

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. Gulu has, for more than 25 years, been affected by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebel group led by Joseph Kony. The rebel group's activities caused a lot of instability, lack of education and displacement of the local population into camps. After the peace talks, the Jesuits in Uganda decided to construct Ocer Campion Jesuit College in an effort to restore the lost glory of human dignity through education.

The school officially opened in 2010 with a P7 unit. More classes have since then been constructed to include S1 - S2. The school is administered by the Jesuits in collaboration with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Moyo (St. Monica). As the first Jesuit school in Uganda, Ocer emphasizes the importance of peace and justice, and instills 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.

Student & Staff Capacity

Currently, Ocer Campion Jesuit College has a total of 35 students in P.7: 14boys and 21. In S.1, we have a total of 135 students: 66 boys and 69 girls (3 streams of 45 each) in S.2, we have a total of 81 students: 44 boys and 37 girls. The total student population is presently 251: 124 boys and 127 girls. The school has 11 members of staff (9 male and 6 female) who are full time teachers. We also have 4 part time teachers.

Facilities & Programs

- **Laboratories:** the school recently completed the construction of chemistry, physics and biology laboratories. They are however not being used since there is little equipment for the three labs.
- **Library:** the school has a fully stocked library; with books currently being indexed. The books were donated from a Catholic girls' school in the USA.
- **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.
- **Clubs:** the following are the clubs students are engaged in; debate, writing, Environment, Music, dance and drama, Football, and Computer club.
- **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.

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, 24 students, 9 girls and 15 boys, are sponsored by OCJC. Therefore, the school requires more funds in order to support these students.
- **Laboratory equipment:** although the laboratories have been completed, the school requires adequate equipment. Currently, only the chemistry and biology laboratories have some equipment; there is no equipment for the physics lab. Students therefore are not engaged in practical learning.
- **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.
- **Administration offices:** the administration offices are currently located in the library. The school needs to construct an administration block away from the classroom area, so that the classrooms and library can be fully utilized.
- **School van and bus:** the school requires a school van and a bus. Vehicles at the Jesuit community are presently used to take the students for sporting activities in neighboring schools or to hospital. This is not enough since the number of students is increasing.
- **Electricity:** since electrical lines have not reached the school area, the school is powered by solar. This is not enough to power the school since machinery like the copier machine cannot be entirely powered by solar.
- **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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