



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, February, 2025

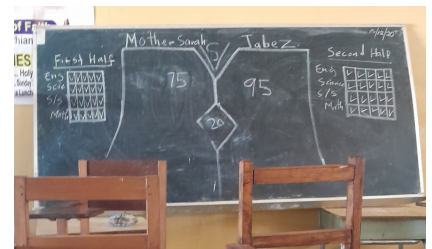
Jabez comes out on top in an Academic Quiz Challenge

Just before the Christmas break, December 20th, Jabez Christian Elementary and Junior High School received a letter from Mother Sarah Elementary and Junior High School, a neighboring school. They challenged us to an Academic Match in five major subjects. The subjects were Mathematics, Science, English/Grammar, History/Geography and Current Events. The day was to conclude with sporting activities of volleyball, boy's soccer and girl's kick ball.



The **9th grade class** seen in the photograph were the students who so ably represented Jabez Christian School to victory. Rev. Jakes added: "Believe me, a school winning an "Academic Quizzing Match" is a big deal.

The picture of **the scoreboard shows** Jabez Christian School with 95 points and Mother Sarah School with 75 points.



For the concluding sporting activities the results were: the Mother Sarah's School won the volleyball match while Jabez Christian School won both the girl's kick ball and the boys' soccer games.

The **students and staff went home rejoicing** as the festive season of Christmas and the hope-filled New Year 2025 began. *And on behalf of the USA Board, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the academic team and to the entire school. We also want to acknowledge the winners of the sports activities.*

Your invite: The Jabez Board of Directors' next Zoom meeting is February 18th. If anyone has a question or subject they would like discussed at the Board meeting, please give us a call. Carol Rossetti at 972-897-8501 or Vernita Green at 920-235-2702. We welcome your input.

*“Jabez Elementary and Junior High School and Trauma Counseling Center was envisioned and born out of the historical events that impacted the lives of me and my family.” Rev. Jakes. **Our story continues. The school’s growth has been amazing.** The school opened in 2013 with 87 students. The need was great as was expected. The space had soon been outgrown. In 2016-17 Jabez Student government designed a school flag and they also made a request for the building of a Peace Hut. The Peace Hut is derived from the Palava Hut from ancient times. Here is where citizens of Liberia sat and discussed pertinent matters of welfare for their community. And as we so often learn, God provides. A memorial gift by the family of Ken Walanski furnished the funds.*

The addition of a larger auditorium and three new classrooms in 2018 made the buildings adequate for the population. The auditorium was not complete, yet usable for the 2018 closing program

The picture shows an **okra and bitter bulbs garden on Jabez’s Campus.** This project is supported by a local NGO in Nimba City. In a book on lost crops in Africa we are told that bitter bulbs are used in many African dishes and that okra is perfect as a villager’s crop. Both are easy to grow and only slightly affected by pests and diseases. Okra pods are a popular vegetable. The leaves can be cooked like dandelion greens or used in salads. The seeds contain protein and oil and can be roasted then ground into a coffee substitute. Okra is full of nutrients. The extract from the pods can thicken soups and the seeds produce an edible unsaturated fat.

Economically speaking, its products are within almost everyone’s reach and the plants produce good yields. Plus the stems can be used to make paper pulp, ropes and brushes. The plants will take up to three months to start bearing. We are thankful for this cooperative effort and request prayers for a good yield.

A favorite place to be for many of the children is in the playground with the swing sets.

A safe place to play and mingle is an important part of the school environment. So often the playground is where community building happens.



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