



Jabez Elementary & Junior High School Gordodin LPRC Community Ganta City, Nimba-Liberia

Blessed to be a Blessing. Genesis 12:2

Blessings and Welcome to **Jabez Newsworthy Notes**
from The USA Board of Directors of Jabez School, January, 2025.

Blessings from Rev. Jakes & Esther

A very blessed New Year-2025 from all of us here at Jabez Christian School-Ganta, Liberia to you and all in the name of Jesus, the Christ Child!!

May our God's undeserved blessings be and remain upon all of you throughout this joy filled season in 2025 and beyond in the name of our incarnated Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

How does Jabez Christian School help build community? The concept of the Peace Hut was based on the Palava Hut system, a traditional Liberian practice for resolving conflicts peacefully. It leverages the traditional Liberian practice of using a neutral space to resolve disputes through dialogue and community input.



The Peace Hut built as part of Jabez School in 2018 was a request from the members of the school's student government. It was financed by the members the family of Ken Walanski in his memory. Ken was one of the first people Rev. Jakes met when he came to the United States to study and became a trusted friend.

The Peace Hut was primarily used by women, providing a safe place for survivors of violence to discuss issues, seek justice, and promote reconciliation. Following the civil war, the Peace Hut initiative was established to facilitate healing, reconciliation, and community rebuilding. The government and the UN strongly support the Peace Hut.

Having the Peace Hut on campus is part of the commitment to build community and stability. The school has always considered itself to be in community service and for that reason opened their first well to the community and has now improved the community's ability to have clean water with the water tower. Jabez School has become the gathering spot for a Christian church which uses the facilities for their worship services.

The Ganta community is asking that the school continue to grow to serve as a high school as well as an elementary and junior high school. Some questions to be considered: 1. Are finances available? 2. Are students available in the area? 3. Can the facilities we have handle additional students? These issues and more will be discussed at future meetings of the USA Board. It would be a huge step forward and one the Board recognizes as strategically important. We ask for your prayers as we make decisions.

Research shows that having a K-12 school increases its ability to be the center of community life and invites stronger support from parents and community members. It also builds a strong sense of identification and belonging. The question is can it be done at this time? The Board USA is asking for prayers for Jabez, its students and teachers, the USA Board and the local Board. We know not everyone has the financial means to donate. Just as valuable are our prayer partners. Building Jabez to be a community leader takes all of us.



The joyful community came out to dedicate the completion of the water tower.

A poem by Jolieth McIntosh
A member of the USA Board

A Dream Fulfilled
Once a dream,
A prayerful dream,
the dreamer,
Rev. Jakes Voker.

Jabez's school,
now a reality:
palm farm,
soccer team,
sewing group,
each a reality.
Praises!

Another joy,
a water tower,
dedicated November 2024.
Jabez's students are thankful,
water is easily obtained.
The community is grateful.
Praises!

Gratitude to Rev. Jakes Voker,
the doer.
.....his wife,
the supporter.
.....the contributors,
earth angels,
.....Jabez's staff,
knowledge-imparters.

Jabez's School motto is,
"Blessed to be a blessing."
Jabez School in Ganta City is
blessed.

To God be the glory.

Being in mission with Jabez School is one way we who believe in the power of God's love can be instruments of service to mold, shape and transform children's lives. Jabez is a 501(c)3 organization. Please make checks payable to Jabez Christian School and send to Board Treasurer Jerry Andersen, 6420 W Hwy G, Caledonia, WI 53108.