

nɛtɛsih' w w -- "my wives." That's plural.

(Say that once more.)'

nɛtɛsih' w w --that means "my wives," And if you're referring

to your wife to a second party about your wife, you say,

nɛtɛsihae' ae' -- naet -- taes -- si' -- ae (When Jess

says the word slowly, one of the last two syllables seems to

disappear. Possibly what seems to be a syllable is but a reflex

of the [h] immediately preceding a glottal stop. Other terms

probably exhibit this same phenomena.)

(And that's a man--?)

A man referring to his wife, but not addressing her. Then there's

another general term of a man addressing his wife.. They just

say hi'sei That means "woman" -- "hey, woman", or something

like that. hi'sei -- that woman knows that she's been addressed

to, by her husband.

(Could a man use that term for some other woman that's not his wife?)

Yes, one could be addressed to some other woman not his wife.

Even a stranger.

(What about his sister--could he call her that?)

No. He'd address her as te'y w . or call her by her name.

(What would be the difference between nɛ bitɛ' bihɛ p and bɛtɛ' bi ?)

They're the same--no difference. But you'd use nɛ bitɛ' bihɛ p

to a second party, referring to her. That could also be used

to a second party.

(Bittle; How would you say "his old woman"?)

hi. b æ tɛ' bih w