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*PROFILE OF GREAT
COMMISSION TRUST
ACADEMY,
KAMWAURA, KENYA*



Introduction

Great Commission Trust is Non Profit Making Organization registered in Kenya and in the United Kingdom, serving rural communities in three thematic areas i.e. Health, Education and disaster relief in the *Subukia* and *Molo* districts in the Rift Valley province of Kenya.

Our objective is to alleviate human suffering and to provide relevant education and training to young Kenyans.

In education, GCT runs an Education Center which targets children between the ages of 3 and 16 years. In addition GCT supports orphans and vulnerable children affected with HIV and internal conflicts.

The School

GCT academy was established in 1998 as a drop in center for children below the age of 5 years. Over the years, it has developed to an Early Childhood development center and to the current level of primary school. We expect our first standard 8 pupils to sit for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exams next year (2010).

To be able to serve the marginalized population, GCT with support from partners constructed an education center which includes an Early Childhood Development Center and a Primary School at Kamwaura, Molo district which is about 26 Kilometers from Nakuru Town, along the Nakuru – Njoro – Molo road. Nakuru town is 152 Kilometers from Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya.

In the long term, we hope to establish a secondary school to provide 4 years of further education for those who complete Primary Class 8.

Mission of the School

Our mission is to mold young Kenyan minds in rural areas with relevant, updated information in order to promote development in Kenya.

Goals of the School

1. To provide affordable, quality and accessible education to children in rural Kenya.
2. To support government efforts in attaining universal primary education in Kenya.
3. To become the best performing, well managed and competitive school in the location, division and district.

4. To inculcate Christian morals in the pupils by providing a good Christian learning environment.
5. To provide facilities for needy and vulnerable children to access basic essential services.
6. To provide an environment where children can develop their talents and abilities.

GCT Academy's current pupil population is 196. Most children in Kenya start primary school education at the age 7 and complete at the age of 15, but in rural areas children tend to start school late due to economic pressure at household level and not having access to school facilities.

ENROLLMENT

AGE CATEGORY	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
3-5	27	28	55
5-8	44	44	88
9-11	17	8	25
12-15	11	17	28

Number of classroom 10
Teacher to pupil ratio 1:16

Classrooms

Permanent	3
Temporally	7
Total	10

GCT academy is managed by a 7 member board of governors with diverse skill and experiences, and a management team comprising the head teacher and school manager. GCT is recognized by the community, local authorities and the ministry of education of Kenya.

GCT Academy has qualified teachers trained in government and private institutions.

Socio Economic Status of the community

Kamwaura is a rural area with approximate population of 15,000. The community is made up of different tribal communities in Kenya with the dominant ones being the Kalenjin and Kikuyu. Most families rely on farming as the only source of income. The low income level has resulted to low development in the area which has been made worse by recurrent tribal clashes.

Children here have no access to Information Technology Education (ITE) with the nearest trading center being 25 Kilometers away and the nearest town being 50 Kilometers away. In fact they might see and use a computer after secondary school education.

With the recent government roll out of rural electrification project, Kamwaura community now has access to power which can be used for development projects in the area and also allow for ICT.

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