

St Peter and St Paul Pre and Primary School



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them" Luke 18: 16



Head Teacher Conjesta Benjamin

ABOUT KONDOA DIOCESE

The Diocese is 21 years old and is based in a largely Islamic community. It covers two civic districts: Chemba and Kondoa.

Adult literacy in the area is low at 65% (Chemba) and 77% (Kondoa). Most pastors and their families are only educated to Primary School level.

The Diocese is very poor with only two of the 64 Pastors leading self financing parishes. The remaining 62 Pastors survive on subsistence farming.

Clergy well-being is a key objective of the Diocesan strategy and the appeal this year is for funding to support good education for pastors' children, so helping to break the cycle of poor educational attainment and the associated poverty

WHY THE SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT FOR THE DIOCESE

Secondary education in Tanzania is in English, yet most children speak either their tribal language or Swahili. This school teaches in English and so provides every opportunity for students to flourish and move on to secondary education.

Children of all religions and tribes are welcomed, demonstrating Jesus' love for all.

The school works to be a bridge between communities, bringing peace, harmony and respect for all. It also reaches out to the poor by providing sponsorship, meals and learning materials.

In this way the school aims to teach and raise good leaders of the church and the community in general. All teaching is based on the foundation of fearing God, being faithful, loving and serving God embedded from a young age.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The School was opened on 14 October 2018 and has seven teachers led by Conjesta Benjamin, Head Teacher, and Assistant Head, Brenda David.

Conjester has a Bachelor Degree in Arts with Education, specialising in English and Geography, from the University of Dar es Salaam. Three teachers hold the Certificate of Early Childhood Education and three have the Certificate of Primary Education. As well as their qualifications, the teachers have been selected for their passion for teaching and their love for children. The team enjoys their work!

The buildings comprise six Classrooms, an Administration Block and a Head-Teachers' House. A dormitory block is still under construction.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The school offers pre and primary education. The current school roll is 105 students and there is capacity for 150 students.

Pre-primary education is a two year programme for children of four and five years old. The children then sit an examination and are upgraded to primary education.

Primary education is a seven year programme (standards 1 to 7). Examinations are provided independently by the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA).

Students receive:

- Breakfast and lunch
- Learning materials (books and stationery)
- School uniform to poor families
- Sponsorship of fees to poor children (50%)



The teachers

Head Teacher, Conjesta Benjamin is on the left

FINANCES

The school is totally reliant on school fees for its income.

The annual fee is £300, this includes an element to fund bursaries for children of poor families. The fee is kept low, compared to other schools in the area, because this is a church institution and the ethos is to provide high quality education regardless of the children's families' financial circumstances.



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is being sought for the academic year that started on 17 January 2022. Should the school receive more sponsorship than it needs for the current student roll, more places will be made available to new students within the year.

This year, the school is also seeking funding for three special projects:

- funds to support 20 Pastors' children who do not have access to good quality education in their home communities, either because they cannot afford the education or because there are no good schools in their village.
- Purchase of a photocopier (£700) and printer (£250).
- Funds to support up to two each of the teachers' children at 50% of the fee. All the teachers have their own young children and yet their salaries are not enough for them to attend this school.

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