

couples that are not married by law. Who had been married by law, but didn't divorce but separated. Man goes and lives with another woman and starts another family and girl goes and lives with another man and starts another family. And those class of people are habitual alcoholics. Their children's been taken away from 'em. They have no interest only in morning from sunup--put on what clothes they think is respectable out in the open and go out and look for a drink. Anyway, the mean, s lies, steal, cheat, prostitution--all those things. Can you handle them? I don't see how. That, they can not handle, I don't think. They manage to eat some way or another. I've been here, you know what, and I've fed him and that came by my door and wanted a sandwich, cigarette. That's a hard problem. Now if they once get me interested to take part in that I'll expose all these problems and make suggestions. Even the missionary McElhany's wife, they don't go out to these homes. They just want the people that are in good standing with the church--respectable, and don't use liquor--come to church. They go by the house and load us on! But they don't go out to these homes where they kind of a life is existing. No there's nothing--no food in the house--no decent bedding, no pictures on the house--don't look like a home. Just go there and sleep and sober up. Now how're they gonna handle it?

(Well, Jess, some of these people that are living like that--maybe they've been living this kind of life for several years--do you think it would help them to change if somebody could go and visit them regularly?)

Yeah, that's what we want.

(What could they do?)

Well, I would suggest this. I have verbally suggested to Mr. Vance as Concho that right in this town there would be about forty alcoholics that need to be approached personally and verbally consulted and talked with--that their conditions that would better their conditions individually and families--and get 'em interested. If they have any spark of faith and trust in the Almighty--the Supreme Power--that they could pray or go to Church or Prayer Meetings and be prayed for--that might arouse their interest. Eventually they might become interested,