

# St PETER & St PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL, KONDOA

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*The New Classrooms at St Peter & St Paul Primary School, Kondoa.*

## **Summary**

Formal studies commenced at the St Peter & St Paul Primary School in Kondoa in 2023.

In 2024, the school came third in the whole country of Tanzania, in the Standard Four National exams—an amazing achievement given that the school has only been going for such a short time!!

The Kondoa School now has 320 pupils in six forms—Standards 1-6—and a kindergarten class.

In 2026, Standard 7 will be introduced to ensure adequate preparation for children hoping to join the new Chemba Secondary School from 2027. Student numbers at the Kondoa school in 2026 are planned to increase to 370 pupils.

Perhaps most significantly for the sustainability of the Kondoa Diocese in the longer-term, the Kondoa Primary School has begun to contribute to the Diocesan finances. The Primary School has promised an annual subscription to the Diocese (the Diocesan Budget for 2026 is ~Tsh14m/mth).

This year the school contributed Tsh11m (£3,300) to provide bricks and cement to start the new Diocesan Offices, which are being constructed behind the Cathedral of St Paul in Kondoa. In total this project will cost about ~£50,000, with Bishop Given hoping that Bishop Andrew from Ireland will help to sponsor.



*Form 3 at the St Peter & St Paul's Primary School, Kondoa.*

### ***Changes since 2023***

Thanks mainly to funding from the Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Tonbridge, a water bore was drilled successfully on the school site and now water is reticulated to all key locations around the Primary School. A pipe also crosses the road and supplies water to the Cathedral and new Diocesan Office area.

The availability of water on site at the school has enabled the establishment of a vegetable garden in 2025. This will be expanded in 2026.

From school funds, what was originally planned to be an additional teacher's house, has been converted into a dormitory for rural children. The seven rooms will provide accommodation for 60 children—10 pupils per room, plus a separate Matron's room—from 2026. This may appear cramped to us in the UK, but in Tanzania this is not unusual—triple bunk beds will be acquired...

The St Peter & St Paul Primary School now employs 17 staff – 10 teachers and 7 assistants. There are also 2 cooks (now cooking in a new kitchen build just below the new boarding house), a driver for the school bus (in Tanzania each school provides transport for the local

children to and from the school) and a secretary/cashier to keep on top of the financial aspects of the school.

What is amazing is that virtually all of the original teachers at the school are still there and enjoying their work. This is a real credit to the Head-Teacher Conjester. Bishop Given describes working at the school as a “calling,” because the school does not pay top salaries—the education offered by the school, to both Christian and Muslem alike, is largely considered as a gift from God!



*The New Water Bore and Tankage at St Peter & St Paul's Primary School, Kondoa.*

### **Action Items**

- Prayer – thanks for the incredible hard work of Conjester and her staff, Zechariah and others, at St Peter & St Paul Primary School.
- Prayer – for the 20 or so pupils who are taking the entry examination for the new Chemba Secondary School in October/November, 2025.
- Prayer – for those in Standard 4 who will be taking the National Exam in 2025.
- Prayer - for completion of the work on the boarding house for 60 students from rural areas.
- Prayer & Thanks - for the new computer laboratory to be established ready for 2026—some 30 computers are planned—very kindly donated by two individuals from the Rochester Diocese.

Peter Ruxton – Visiting Kondoa between September 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.



*The Foundations of the New Diocesan Offices, behind St Paul's Cathedral, Kondoa.*



*Conjester & Pascal Examine the New Foundations of the Diocesan Offices.*