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Jesuits of Eastern Africa



[OCER CAMPION JESUIT COLLEGE-GULU]

SCHOOL PROFILE JUNE 2014

OCER CAMPION JESUIT COLLEGE (*OCER - “Christ is risen and leads his people home.” (Ezech 37)*)



Ocer Campion Jesuit College is a Catholic-founded private school in Gulu, Northern Uganda. The school officially opened in 2010 with a P7 unit. More classes have since then been constructed to include S1- S4 making it a fully-fledged O-Level school.

The school, administered by the Jesuits, emphasizes the importance of peace and justice, while instilling in its students a respect for the dignity of all people. Students at the school are from diverse backgrounds; some are orphans or from single parent families while others are from poor families.

Ocer recently managed to secure an Examination centre number from Uganda National Examinations Board. Thus, national exams can be done within the school premises.

Student & Staff Capacity

Currently, Ocer Campion Jesuit College has a total of 450 students (195 girls and 255 boys) from P7 to S4 with 52 members of staff (33 teachers and 19 support staff). In 2013, all the 22 students in P7 passed their exams; 10 got grade1 while 12 attained 2nd grade. The school currently has its first Senior 4 class of 42 students, who will seat for their final exam later in the year.

Facilities & Programs

- **Laboratories:** the school recently completed the construction of chemistry, physics and biology laboratories. These are now fully equipped and are operational. The computer laboratory is also fully operational despite having fewer computer machines.
- **School Magazine:** the school recently launched its first school magazine covering student activities and school events.
- **Vacation work program:** the school runs a vacation work program where students are engaged in carrying out odd jobs at the school for a small stipend.
- **School farm:** the school engages in both crop production and animal husbandry. The products are used to offer a good diet to students.

- **Clinic:** the school has a small clinic, with a full time nurse. The small clinic caters for sick students and staff. Extreme cases are referred to Gulu independent hospital.
- **School Van:** the school recently acquired a school van. This has eased transport problems and students are now able to attend sporting and such like activities in other schools.

Sponsorships

10% of the students are sponsored by different organizations; and 20% are sponsored by Ocer Campion Jesuit College, this brings the total student population being sponsored to 30%. 70% of the student population is being taken care of by their parents.

Areas of Greatest Need

Ocer Campion Jesuit College is sustained through contributions received from students and from donations Jesuit friends and Campion (US) graduates. Funds from the student contribution are used to pay salaries for staff and to buy food for the school but the contribution is not adequate since only a handful of the students can manage to pay fees. Therefore, we need your support to help us with our areas of greatest need listed below:

- **Sponsorship:** It takes approximately USD \$667 to educate one child in S1, per year. This is inclusive of basic requirements like uniforms, books and shopping. Presently, despite the demand, 65 students are on scholarships. Therefore, the school requires more funds in order to support these students.
- **Dining Hall:** our students have for a while now had their meals outside (within the compound) due to lack of a dining hall. This poses a big challenge especially during rainy season.
- **Computers & laptops:** since a computer learning program was introduced, there is need to acquire more computers for the school. At the moment, there are only 3 computers at the school and 1 laptop shared by the teachers. Aside from the computers, there are only 2 printers at the school and one copier machine. These resources are not enough to serve the entire school.
- **Electricity:** the school depends entirely on solar power which is quite costly in terms of replacing old solar batteries, pumping water, running printers among other activities.. There is therefore a value in investing in Hydro-electric power (electric power poles are now half a kilometer from the school).
- **Landline phones:** there are no landline phones installed within the school compound. The school requires the installation of landline phones for ease of communication.

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