

My name is Linda Mutalala. I am the sixth born in my family of ten, six girls and four boys. My father was a miner. When I was ten, he retired from mining and we went to the village where he became a farmer and I did my primary and secondary education. I did my professional education at Kasama Teacher's College of Education in early childhood where I obtained a certificate.

The challenges I faced were lack of school fees, school requirements, and other personal needs due to the death of my father, and my mother failed to provide for the family.

The most thing I enjoy in teaching is that I like and love being with children most of the times. I am also a Sunday school teacher at my church. I do this because I impart knowledge in them and I also learn a lot from them. From being a Sunday school teacher, it made me to develop the interest of becoming a teacher. I was also inspired by my elder sister who is a teacher.

Challenges faced by the learners are reading and writing also absenteeism. As a teacher, I have made a program especially for those who have problems in reading and writing which is done after lesson twice a week, for both learners who don't know how to read and write so that we move together. Parents also are called in order to help them and emphasize to make the students improve on absenteeism.

I am a recipient of a teacher training scholarship from HealthEd Connect. This scholarship helped me a lot. It has led me to pursue a diploma in primary education. I am very grateful for their support because it has helped me financially to pursue my diploma in teaching and some school requirement at my course.

My comment to this is that I am very thankful for your love and support you gave as teachers and children that you gave teachers and children scholarship that made to become better in their future. And I would love my story to be shared to everyone.

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