An Assessment of The Role of The Church in Meeting Needs of Children with Special Needs: A Study of Selected Churches in Nairobi County

The church plays a big role in our community not only in meeting the spiritual needs of children with special needs but also meeting their social-emotional and physical needs. The great commission commands the church to go into all the world make disciples, baptize and preach to all people. Unfortunately, people affected by disabilities are one of the world’s largest unreached people groups in every culture of the world with 90% of families of children with special needs unchurched. The low turnout of these families in church is of concern and may indicate a gap between the church and children with special needs. This study sought to assess the role of the church in meeting needs of children with special needs. This study revealed that the church had inadequate resources and facilities to meet the needs of children with special needs and had not sensitized and trained members on disability issues. By, sensitizing, training on disability issues and providing resources and facilities the church can effectively meet the needs of children with special needs.

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