

MY LIFE STORY AT THE BETHANY PROJECT

My name is Miss Tabu Titus Joseph, I'm thirty seven years old, I am a Christian, I'm married and I have two children.

I have been working at The Bethany as a teacher since May 2010. My first class to teach was having six pupils who were Maige Pastory, Edina Shaban, Happiness Peter, Happiness Balitazali, Kundi Robert and Silas Yusuph.

My teaching at The Bethany Project passed through different challenges, for instance, since I reported at Bethany 2010 to 2012 the school was not registered and we were not free in our work because the government didn't allow schooling without the registration of the centre. Due to that we were not openly teaching and sometimes we were teaching at night so as to avoid the hand of the government. In 2012 the school was closed by the government and our pupils were taken to Yitwimila Primary School (government village school). From 2013 the construction of The Bethany Pre and Primary School started and the work ended in 2014. The school was registered and I started to teach in 2015. All pupils who were temporarily taken to Yitwimila School were taken back to our Bethany school.

Not only that, but also, fluent English speaking was a challenge to me. I was not having enough English vocabularies. Due to this I used my time to learn more vocabularies from my fellow teachers and resources like books and dictionaries.

Despite passing through those challenges at Bethany, different assistance from United Kingdom were given to improve our work, for instance, UK donors constructed a school in which schooling at Bethany was free without any disturbance from the government.

However, on 11th July 2011, I was awarded a certificate for '**Child Care and Education**' at Bethany, whereby Miss Jesca James Paul and Miss Emmakulatha Robert Bujiku conducted the seminar about child care and education. This seminar helped me to raise my standard in teaching pupils. Furthermore, in 2022, I was given support from the UK donors to go to the college. In 2022 I was awarded a certificate of '**Early Childhood Care and Education**' a 12 month course.

Also last year (2024), I was given to be the standard four class teacher. A class had 26 pupils where by 9 pupils were boys and 17 were girls. I prepared my strategies of my class. Among these strategies were; putting God first in each and everything in my class, being committed with my work, individual teaching, emphasising pupils to work very hard, positive cooperation with teachers, providing weekly and monthly tests as well as internal and external examinations. The result was so amazing because all 26 pupils scored an average of grade A. We got the first position out of 585 primary schools in our region (Simiyu). I thank God for these first top results at our school.

I have been learning positively every minute from the environment surrounding me (my fellow teachers, my pupils and other people). Not only that but also, the head teacher of the Bethany school has been my role model in my work and in my life in general. She always assists me morally in different aspects of my work.

I am so proud to spend my time at the Bethany family joining the UK donors who are running the project, The project has helped different people who are in need, also I have benefited much from the project, for instance, currently I have mastered English language both speaking and writing, I have experience in caring children of different category (children who are physically and mentally fit and those who are not physically and mentally fit), I am competent enough to serve the Bethany vision accordingly because of being a professional teacher, also I have developed positive attitude toward voluntary works in the community.

May the heavenly God rewards abundant blessing to the leaders of The Bethany Project and other people from Britain who are using their **time, energy and resources** to help the underprivileged, deprived and vulnerable people in the society especially Lake Victoria Zone societies in Tanzania.

Thank you, Kind regards, Miss Titus.