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**Dr. Vusiwana
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Here to be Uplifting

A lifetime of nurturing minds, healing hearts and inspiring young lives: Dedicating your life to helping others discover their potential.

Dr. Vusiwana Constance Babane's life has been shaped by a simple but powerful belief: education can change the direction of a life. Born in Limpopo and raised in the Malamulele area, she was the first-born daughter in a large family. Her parents and maternal grandmother instilled in her the values of education, responsibility, family and service - principles that would become the foundation of her remarkable career.

After matriculating she enrolled at the University of the North. Although she initially pursued social work, her academic journey led her to a Bachelor of Arts in Pedagogy, with Xitsonga and Biblical Studies as major subjects.

In 1987, she began her career as a Xitsonga and Biblical Studies teacher. Her commitment to helping young people led her beyond teaching and into a career spanning education, psychology and student development.

Over the years, Dr. Babane served as a teacher, netball coach, district-based psychologist, student development and support practitioner, lecturer and educational psychologist. Across these roles, her focus remained constant: supporting the growth and wellbeing of others.

As an educational psychologist, she provided scholastic assessments, career guidance, counselling and psychotherapy, working closely with families, healthcare professionals and institutions to help students navigate academic, emotional and personal challenges.

She also supports students from diverse socioeconomic, cultural, racial and religious backgrounds, including international students adjusting to university life. She taught Life Skills and contributes to discussions on student wellbeing, HIV/AIDS and the challenges young people face as they find their place in the world.

For Dr. Babane, success was never defined by qualifications or titles, but by the lives she helped. One of her greatest joys has been seeing students overcome adversity, graduate and return years later to share their achievements. Retirement has not marked the end of her contribution. Instead, it has opened a new chapter. Today, Dr. Babane is an author of children's books, using storytelling to educate and entertain while encouraging young readers to develop positive values, confidence and sound decision-making.

Her journey from a village girl in Limpopo to educator, psychologist, lecturer and author is a story about the enduring power of investing in others. Whether in classrooms, counselling rooms and through the pages of her book, her purpose has remained consistent: to help young people believe that they can become more than their circumstances.

Dr. Babane reminds us that the greatest legacy is not what we achieve for ourselves, but the lives we empower along the way.

**Your
story
matters**

