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Interviewer: Okay, so it's October 20th and we're in Rundu and I am speaking too...

Maria: Maria Chilanda

Interviewer: Can you tell us a little bit about where you were born and your family ?

Maria: Ja I will. I was born in Angola 1974 and then I left Angola when I was 10 years old.

Interviewer: Do you remember before you left Angola what it was like?

Maria: Yeah ... I wasn't in town...we where in the bush...Unita was one side and didn't know any town...but I remember... we used to be in the bases...ja.

Interviewer: So your first 10 years where spent living in the bush?

Maria: Ja.

Interviewer: With Unita?

Maria: Ja.

Interviewer: What do you remember about that?

Maria: Okay.

Interviewer: What was your typical day like?

Maria: oh...my typical day ..I remember when my mother passed away. She was giving birth and then problem labor she died...the baby died...and then she also died after the baby...and um ... then my father was alive by that time. And after one year maybe I can't remember that well...my father also passed away. My father died of war...the Angolan war of course...

Interviewer: He was killed in the war?

Maria: Ja...was killed

Interviewer: So he was a soldier?

Maria: No he wasn't he was a civilian. They were sent to come to a certain place to collect the material... the raw material. They were civilians ...and the they.. I think the ..the MPLA side had the information that there were civilians sent to us south some where? To collect the materials...raw materials...and then they sent the...the...aircrafts...to attack them...and they were found in the... open space and they were attacked my father died right away...we never saw the corpse...I never saw my father's grave...so...that was that.

Interviewer: So you lost both of your parents when you were very young?

Maria: Ja...I never experienced parental...love.

Interviewer: So who ... who, who took care of you in those days...and while you were with Unita?

Maria: My grandmother...the mother of my mother...she took care of me...she was too old...very old...and after some years she passed away also...she lived with my mother's sister...and my mother's sister stayed with her...so they used to just to ...to keep on...giving me to each other like these days ... this years with my other mother's sister ... just like that ... but then in 1985 ... she came to the ... we went on our way to go to Laliciahumba ... where my uncle was ... there ... her husband was a Unita soldier of course... and then she decided to pass Namibia because her brother was in Namibia...and when we met his brother...his brother decided not...I don't have to go with her anymore cause her brother stayed along time in Namibia alone...with out any needs...so he decided

to take me...that I can stay with him in Namibia...since then I decided to stay with him...he got married because of me...and then ... later on in some years...he divorced his wife...and ...he was also a South African soldier...before...that was a colony... colonial time... in Namibia that was ...South Africa and Suid Wes Africa ... as it was called ... Namibia ... and then he resigned ... I was ... I mean I was staying with another Christian woman ... who was related to the family of my mother ... I mean who was married to family of my mother ... by then they had also separated because of the war ... the Angolan war ... then I grew up with her ... and ... my uncle also after some years ... he in the day doing the business ... dangerous business like ... go in the field killing the elephants ... and then bringing the horns and selling ... that was dangerous to the government ... and because they had a lot of problems with the police officers ... he shifted ... to Zambia ... and there he died I never saw him ... afterwards he died too ... I never know the date ...

Interviewer: Can you remember back ...before you left Angola ... did you go to school while you where living ... you where living in Jamba?

Maria : No I didn't reach Jamba ... that was on the way ... with my mother and her sister ... but I went to school of course in the bush..ja

Interviewer: What was the bush school like?

Maria : Good because I never compared with another school since that was my first school in my life ... it was good because for me it was powerful and ... and I was exposed ... as I saw at that time ... why I am saying this because when I came in Namibia ... I was as clever as I don't know ... because in Mathematics I

was so good ... because I came I was in standard three ... and they have to take me back to start standard one in Namibia that's because I didn't know any Afrikaans by that time ... I only ... I speak Portuguese ... by then I could just challenge them in mathematics like no one else ... and I was clever I was passing every time the first class...

Interviewer : So you had a good education even though you were...

Maria : Ja

Interviewer : ...you where not very stable...you where moving around at the time.

Maria : Ja

Interviewer : Who were your teachers?

Maria : Ja ... our teachers they where ... armies ... those who doesn't go the war ... front ...

Interviewer : Okay they were soldiers...

Maria : Ja

Interviewer : They where Unita soldiers?

Maria : Ja... Unita soldiers and Unita women ... of course I can call them woman soldiers even they never put on uniform ... because ... all the men they where ... it was .. compulsory for them to put on uniforms but women it was not...so...school was fantastic ... I think...it was very good ...ja

Interviewer : Okay ... okay ... Did you have a school room? Or was it just...just...

Maria : No...Okay I just wanted to emphasize that okay .. people they never go to priority rule to learn or study in Angola ... people who had advantage to start like I did ... they the people who where in army bases ... because if they where civilian ... they never had a chance to study ...

Interviewer : Okay...

Maria : ...because army bases, whether we where moving they were moving our teachers ... whether we where staying one month where staying the school goes on...that was that...that was an important thing...

Interviewer : What subjects where they teaching you?...you said mathematics and languages also?

Maria : Ja...ja...Portuguese, mathematics...and..ja language ...one language Portuguese which was Portuguese...and then Mathematics...and most days Portuguese...and then there where lot of materials...like history...and they will teach you who Unita is...you had to know the date of birth of your president...

Interviewer : Okay ..So you learnt a little about Unita about the movement... and the history.

Maria : Ja...by then I...up growing up and then I'm starting forgetting...

Interviewer: Ja..

Maria: Ja ..I remember something like ... the president was born in 1933..35 Some thing like that if I am not mistaken...and... his mother was Umbundu Helena..I still remember...and...ja...those are the things I remember...we used to like..we where told not to...25 December not as a Christmas Day...but as a remarkable day where the world something happened with her ...I

remember...used to learn a lot of...I mean...Unita's history...all the events happened...and we have the...celebration anniversary days what what...

Interviewer: Okay...Did you understand at that time what the war was about?

Maria: Ja...I understood what the war was about because we where told that...we are here to fight for our own country...because Cu...I mean...because there's a MPLA ...he is fighting for the country to take the country but it is like he is being used...by the Cuban Government...Russian...and we hate those people so much we cant expect to see any...MPLA Member...you think now you are now that you are ..to young and you think maybe this person never tame...something like that...

Interviewer: Like a horse maybe?

Maria: Ja...so you just...I mean if with that anger in your heart...that we want out country back...and we where looking for that quality in our country...our country would be good and peaceful and we would be sitting in Rwanda that was our target...so every time they the army they would going ...my father was in the army... for my sisters husband my mothers sisters husband...I called my father...he was the leader of the group...he heard he was on strongoo(?)...so...every time he was coming from front area...we where very happy that those people where killed...

Interviewer: Did he tell you about the battles that he had?

Maria: No...my mother would tell me what they discussed with my father...of course...ja and they...you will see if they they, they if I mean they won...you will see that they won...because they brought clothing's for me...but they kill people

and they take clothing's and he will see this clothing's will fit Maria...and he will bring it to me...the whole way...I never had experience in this...ja

Interviewer: And did you, did you ... was there enough to eat for your family then?

Maria: Come again?

Interviewer: Was there food?...Was there enough to eat?

Interviewer: Yeah...because we had government food...we didn't suffer from food...we didn't starve...ja government food...they order from 66 they would call you..Jamba was calling 66 area ...for cent they ...ja...

Interviewer: Okay ..ja...

Maria: The food was ordered from there...with there cars...the car was certain where to stop...and from there...then there was transport...by then the town...then we shifted from there...from the 63...63 is after Menongue...in the bush and then we see we come there they decide to called (49 in Portuguese) which means 49 area..by then we had cars by that time.. the food was just transported from there... this side of Jamba to be taken to that side...sugar...what ever...beans...I mean that time they needed our supported by the South African Government of course...

Interviewer: Okay...Ja...So you never... you never had shortages of food?

Maria: No...

Interviewer: You had teachers ...

Maria: Ja

Interviewer: You had food...

Maria: Clothing?

Interviewer: Did...did you...did you? So at that time you say there where vehicles...you never had to walk long distances?

Maria: No I had...

Interviewer: You did?

Maria: Ja I had...I had to walk long distances...I mean...A thousand kilometers...or what ever...ja...my sect will come...cause if you walk from 66 area...which is the other side of Menongue in the bush...then you ...we...walk over Menongue on the other side...then we walk over the other side we come to 49...where we go...ja...49 is after Menongue now...Menongue is that side and we come this side of the is south end...southern side...I was walking but...then I was too young to walk...because my father was an officer...then he had his...bodyguards...so they had to carry me if I am tired...and my feet was so sore...that they where swollen...I couldn't walk they had to help me...no they are carrying stuffs with my mother and they also had to carry me cause I am tired...ja till we came to reach the state where the cars can reach...by then these cars...they where cars I can tell you they where cars but...they where very tough cars...you know the car is one car...but it is over loaded up too...you cant even imagine...until... you know we where called when me father cause he was in Jamba...and then I experienced it...a bad experience with this car the transport...because my mother had a small baby for a few months...and then we have come in the car...with her...and we don't sit in front its at the back...and where every one is sitting...and the people are overloading...and they are over

loading that people are many of them is standing...and when the car... I mean run...and the people and when...and when you know the road are just made up roads...they are not constructed roads...we just go through the bush and we just driving...by then when the cars moves...the people just come together and then...fall all of them over the baby...they where crying my mother...baby was crying...the baby was hurt...until we can loose the baby on the way...and then me and my mother... lost the baby...because when we came to a certain base...that the baby was sick...and we had to go to the ... to the witch....don't know what to call this witch doctor maybe...ja

Interviewer: Traditional?

Maria: Traditional healer

Interviewer: Ja

Maria: Okay...traditional healer we came...it's a distance maybe its ...maybe fifty kilometer's...where the baby was dying...and we had to carry baby...the baby died on my lap...in my arms of course...but I was still...I think eight years...and it was my first time...experience to see the baby dying in front of me...cause my mother was powerless...and that was me holding the baby...and the last breathe she said she heard...

Interviewer: This was your little sister?

Maria: Ja...me little sister...and then she died...while I was holding her...and I couldn't know what's going on...cause me mother was...I mean shocked and the baby was dying...and I was just holding...the baby died...and we carried the baby me and my mother the two of us...up top the far... to maybe the fifty

kilometers up to the base to where we where...so we had the baby in a box...we didn't have a coffin ... nothing...that was that...on the way to go to Jamba to go to meet my father...ja

Interviewer: How was your mother after that experience?...Did you sense that she was afraid?. she was...

Maria: She was very sad...that was the second baby she had lost...since they got married...and she never had any other...except me...and it effected me...again...because I used to think...I never spoken to my mother...but I used to think...am I a bad luck person that...my mother having any baby now that she is loosing she loosing this baby...that I don't have anyone to play with...I ...

Interviewer: Did you feel like you where responsible for it maybe?

Maria: ...No...no... I was...come again maybe with question...

Interviewer: Did you feel maybe you where to blame for it?

Maria: No...I was just thinking... I was just thinking...that I am unlucky that my mother that not keeping any baby...maybe I thought maybe...if I walk out maybe my mother will...maybe I will have some where to stay...maybe my mother will start to have babies...by then I eager to see the baby...my mother who lost two while I was present...so we had to come meet my father to the Kalai...Kalai is the border to go to Namibia because he heard that we where in Katutui first ...then we came back to Kalai...to meet my uncle... the one I was staying with in Namibia here...and he came to pick us up...and ...that was. my mother decided to let his brother that I am going to stay with his brother...so we had to present all the story what happened to the baby...I think my mother presented the

story...that was gone with the baby..ja...by then it was only two days that they left...then when my mother went again...that was 1985...by then when she went there...she went through Unita...I mean bases...and 1992...peace...that was a little bit peace there...then they had to go back to home...my mother decided to go back home...left my father some where...deep there again in Angola..she came to Menogue to reach...to meet her brothers...and then she was there...then she died again...so I was looking forward to see this woman who did a lot of things in my life ... that one day I will have my own house...and I will just please her and...I mean...take something...I mean...or take care of or give something to her...but I never...got any chance to give something to her...she died again in 1990...ja...um...1998...I was told...because I had to receive letters from...my uncles in ... now Angola...because since then we never had any contact...they didn't with who do I stay...I was just a lost kid...because my uncle went and passed away and was staying alone...so they didn't know where to contact me. Then finally one...one days they come by the door where I was...and they wrote letters and they told me my mother passed away...I cried...I cried a lot...

Interviewer: So how old were you when your mother passed away? You were fifteen, sixteen? No...

Maria: No, I had my first child already by that time...

Interviewer: Okay...

Maria: I was maybe twenty...or...twenty five ... somewhere...

Interviewer: Twenty five...okay

Maria: I think my child was five years...because when I had my first child...I was twenty years old.

Interviewer: Okay...so your child was born...

Maria: In Namibia...

Interviewer: In Namibia...okay...

Maria: I just herd that she died...they wrote letters to me...bout she died...and then I had to make a funeral for myself again here...and the Christians they came to support me for the funeral...we where together and we just made a memorial service...ja ...but the person was going ... just to remember her in the spirit of her...hmm

Interviewer: Tell me what do you remember about your father? He was an officer with Unita?

Maria: Ja...he was an officer...he was a...strepolitico...he called him...maybe...

Interviewer: A political commissar...ja

Maria: ...and I liked him a lot because of his speaking...I mean Unita...it was a strong...movement...when they teach you...you never forget things...he was having that politics to much in him...that he was telling you...like he is telling you the bible...that you will believe...so...and he loved me...but he is still alive...I sent pictures to him...when I was at my theological seminary...when I was...ja...I sent pictures to him...with my baby...and I then I told him, I still love him...although he is staying with another woman...and I am still his daughter...I promised him...that one day with Gods will...that I will see each other...

Interviewer: Is he still in Angola now?

Maria: Ja...He is still in Angola, in Menongue but he is with another wife...ja...but my mother still left four children of course after the baby was lost...I never saw them ..but I saw the pictures...ja.

Interviewer: So you have some brothers and sisters?

Maria: Ja...ja I have...

Interviewer: That you have never seen?

Maria: Ja...

Interviewer: They are also in Angola?

Maria: Ja...in Angola, Menongue.

Interviewer: Okay...Do you hope to get into contact with them sometime?

Maria: Ja...

Interviewer: Okay...So then...You where almost an orphan?

Maria: Ja...

Interviewer: But your father was still alive, but you where living with...you where living with other family members here in Namibia.

Maria: Ja...I am not almost an orphan, I am a real orphan...because my real father passed away in the war...the man I am calling the father is the man whom get married to my mothers sister...

Interviewer: Ja...

Maria: That's why I am calling him my father...you know African...you don't call...

Interviewer: Ja...

Maria:uncle....we call uncle if its your mothers sister...and your mothers brother...ja...other wise I am totally complete orphan...and its like ...a real orphan...because from this person he is dying and go to another person and is dying again..

Interviewer: So you must have started to realize when you where very young that you had to take responsibility for your self.

Maria: That's it...that's it...responsibility for my self came with like...I don't have to search for people to look after me...by then lucky enough...ever since...I thank God...cause I became a Christian...at an early stage...God called me...through the song...which said that...Blessed are those who are pure in there heart...because they are going to see God...and I was eager to see God...ja...that's it...so I grew up now in a Christian community that I don't have to say...I don't have my mother I don't have my father, but my fathers and my mothers are there in the church...in Christ...even out side my church...you know churches are different, know have a lot of churches but...but since I went to study theology, now I realize that okay, I was only belonging to the church which I can call denominational but then I am in the denomination now because I am with different churches and I went to study more about God and I believe in that my mothers and fathers are in there ... outside my own religious ... so that's it.

Interviewer: So you decided that you wanted to pursue some education ... bible studies or what ... what was your first contact with the church, can you remember when you decided that this was your family. This was your new family, the church?

Maria: Ja...because...Okay the first contact was...I was a girl that liked singing...and I joined choir...so then I got like...there is my way...to civilization ... I go to the church...ja..I never experience this very good... I mean club girl...no not that good...I can tell you like that...but...I started early Christ...early baptism...every problem of mine was solved in the church...ja...that is what I believe is from...I went problem...I mean...whether I maybe...from...whether I was in a relationship with any friends...the final decision was going to be taken in the church...there I believe not every one is perfect...there... but there are men with wisdom and woman of wisdom.

Interviewer: Did you find in the church people similar to yourself...to yourself people that where displaced, people that where lost family members? Do you think that the church has played a big role in this society? For people that have been effected by this war.

Maria: Ja...since my church is a...the ..I mean...In mean...I can say...ninety-nine percent they are Angolan...the whole churches...we are here in Namibia, we sing in our language...in Angolan language...which is called Ngangela and then we lead our band in Ngangela. So those are all the product of war, the victims of war, if I can call them ...they ... they are here because of the war, they ran away from the war and then they ... they settled here so they never forget Never forgot their God to be served. Because themselves ... sometimes the services goes ... like ... they will, they will refer to themselves as Israel's – Israelites ... when they went to ... I mean when they went to Egypt and then God took them back later on and they are looking forward to that one day that

God is going to take them a bit later back to their roots which is our home. And there, that is where ... I mean, I could see that they also helpful to me but then they were not ... like ... like a joke done on the church. The further that I went to study about theology and I did counseling ... so you know counseling kind of helped a lot, I did Christian counseling and um ... that helped me a lot. Counseling there you are learning counseling but you are being counseled and then you counsel again. You will see ... oh its not only me who has experienced such a thing, then you learn to understand your problem and then you are strong after that, and then you will be able to solve someone's problems... ja, I did.

Interviewer: So you felt like You felt like you could give something back?

Maria: Ja

Interviewer: To other people?

Maria: Ja ... that's my mission, that's why I'm working with you and the couples...I like counseling...cause I want to serve God...what God did in my life I want to take it back...to Him...I know I cant do such work like Jesus died on the cross...but I will do what I can...to please Him, what He did in my life...

Interviewer: Where did you study theology?

Maria: ...At a place called...its in Windhoek...capital city of Namibia...and there is a place called...N.E.T.S...N.E.T.S. stand for...Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary. It is Inter- denominational Seminary...so I studied Theology...the American lectures, the Namibian lectures, African lectures...

Interviewer: How ...how did you manage this on your own? Did you decide on your own that you needed to go and study?...and so you traveled by your self to Windhoek?...To the Seminary.

Maria: Ja...How did I go to the seminary...because I was a youth leader...

Interviewer: Okay...

Maria: For that matter I was not a local youth leader...in my church...it was a regional youth leader...now regional...now with regional youth, you expect...you are expected to do something...like preaching...I mean...you have to do something what you are talking to the people...they come to you for the counseling you don't know anything about that...you only hold a position and you don't know what you are doing...and I was eager looking forward...so I say God I want to know...these type of thing I don't have to accept this job...it wasn't a pain...paid job or any thing...you know...I was used to working and serving God...and don't have anything to receive back...cause that's how we work in our church...its not like a youth ...youth...office and a chairman says that you will be paid...no...I learnt so ...and I grew up with that idea...by then Ithen I the man I used to stay together with...the father of my children...his father the pastor you know of my church...and then I used to apply for my grade 12...I used to apply for my...further education I applied for the college cause I wanted to be a teacher...by then my applications where unsuccessful...every time I applied I sit three years at home...after my higher grade I...I high school...and then I applied at N.E.T.S...they received me...and when I went to N.E.T.S. I used my own transport of course ...I never not having any transport allowance...I was using

my own transport...and supporters came...like the father of my children...he supported me...to go with the transport...by then he didn't pay for me I had sponsors...then when A...was even a good it has been...anyway...because we where four girls...that we wanted to start there by then we went there...there was no finance for us...and they had to take us through interviews...and then they started to send us back all four of us in because we didn't take anything to take the college...so the brethren said wait a bit I want to talk to the principle...then he we left us there...the four of us in the office...he went to talk to the principle...and when he come back...he said we decided to that we cannot take all of you back home...but we chose one out of the four...now every one was looking ooh... is it me God? Is it me God?...but... thank God it was me...I was selected I don't know why...ja ..that was that...then I started there...just where I mean...right away they send my colleagues back...I was crying because it was my first time to go...to sit alone with people I don't know...

Interviewer: Ja...suddenly you where alone...

Maria: Ja...I where alone and lonely seriously I was crying for my friends that sent back...by then I said ... God here I am...receive me and teach me what to do here...for me...what to dome here for...and then I went through...three years I was studying there...and the three years God was working...I has a difficult ...theology is some thing difficult I could see...I wondered if its true because people tell me theology is more tougher than any other study...but I used to cry...you know I don't know where to study means...because I never had any bible study for that matter...so this is what I had...I had to write this nothing...I

was asking help the colleagues who knew something...who had to give me idea for that...how to start...then they gave up...then I had to sit on my own...and do my own assignment...until I came back to the truck...I wanted almost to give up...that I could go back home...I say God ...what will I say now...if you chose me to come here...that I had to study your work...and later on I am back...what type of God are you going to be for your people...(laughs)...so ...I did it for Gods grace...ja... for that matter I was even...pregnant...and I was in the hospital...I was in the hospital...I was to study...I was pregnant you know how the pregnant woman feel...vomiting...and wanting to sleep...but our assignments where there...we use CAPS system... because we left to use CAPS System we left CAPS System when it was colonist area...this Namibia...by then we...after that ...up to that far...we used Cambridge System...which is easier...than the other system...educational system ... by then the college I went to ... still was using...what now...South African system I can say...ja..which is the...very difficult than the other system...they are the system they are using right now...so for that matter...you want to be given everything in the assignment the quizzes and everything is up to you...if you fail ...the more you fail...the more they send you back home...and then that when you go back home...you'll come next year...you come after three years...because the curriculum is in cycle you don't have to catch in the middle...that's Gods grace...I made it through...Gods grace...I made it...

Interviewer: ...so you struggled?

Maria: Yeah I struggled...but I made ...on my graduation...woman was saluting...ja we are so proud...because my lecturer told the public...of the graduation...when I was in front just about to receive my diploma...and then he told them...this is this type...and he was asking where's my baby...when they called her to the people to see her...this baby was sucking theology...(laughs)...so for that minute baby was Christian born baby...I think so she also like...like...I mean she staying with my characters...she likes singing and she's a Christian...jumping (laughing) maybe she sucked ...maybe she sucked the theology through...

Interviewer: Yeah it sounds like it...ok then you finished ..you finished your ... your studies...at the Seminary...

Maria: Yeah...

Interviewer: ...so you needed to start your work?

Maria: Ja... I...I. finished...graduated in 2003 November...I came back home...searching for work...you know if did theology not a lot of work will come...because you didn't do anything about the government...something like that...and...

Interviewer: Its like anthropology...

Maria: Ja..ja...

Interviewer: ...like what I do...

Maria: ...ja...(laughing)...Gods will it was only the beginning of the year....and then when...the year is about to end...November...I was called for interviews...and I passed the interviews ...out of sixty people...I was one ...

out of sixty...I passed my interviews ...and I started working in January 2005...and the region where if you just go straight from here...its 427 kilometers...but if you use Brutfontien its 605..ja...

Interviewer: Okay... And so you giving counseling to young people?

Maria: Ja...I don't want to call it counseling...I am teaching like Life Skills...

Interviewer: Okay...yeah ...Life Skills....

Maria: Ja Life Skills I have to...to ...to I mean...authorized by the...educational...officers...like the Regional Director of Education in the Menongue region...I have to approach him to...to give ..him...allow ...to work in his....region...and he had to fax the letter to the circuit officers so they know me...and that I am working in the region...that they past the letters to the principles...and they didn't know me and I am working...not this far now they know me...used to no know the letter...and then I talk about myself and who I am...and I am working for the scripture you know...Namibia...and...and I teach life skills and about young people... like teaching them to choose to wait...for them to get involved in a sexual relationship...them they can have boyfriends but they don't have to do some thing like that...they should wait for the marriage...because there is a lot of consequences...having sex before there age...that's what I do...ja

Interviewer: Is there something? What do you think you learnt...um...from your childhood, that was very difficult...that you pass along top young people now...

Maria: ...All finance of courses...because I don't only teach about this relationship...I also teach about acceptance...self image...I teach them...they

will address themselves the way God created them...and they will be loved ones from them...or who ever they think they took...evidence in how they believe it...but then I have to assure them that there is some one who love you...not only on this earth but God...the only person...I mean the only one who love them...you can be told you are a orphan...you don't have...I mean... any value...you are unnecessary...but then...they will think that there is one...one...above all of them...than anyone who is here...on earth....

Interviewer: So you teach them that you're...that they are necessary?

Maria: Ja and then ja...I teach them that, you are special...ja...I tell them my testament ...of course ...

Interviewer: Did You...did you ever have um...problems of that kind since you where an orphan yourself? Did you ever feel like you did not belong any where?

Maria: Ja..

Interviewer: Did you feel?...

Maria: Of course you feel rejected...because you stay with this people...and this people you see are abusing you ...and you don't have any power to say what...you have ...ja...they will abuse you...they will like there children more than you...and they will press you by working for them...than there children doing...so...there I say thank you God because... I mean...they thought you know...I think ...Ok...they thought they where oppressing me...but then they taught me how to work...so...today I think I...I work...I don't ...I don't... I mean...I like working and I like my work...to be done...I am not lazy...I can commit myself...seriously I am not boasting...ja...so for me I see they trained

me... and eh...for maybe they thought ja...she's working for us and our children are resting...and then I can see the difference between there children and my children...that was it...

Interviewer: So if you work it out ...do...do you still come across...young people...and you know...children who also lost there parents during the war...have any orphans here?

Maria: Yes...in the war they lost them...I see them in my church...they told me they lost by the war...they never come on the like the counseling...they will shared as apart of a story...or a part of history...but they are not maybe...so having problem...so there in the north where I am staying...like the suicide committing problem they are there...I have to call to counseling... I have a testament of one girl that I counseled...she felt this feeling of committing suicide...and have to face her...the school called me that we have this problem but we can also wait...an I ...I have to call the girl...she had to come to me ... and I talk to the girl...I tried my very best...I only wish that this girl she's alive...she never killed herself..ja...

Interviewer: Is there...is there something else you would like to add...

Maria: Ja...

Interviewer: ...to this...to this story?

Maria: Ja ...something else I want to add...to this story...I just have to say...problem of butterfly...and if you have problem don't think the world hates you...and Gods hate you...the world may hate you of course...but God will never allow...I mean the bad will tell us that God will never give you temptation which

will go beyond your control...its not true...everything's going to be alright because ..hand... if you trust him...that if you want to solve your problem...and that...you have to know that its not only them...if there's some one out there...who is experiencing orphanage or lonely or...rejection...all things...he or she is not alone...but there are many other people experiencing the same problems...which they ...which they can over come...

Interviewer: And they just need to find each other...

Maria: Ja...look someone close to you or someone you see you think you can talk to...share your problem with someone...and then you will find someone who's going to stand...listen at least...you need someone to listen to your problem...and you share problem with this person...at least you will be relieved...and then maybe this problem...this person will attend to your problem...ja...

Interviewer: So we just to find each other?

Maria: Yes.

Interviewer: Thank you very much Maria.

Maria: You welcome...Angela.

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