family, and their character. (Yes) Maybe they would say, eei, the people of this house they say that, people of this house, they are like this, they are like this, there are these diseases in the house, let us ask the child whether she like it, ~~the~~ even, maybe, they will not tell her, rather, they will say these ~~the~~ people from that house, because of their character, we will not allow you to marry him. So, if they come, so, if they come, they tell them that, it would not be good for us to give our daughter to you. But now, they say that Kajetia marry (mho-ho) They got married first, before they come home to see what is in the house. If they come to see what is in the house, some time ago, somebody said that, he got married, he met her in the journey, they did everything continuously, ~~not~~ not knowing that they were grand children, (brother and sister) Yes, they all stayed together. (AO) They have already got married. So they have to marry. It has happened so many times (Yes) Some of them, it's all depends understanding and ---- If you ^{have} understanding for yourself, no matter how, if you made up your mind that, you will stay with the person, what - ever it is, you can stay with the person. Sometimes, the men, they go out of their mind, and if the woman also, you go out of her mind, then I become worst, but if one go out of his/her mind, and if the other one put his/her

trust in God and stand firm, that in anyway
 what ever it is, he/she will never go back,
 # a time will come, we have something like,
 for better for worse (mho-ho) If the better
 side come, the worse side, I dont think that
 it will do anything, but it will come together
~~fine~~ and it will be fine. But, especially the
 teenagers and pregnancy, if they separate,
 the children will stand in the middle. The
 children whose lives is not good, sometimes,
 most of them depends on the divorce between
 them, If they divorce, the mother and the
 father, they are no more friends, on the
 other hand, they become enemies, some of
 them, if they see themselves anytime, they
 start to quarrel and so on. ~~The~~ The child
 may say, I want to see Mama, he/she
 says, I want to see Daddy, but he/she never
 saw none of them. Even he/she can go
 and collect money from here and collect's
 some from there, none of them can ask
 wether you gave him/her this amount of
 money, no, he/she cannot - because of this
 things ~~go~~ becomes bad, so what-ever the
 case, It is only God, who arrange marriage
 you see? About marriage, it is between me
 and you, only one, and one of them buries
 the other one. But if it becomes ~~the~~ like that
 the children becomes nervos. So we must look
 bare the children in mind, and stop the
~~unese~~ unnecessary things. (Thank you very much
 Please, is polygamy a necessary evil? In what
 ways does it ~~tr~~ troubles us?) Polygamy, I cannot

say that, it is evil, but some of them brings
~~to~~ problems. Because, why I don't feel that it
 is evil is that, they say that it part of
 black men's lives. But it brings prob crisis
 you see? You cannot marry three wives, two
 wives, you give birth to four children with one
 person, you give birth to three children with
 this one, and the another one also, four, and
 look after all of them equally, you see? You
 cannot do that, a time will come, the training
 of the children ^{will} reduce. It means that, if you
 are using some amount of money, you have
 to divide it. The man also, you have two
 or three mouth (Mho-ho) so you are telling
 only lies, a time will come, that you may
 die of hunger (Mm) Because you know that,
 if this person does not do it, this one will
 do it (this one will do it - Mho-ho) Because,
 when you married too much wives, you
 didn't ~~bring~~ ^{brought} them together, ^{so} you have not
 arranged anything. If this person like it
 she would do it, if the other one like it
 she would do it, so, if they are growing older,
 and their children also growing, you see?
 She has to find some ways ~~for her children~~
 to get something ~~for~~ to help her children,
 because, the children of Akosua have done this
 and my children also have not do anything,
 maybe, it is Akosua, the mother is doing every-
 thing by & herself for her children, but she
 don't know anything about it, because, the man
 and myself - - - - - so some of them, because
 of the man's bad behaviour, even, her own)

child, she will not look after him/her properly (Yes) You see? So, because of this, run after him ooh, catch him ooh, if you marry one person, you can care for her properly. You can look after your wife, you can look after your house, and look after your children nicely. But if your pocket is very heavy, and you decide to take ~~take~~ many wives, then you must be sure that, you would divide you pocket equally

(Mm) (Thank you very much. What are your views on Family Planning? And what do you say about it?)

The Family Planing? (Eeh) Oh, if you space your children, it is good, because, if ~~the~~ you dont space the children, even now, you cannot get somebody to help you properly at home. If you dont space the children, you go into crisis. So, if you space your children, it is good. But my mind tells me that, what God gave to you, if you ~~are~~ ^{can} able to give birth to them, also it is good, because, "excuse me to say," some of them may become good and some of them may not become good. But if you bring forth two, and all the two are not good (if they

are not good?) Then you have loose oh (mho-ho) (ha-ha-ha) (Yes, thank you very much. If you were to be given another chance, would you have the same number of children as you have now?)

AO, I would have many children. (Would you have many children?) But I would space them. (Why would you have many children?) I love to train children (Mwo) If the children are growing up, you become happy, (yes) they will do everything with you continiously, but ~~when~~ if they are

growing up, they, ~~the~~ separate-separate with you. Even, if you call him/her, he/she would say, I am coming, I am coming, you see? (Mho-ho-ho) If God help you, and your business is very good, so that you can look after the children in a very good way, you can have many children as you like. But some of them, they cannot teach the children or give them some knowledge, so if you bring forth too many children, then you ~~are~~ ~~worrying~~ have given them problems. You have given them a lot of problems. (Then, if you were to be given another chance, maybe you would have many children oh) (Mho-ho-ho-) Ah, now, I cannot give birth again (No, if you were to be given another chance-) Yes (he-he-he, thank you very much. Mama, now, what are your views on the current laws on intestate succession and the registration of marriages?) Ah, about this, my mind tells me that, it is very good, because, excuse me to say, not all the people have uncles, and everybody who has come to this world, no matter how, you came through somebody into the world, so you have a father, because you came to the world through somebody, many times, example, about Akan, Eh, at first, if the man is the first person to die, at once, the place where you live with your husband, the family members come and shut the doors, your own personal belongings, if you need some for yourself, you have to go and beg before you get it. And the children also, you are staying with them, you have trained them in such a

way, and they are interested in the way they live, and if it come suddenly, that you have pack your things, even, maybe, you dont work. The man didnt trained you in that way, then you go far away. Only few of the families, ~~when~~ ^{who} would sometimes say that, they would add them to it, or join with them light one. (Yes) But, most of the families are there, but they would never mind you. (Yes) Because of this, you children become desperate, the nephew has succeeded the father, & he will never mind you, but now, Eh, the take over has become like, they divide it, some for the children, so, everybody cares for his/her children. At first, some of the Ashantis, they say, your uncles are there. (Yes) (Aha) So, the man, even, he have brought forth to you, he would not look after you properly. (Yes) because, he knows that, your uncle, --- because you are succeeding your uncle, (you would take it to your house) Yes! And, because they dont see such things nowadays, everybody ~~is~~ is looking after his children properly. Even, those people who dont look after ~~his~~ ^{their} children, when the children have grown up, he would go and look for the children. So myself, I think that, it is good. Again, also, it will reduce unnecessary pregnancy. And the girls also, sometimes, they --- the white man says "adventure" she is going to find it, rather, she would receive it. ~~there is a~~ ^{nobody} ~~if she have nobody to care for her property~~

And there is nobody, who, ^{don't} have anybody to care for her property, and by carelessness says that she is going to give birth (Yes) Because she knows that, if she give birth, it involve with so many things. (Thank you very much. Please, what about the registration of marriage? Say something about it for me.) About the registration of marriage, it is foreign to us but, this is what has come. Some of the marriages, as I said at first, if the man die, the parents say, we don't know her, what type of paper, that testify that, he is your husband? (Yes) So it is the registration that testify that, it is true, you are the wife. (Please, let me ask you a question, about the same registration, can one man register about four or five women? What do you think about it?) There is no sence in it (Yes) Because, it is something like, because of the registration, he write some unnecessary things down, maybe, he has somebody whom he has arranged special marriage in law (yes) and ^{some of} these men, who cannot stay at one place, he go to this to up and down to this place, up and down to this place, and register like that, even, maybe he will not tell his wife, whom he is staying with her (Yes) Again, if there is a case, then myself and your child oh, myself and your child oh, who, who, who. Again, you hear that he have registered her, he has send her to court. Ah, somebody I know, some time, she had something like that, again, they went to court, five women (each) they were against her

again, if she goes out, and they see her they abuse her (Mm) They abused her continuously so the only house that the man left, court says that, they should sell the house. They have sell the house, and have divided the money to ~~the~~^{his} children, and they have given her her part. You see? All we have to do, is to pray to God, so that He can change the men (Mho-ho) Because, our laws, the men are many in law ~~des~~ decision (Yes) So, if they are making the laws, they do Eeh, (what will suit them) Ehee, what will suit them, you see? So, in some cases, it is always in their favour. Again if they pass out the laws, it is something which is for all people, they have to bring it out and ~~a~~ ask the people to ~~say~~^{tell} their mind about it, so that, they ~~should~~ know, whether the people like it, - That is the mistakes the do, so there are something that they don't allow us to tell our mind about it, but that thing is working, so, thing is not moving well. So, my mind tells me that, I suggest that, things that ~~are~~ is involve with ~~all~~ people, they ~~st~~ must bring it out so that all ^{the} people must tell their mind about it, and we must join together, and we must take out some of them, and add some of them to it. (Please, let me ask you this question. Now, if we were to be given a chance to tell our minds about this registration of marriages, as you was saying, do you believe that, if they pass out a law that, men, you cannot register more than two or three, or something like that, do you believe that, it will work or it will)

Spoil something, also, they will say that ee, we can register more than two or three women, so, I have not reach a place, where I have^{to} (yes) (yes) or something like that) About them, it is true, ^{still} some of them would not do it, (So)

Because, some of them think only about the future. And even, most of them, what are they doing with it, you see? There is time for everything, if you say something, the say, oh, it was not like that in the older days. In the older days, our grandfathers were farmers (yes) most of them (Yes) They will not get money for the labours, so your children and ~~an~~ your wives are in the farm. So, if you are weeding here, your wife and your children are here, and this that one also, the wife and the children are there, you wife has become something like supervisor (yes) and she is looking after the children and the farm and growing the crops, even, what he would cultivate, they are looking and growing.

But now, we are using machines to cultivate the land (Even, the lands has got finished) (Yes) If the machine do it, where the farm is situated, your children also cannot go and stay in the farm, because, your children cannot go to this modern school, you see? So, if you take too many wives, what are you going to do with them? Instead, it bring hatred and problems to ee, between people in the world. So, my mind tells me that, it is not necessary.

Thank you very much. Please, do you belong to)

any women's group in Kumasi or elsewhere?)
 Who? (Please, mention any women's group you belong to) Σ Eh, this, Roman church (Yes) We have Lodge (yes) we have some. I belong to one, Knights of Saint John, but I have resigned. Ladies of - - - - - I am among them. Again, I belong to another group, Theresa's, also we go to meetings once in a month, it is the same thing applies to Lodge (yes) And myself, excuse me to say, I am an Ashanti (yes) We have costum house, cultural - center, we have a group there, which the women in Ashanti who are educated, but they don't know our culture, Ashanti Ladies, we call it Ashanti Cultural Ladies Club. (Ahaa) (yes) I belong to it (Yes) Every month at cultural center. (Yes) And they teach us all the Ashanti customs, yes, this is the groups that I belong to. (Yes, it is very good, thank you. I have never heard of this before you have done well. Please, what are some of the ways in which women's groups like yours, are helping to nurture, teach, support and train young females to help them face and be prepared for the 21st Century?) Yes, all the two groups that I belong in the Church, it is, first of all, It shows us the ways of God, and in the world also, before you can go to any place and how people would receive you, and again they teach them how, if they got married, in your living, how you can stay and look after your children, and we teach them how to give to your fellow person. It is not because, excuse me to say, you have got some or more before

you give, but it is because, God said that
 about tithes, in so many ways, you must pay it
 You ~~would~~ ^{may} meet somebody, who is very very
 poor, but maybe, a little would do him/her good,
 you have given it to him/her, that is, ^{what} God
 needs from you. Again we have children's group
 in which we train children in God's way. The
 same thing applies to the one at cultural center,
 we have add some children to ~~it~~ us, ~~they~~ we
 also teach them about the culture. (Please, the
 women's groups which - - - - - . Please now,
 do you believe that - - - - - . Womens groups
 which you are talking about them, what do
 you think women's groups should do to improve
 conditions of life for women and the family?)
 Ah, like I said at first, women ~~is~~ must set
 something before them, if women come together, ~~is~~
 it ^{is} not because, somebody have a funeral, and
 you are going to help her, somebody is sick
 and you are going to visit her, it is nice. But
 it must help us in our daily lives. It is
 like marriage, they don't, our mothers ~~don't~~ teach
 us how to marry properly, (yes) but we go into
 marriage, and it become something very very
 large. We have to teach them how to marry
 and so on, and they have to know that, if you
 get married, ^{thiness} you must do away with with it.
 Thing that you would do to make your marriage
 very improving, and how your home also must
 be neat, again, if you bring forth, how you
 can train the children in a proper way, and in
 future, if the children are in any places, they
 would not get problems, but ~~every~~ everybody will)

receive them also. (Thank you very much)

There are some of them, there are some of the women's groups, some of the women have no jobs, and some of them also have no handiwork (Yes) This also, sometimes, we set a day aside, and teach the women, some small-small things that they can get something out of it, because nowadays, there are no job. You cannot get any job to do, even, those who are employed, they are displacing them. And there is no ^{plenty of} money in anywhere, that everybody ~~she~~ can get the capital for this trading. So, any little thing, that a person can do at any place ^{where} ~~that~~ he ~~she~~ lives, she would know that, she is doing something, that he gets sixpence or threepence from it to help her house hold. I feel that, it will also help. (Thank you very much. What do you think are the most important current problems of women?) Women? (As at now, what are the most current problems of women?) Our current problems is, if you go to the market, your money cannot buy - (Ehe-he-he) Now, this is our current problem (Ah.) But, in anyway, how this present Government can help us, so that the prices of goods may come down, that women can, at least, any job that ~~she~~ ^{everybody} is doing, it can feed her. If the husband give her small amount of chop money, she can add some to it, so that the children will be satisfied, and if the children go hungry, they become furious, it can make them force, to do bad things also. (Thank you very much. Please, what are the causes and remedies?) The causes? Eeel, it is difficult ooh.)

(Ehe-he-he)-(ha-ha) It is very difficult, I think that we are doing something, which we cannot do

(MM) You see? Eeh, we have brought something from some countries and have add it to ours

(yes) And we also, as individuals, if we go to some places, we learn something and add it to ours (yes) It does not ~~match~~ ^{suit} with ours, you see?

You see, (yes) So, there are certain things,

though we are learning from the white men, but a white man has gone too far. (Mhoo)

So, there are certain things, that we should not "begin" try to be equal with a white man but we must follow him little by little. If we

Set our feet here and the fire is us, ^{burning us} we must jump and step in a cool place, if you

are doing something, and you find it difficult, still,

you say that you must do it, because, a white man is doing it, so, it must not be so we must be trained a little, and it will help us.

The causes is that, the burden, we cannot carry it, but we are carrying it (Mm, so,

what can we do to help a little?) What we can do to help? (And we also, yes) Unless we

change our lives and our character. If we don't change, it will not be well. (That means, we are

moving

quickly) Yes, Yes (It is like, we have gone too far-) We are running (It is like, we are over

learned, yes) That means, we want to be equal with a white man, this couldn't be so. (Even we want to go ahead of him Ehm-m,-he)

It can't be, because, everything about here, everything about us ---- (Thank you very much.

Please, must a woman choose between a family)

and a carrier? Can she be successful at both?) Mm, if you see what you can do, you can do it, you must not take the family problem very serious. But the job, (explain it in two ways how we should extend the family) Ah, maybe, you are talking about your own children? Ao, if you bring it in, it is as the same as your house. (Yes) It would be successful, but, a white man says programme, unless you programme everything you do, if not so, it is bad. If we wake up in the morning, we go to work and come in the evening, we must know that, if the children return from school, we must ~~be~~ be at home in the afternoon. You must know that Eeh, there is something at home for them to eat in the afternoon. You must not ~~put~~ leave money on the table, and say that, if you return, there is your money, and he/she would use it to buy mango and toffe. So we are pleading that, how the life has be, if you dont didn't add it, it would not be well, so we must add it, but we should try in some ways, and know that, we are doing this and that together, and because we are doing it together, we must check our character and do everything equally. (That means, we must choose between both, and be successful?) Yes, (Yes o.k. Thank you very much Let me take it like, "If we choose between our carrier and a family problems, if we mixed it together, what crisis do we face, or what are the tensions" What are the tensions for a woman involved in juggling in a carrier and a family?) The tensions in it is what I said at

First, we must programme our time properly. E.g. The children will go to school, they will leave the house at seven o'clock, you must get up early and prepare their breakfast, and see to it that, the child has taken his/her breakfast before he/she leaves the house, before you also leave the house. If he/she returns in the afternoon, there is lunch for him/her. In the evening, you would prepare the supper. And, as soon as you return from work, you go to meeting, you return at eight o'clock. You are now coming to prepare supper for the children to eat. The children also are asleep, and you go and wake them up, that they should come and eat, so we put ourselves into tensions. If you stop what you are doing, you have time to do everything. So we must plan our living and everything properly, and we can do every thing we want to do. But you cannot go to work and come to stay at home doing nothing. In this modern world, we don't stay in it doing nothing. Unless you can't get involve with people. You must work, look after children, and again, mixed yourself with people, so that you can know what is going on. And you must not there Ideal --- and --- even, you would not feel free (yes) Even if you become sick, all you have to do is to stay there Ideal, (yes) you have to programme your things properly. If you are doing something, and you are going too far, you have to reduce it and add something to it. What I will ask you again is that, all that you are saying, you

have not say anything about men, maybe
 your husband also, he have to, zeh, I believe
 that it is good to ~~ask~~ plead with him that,
 it is ~~not~~ only your- not all kinds of work
 that you must do with a maid or) yes (Would
 this ~~bring~~ ^{bring} quarrel or it will bring a case, or
 it would spoil the marriage?) If there is under-
 standing, these things will ~~not~~ bring nothing. So,--
 At first, the men does nothing to help at home.
 I know a young man, who has got married, if
 he gets up in the morning, he washes his little
 children, he feed them before he go to work
 (Yes) Even there is a young man also, these
 things, even, he has not done it before (he
 will not do it) Yes, because of this, the woman
 knows that, it is a woman who train people oh.
 Men don't train people. So the woman, if you
 are alone with the man in the bed-room,
 you talk to him in such a way that you
 are teaching him, you see? You are teaching
 him, in the evening, you must do this, you have
 to do this, it is not like you are forcing him,
 that he must do it by force, but you talk to
 him in such a way that, there is nobody in
 this house, and I am always tired, so, you must
 help me and do this and that for me. Even,
 there ~~are~~ some of the men, you would not
 even say it. And the men = also, they belongs
 to group than women. (Yes) So, what I will say
 to men is that, if they go to meetings, they
 must also do the same and teach them ^{home} ~~house~~
 Keeping, they must add it ^{to their} ~~and~~ teachings, and
 it would change the men. It would change)

the men very well, so that, they will help at home. Even, now, you will not get a maid, even, if you get one, she would not spend one month, she would leave. Somebody also will come, but she would collect all your belongings and leave. If she is an elderly person, you cannot pay the amount she would charge. Nowadays, everybody's child go to school, as your child is also going to school. So, if there is a maid oh, or there is no maid oh, you have to do something to help at home. So, the men, nowadays, you cannot see the men sitting under the gossip tree or where they make funs again. (No) They don't play the spar ~~an~~ frequently () (He-he-he) Esh, beer bar, they don't often sit there, except the youngsters who are coming. So, when the person is at home watching ~~TV~~. then he will add something to it and do it. So, it all depends on teachings. Most of the men, most of them, they didn't taught them. Especially, men in Akan, They never taught them, they don't know how to do it, some of them, even, he has never cut an onion ~~before~~ in his house before. (Mho-ho-he) If he grows up, this modern National Service, if you send somebody to stay in a village, ~~he~~ he says, I have never cook rice before or the first time I cooked rice, it all burnt down, second time, it was like rice water (Mho-ho-he) something that he is cooking ~~and~~ to eat oh, he don't know how to do it (he don't know how to do it) So, while we are teaching the girls at home, as you say

Akua, bring this thing to me, say the same thing to Kwaku, bring this thing to me, bring this thing to me. And if you allow only the girl to stand by you in the kitchen, and you leave the boy everyday, and play ~~ball~~ ball in the street, when he grows up, he would be used to (So) so, as word says that, if you train the child the way he/she should go from his infancy, if he/she grows up, he/she would go the same way, so the boys, we must show them God's - - - - like child training, it must be equal in the home about everything. And if this is done and you marry him, that means, you would have no problems (Hehe-he-Thank you very much. Mama, what do you imagine or know are the disadvantages of being the only woman in a profession or office e.g. law, medicine, engineering and military which are dominated by men? - - -) As for me, maybe nothing would trouble me, because (or if you mixed with men) One time, at Cultural Center, I have join the board continuously for about eight years (yes) I ^{was} ~~am~~ the only woman among the men at that time, but I didn't saw any - - - - - If I have to say something, I say it. If it is necessary for me contribute something, I do it (They never shout at you or suppress you?) Sometimes, the men say, eei the woman can speak, even than us who are men (Ehe-he) They like to - at first, the women don't know how to talk (yes) if anything at all, the woman became very quiet, but if something bad happen, it is the woman who see it first (yes). So myself,)

if I see it, I will speak. If it is something that you must call the person ^{and} talk to him/her. Some people, what they do is that, while the person is doing something, even, if she meets him/her, she won't say anything ~~oh~~. At least in a minute (yes) she would say something about him/her after the person is gone.

In fact, there are some ~~pe~~ people, excuse me to say, he/she don't know that he/she is going the wrong way. If you are with your sister

at some place, and if you are the only woman at that place, and if you meet her at some place, point to her straight, that this and this, this and that, all of them will take you as their dear sister permanently, if you

went and did some job, and you met with the people, you are the only woman, what they would do to you, if anything at all, if they hear something about you at all, they would "run" rush, you see? But some of the women, when they mix with the men, they ~~are~~ they very become fearful (It is something like fear)

Force, force, force, this also does not help.

(Yes) What examples in history can you think of where women's contributions have be overshadowed? Maybe, a woman did something, but it never came out, some of them, even if it come, we don't hear about it. Though, she did something, but they said little about it and stop ease die, we never saw her. - yes) Eeh, a woman like our own Nana Yaa Asantewaa (Yes) They have to, maybe, her statue, a white man says Statue maybe, there must be one, but you cannot see)

her statue anywhere. (Yes) If they say little, as you are saying, then they leave it like that. So, something like this also, if must, - if it be- will come like that, we, as women, if we see it, we also spread it, so that can lift up our sister.

At first, the men, if the women do something, they laugh at them, Their mind tells them that, women cannot do anything. Even, today, some of them do it, if you meet with them, and talk about something, they say, these women are troublesome (Ehe-he-he-) This women, they are troublesome. You see? So, if something like that, it is the women's, who must lift it up.

Taa Asantewa, we say something good about her name, but you cannot see her statue any where (Yes, so, do you believe that, what are the things that makes them to oppress us?

Sometimes, they oppress us, this makes us come down from where we are) We come down, (Yes? It means that, it affect your spirit. What do you think are the oppressive structures that keep women in positions of powerlessness?)

Eh, this world, we came and met it like that, but myself, my mind tells me that, this time even, we have go up a little, we have come up very seriously than at first. Eh, women, they don't give us the chance, as you are saying to do anything, but now, how the civilization is coming, the women are coming forward, we are coming forward seriously. (Yes)

And you cannot know, why these things happen like that. (Thank you very much. All these, I think you have say a lot, you have go)

a long way (Eh, leave the long one - - - - -
 (Eh, please ... - - - - -

(Maybe, you have something to add it for us, or any advice, or something else which you will add? Or any question you think we have left out, or more to be added?) The only thing is that, ~~as~~ like I said at first, we must give the same training to the boys as we give to the girls from the beginning. And some of the men, even, they don't know that, the women also are human beings ooh (Yes) Women also, you see? Eh, we must give the same training to the boys as we give to the girls, while the boy is sweeping the living room, the girl also is sweeping the kitchen, the girl must not sweep the ~~that~~ kitchen and ~~at~~ ^{at} the same time sweep the living room. Because of what we do to the boys, they feel that, the girls are low than them. You see? We must do everything together. And we do everything together, because from the beginning, the women say that, we have no strength for heavy things or works. But God created us like that. And it doesn't mean that, our minds also have no strength. So, we must leave the heavy works for the men and some of them, the machines do it. Women, if we give them the work, that ^{the} machine is doing, we can do it. So, if we get married also, like I said at first, if the men get training from the beginning, and if he get married, he would look to the woman as his partner, he would not look at her as somebody who is under him, he has married her, so, if he is talking to him, even, he

don't think about it as I said it. (I am not the person who married you?) (Mho-ho-ho) So we are praying about it, maybe it will go well. Again also, the women are troublesome. You are going to the place, you have seen that, he is staying with this woman. No matter ^{what} you would do to her, you would see that she also has gone there, that is why the men don't respect us, you see? He can take ^{much} as many women. You see? If ^{only} the women respects themselves, and do away with such things, maybe the men will respect us very seriously. So, I feel that, our morals, (yes) we must change it. (Yes)

If we ~~must~~ change it, the men will respect us more. This is included (And sometimes, what some of the men say is that, the women have become too much, so, if they didn't add one to their wives, the rest of the women would go into crisis, they would get none.) And it is true? - Ehe-he-he- (Is it true?) (You also, what do you think about it?) Is it true? They are saying it ooh, they are saying it ooh. And it is true (Yes) (Do you have a girl?) It is not true, if you go to some place, (The men are not few like -) No, if you go to some place, you meet more women than men. It depends at where you go to meet such people. (Yes) This doesn't mean that, women are more than men - - - - - (Eeh, maybe if you take eeh, three women, you will not get two men, but ~~they~~ there are only few who would left over, and what somebody was saying is that, the men, there are only few successful men, and most of the women want these successful)

men (Yes) (That is why these men have got a chance to go into these women) Again, most of the women, if she send them to learn some trade, she would not learn it seriously, she knows that she will get married, if she gets married, the man will look after her, (will look after her, yes) you see? because she knows that if she get married, the man would look after her, so she tries to become slow, you see?

But we don't live in the world like that. A man ~~would~~ look after you. Today also, the money from the man, you will add yours to it (yes) what ever you will do, so, this thing that the women have put in their heads, they must take it ^{out} at once. And everything, that we shall meet to learn, she must try hard. Do you remember that, when I was talking, I said, I was not going to do this. (Yes) When I reached the middle, even, I stop at once (Yes) And, excuse me to say, somebody who was not ~~not~~ normal, because of work, he threaten me (He-he-he)

(You stopped) He gave me the chance to stopped it, you see? But, I have done it continuously, I still stand on my feet. (Yes) Everything that you are doing in this world, try as much as you can, and do it, and at the end, the result will be good (Yes) You see? Because, all of us cannot do ^{the} same the thing (Yes) This one do this, and this one do that, so the the living in this world would improve, but if all of us decide that we are going to be farmers, who would buy our food crops? If somebody is sick, and if he/she attend hospital, he/she will not get somebody to

care for him/her. Even at all, there will be no hospital (Yes) You see? Nobody will attend school, because we are all cultivating the land, you see? (Nobody will buy) Free, if ~~any~~ everybody tries to do what he/she have started, he/she must try as hard as she can, and do it. If you do it to the end, you will get profit. There is glory in it also. And if there is glory, it don't is not only you, but your house hold also are involve. It covers your neighbours, your town and your country. (Yes) (Mm) So, the women must stand firm and try to do something. You see? Everybody, what you are doing, with all your might. If you try and do it, you will be successful. Yes, it will end well. (Thank you very much - Mm, I have asked her already, and she have add something to it) (But I will ask you for the last, that, is civilization a good thing or not?) Civilization is good. (And it is not a good thing) It is good, it is good but ^{some} of the people do something like, they have gone too far. (Yes) And again also, they say, if somebody don't know, somebody teaches, and somebody also, because of the job that he has done, he has special experience about something. (Yes) And if the person is using his/her experience to teach and help the country, if somebody is staying aside, he become angry. (Mm) You see? And he is saying something, that will bring nothing. If this happen, even, you cannot teach what you have planned to teach the people, instead you will feel bad, that person also, who is staying there, he has made up his mind that he/she would not listen, he/she have nothing)

to do with it (yes) because, somebody has already said this and that, but all that he/she is saying lies (It is something like envy.) Yes, so, eeh, if somebody get the chance and learn something if he/she get the experience, and want to teach something, we are civilized, but we are not civilized. You are civilized on what only you know. You don't know much, we should try and listen to what the people are saying, and it will help us, it will help us a lot. (Thank you very much, thank you very very much! Don't mention. (I have also learned a lot.) (Ehe-he) I will tell my children. I have three girls) So? (Yes, I will say it to them) (May God Bless you and strenghten you so that, Ghana will get profit from you, and the whole world

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