



## BLESSINGS

Blessings is an preschool teacher teaching at one of the very rural-based community preschools in Kantimbanya, that was initiated by the **Tiyende Pamodzi CBO** in 2002. Blessings joined boNGO's Teacher Training Program in October 2006, and thus received his first training in the field of teaching.

“When I started teaching in 2002 I didn't really have any knowledge or skills regarding the teaching profession. I just copied the way the teachers in the nearby primary school taught. **However, alone with my 60 children covering an age range from 2 to 6 years, I found this task very difficult.**

I was waiting for a chance to get some training and support for a long time and was very grateful in October 2006 when I joined boNGO's Teacher Training Program. **I learned to teach my children in groups according to their ability using different teaching methods and playing.** Also, I always thought the only way to get teaching materials and toys would be through a donation, but now I have been inspired to use locally available resources and create teaching materials and toys by myself. During the supervision in my school the boNGO Team also talked to our School Committee, discussing with them the need for a support teacher, so now I am teaching with a colleague which makes things much easier.

**This program has brought so many positive changes to our school – as in the benefit for our kids, me as a teacher, the parents, and the community as a whole.** I hope many more teachers like me will have the chance to become part of this program.“



**Blessings and his class:** Blessings used to look after this group of children covering an age range from 2 to 6 years on his own.

**Benefits of boNGO's Teacher Training Program:** The local School Committee has learned about the need to find at least one support teacher. Now Blessings is working with Egile and together they can teach the kids in two ability groups.

