



## **GCGT ACADEMY**

God's Children's Great (GCGT) Talent Academy was inspired by the annual GCGT competition as a platform to train and enhance the talents as well as prepare successful talents for the grand finale and the real world.

The idea for an academy was borne out of a need to continue to follow up and engage children who have participated in the GCGT competition, as well as other children who may not have been a part of the competition but would like an avenue to discover their talents, develop their skills, and ultimately achieve their potentials. It is also an exit strategy to ensure that the program is sustainable and remains relevant to the target group after the competition process is over

The main strategic aims and objectives of the Academy are:

1. To recognize and celebrate God's given talents in children from across denominations, backgrounds, cultures and abilities.
2. To provide a platform for young Christians to shine forth the light of God in furtherance of the gospel.
3. To expose, train and develop gifts/talents in children.
4. To provide a recreational space for children in a Christian environment whilst learning and being developed.
5. To provide a learning environment whereby children can identify and specialize in their area of gifting.
6. To raise influential and exceptional leaders of the future.

## **OBJECTIVE**

- To provide children from the ages of 5-19 a conducive environment to learn and acquire new skills during the summer vacation.
- To help children recognize and develop whatever talent God has deposited in them and use to glorify God.
- To instill values of purpose and service in children.
- To be a pilot/ trial of the GCGT academy.

## **AGE GROUP**

- 4-8 years
- 9-12 years
- 13- 19 years

## **TALENT DEVELOPMENT & SUMMER FIESTA**

Talent development in Season 5 was carried out by facilitators and trainers sourced by the academy. The academy has an annual "GCGT Summer Fiesta" a four week programme, to engage and teach children from ages 5-19 during the summer vacation.

The maiden edition of the summer fiesta kicked off on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2015, it was well attended and the programme ran smoothly with lots of testimonials from parents of the children who attended.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- The summer fiesta was packed with many fun and educative activities that engaged the children.
- Classes were held from Mondays to Fridays in two streams; 1pm- 3pm and 3pm – 5pm.
- Each day kicked off with a compulsory character, charity and social development lecture for 20minutes.
- Vocal training, music composition& production, drama, disc jockey, rap, poetry, creative writing.
- The children were taught about and how to play six major musical instruments; Saxophone, drums, guitar, violin, trumpet and keyboard.
- Drawing, painting and sculpture.
- Five types of dances were taught also- Hip-hop, zulu, salsa, African dance and contemporary.
- The children wrote, recorded and produced a song together titled –'He tops the world
- A recital was held on Friday, July 31, 2015 to mark the end of the summer fiesta with parents invited