

HOW THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WORKS IN KENYA

Kenya's children spend **3yrs at nursery school or ECD** (early childhood development) in baby, middle & final class, followed by **8yrs at primary school** (classes 1-8), followed by **4yrs at secondary school** (forms 1-4), followed by 3yrs at college or university depending on exam results. **N.B.** Children are placed in a class relevant to ability not age. It is quite common to have an older child in with children much younger.

The 3 school terms are: January-April, May-August, September-November with December classed as their long holiday.

Kenyan Last Names: Children are named according to the time or season of birth. If it is a male the name begins with O, and a female A, for example: if one is born at night which is tieno, then a boy's surname will be Otieno and a girl's Atieno. Kinyi means morning, hence Okinyi or Akinyi. Evening means midhiambo, hence Odhiambo or Adhiambo. Chieng means sun, hence Ochieng and Achieng.



OUR MISSION

- ◆ To help those in the greatest need
- ◆ To love and care for them individually
- ◆ To support peasant farmers including the crippled and the blind
- ◆ To support schools in poor areas
- ◆ To educate children to help them achieve their full potential
- ◆ To encourage children to develop a lifelong relationship with God
- ◆ To advance the Christian faith through local churches.

Matthew 18:5 NIV: *‘And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’*