

## Lowell Jenks

Lowell Jenks served at Georgia-Cumberland Academy from 1982 to 1995. During his tenure at GCA Mr. Jenks was boys' dean for a time, then the industrial arts teacher for years.

Mr. Jenks currently serves at Eyira Adventist Vocational Academy in South Sudan, Africa, where he teaches industrial arts and vocational/technical courses to the young people.

The following tribute was written by the class of 1990:

*The Class of 1990 was gifted Mr. Lowell "Jenks" Jenks as one of our class sponsors and he took his role very much to heart. We mattered to him and we knew it!*

*We have so many fond memories of our time together:*

*"My freshman year I was assigned to work for him in 'the dungeon' under the cafeteria known as the Industrial Arts Cave. He was patient with me in my absolute lack of mechanical skills. I was young and unaware that meeting this man would change my life forever and would reinforce the traits of honesty, hard work, loyalty, dedication to God, putting others first. He taught me to work hard and play hard! His smile was infectious, his work ethic was insane and he had the ability to nurture and support a young man clueless as to the direction in life I would travel. He taught me to be an honest man, to set huge goals. He was always kind. He would probably give me a stern look if he knew I told this....he donated money to my tuition every month for four years so I could attend GCA. I am forever grateful and have tried to live up to his standards. He was the father I always needed. He is one of a kind!" ~ Danny Wooden*

*"...when we went to Mexico to help build the church, knowing Jenks was with us made me feel safe. He had a great sense of humor, always had a smile, and laughed. As I got to know Jenks better, I started sitting and eating with him in the cafeteria at meals. Those were some of the best conversations; he was a great listener and gave even better advice. He is a kind, patient, and gentle person. I learned a lot from Jenks even though I wasn't in any of his classes." ~ Jaquetta Moreland*

*"He was always thoughtful and understanding. He worked to mold his students into better individuals. Although there were many teachers at GCA who had those qualities, Jenks excelled at it and always seemed to strive to bring out the best in his students. Jenks also had an uncanny ability to read people and had the wisdom to deal with us. I really admired him, he has been one of my favorite role models..." ~ Brian Tankersley*

*Mr. Jenks, you were a steady, reassuring presence that never wavered during our years at GCA. You were kind, thoughtful, dedicated and nurturing. We witnessed a Christian life lived as it should be lived, and we learned from your example. We knew you as an authentic person with a warm smile and a hearty laugh who made time for us and genuinely made us feel important. You helped shape who we are today...we are your legacy!*

*In life, we are touched in some way by everyone we encounter, grow from each interaction, and are blessed by those who choose to stay. Mr. Jenks, you chose to stay. For that gift, we are forever grateful!*

*With love and affection.*

