

Respondent: ID#2500
Interviewer: Tarcy Nitta
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District: Balaka

He's a Jehovah's Witness and preached to Tarcy.

He has 6 children, his wife uses the pills, started after the 5th child. They discussed it in the family because of food shortage, the food he bought lasted only a few days and his friend told him he needs to think seriously about the size of his family. He said traditional methods are against Jehovah Witness teachings/beliefs.

With regard to extra marital relationship he emphasized it's against his faith, a sin against his wife and God. He then started preaching to me about infidelity. When the neighbors heard him preaching to me, they also came to his house, and he introduced them to me as members of his faith. The three neighbors talked about how some believers don't take the 10 Commandments serious. L went on saying people are dying of AIDS because they don't take God's commandments seriously. After 10 minutes of listening to his preaching I thanked him and asked if he could walk with me for a few minutes. He unfortunately declined my request and simply said he was too busy.