

## 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, April, 2025.

Flag of Jabez School

The project to design a school flag was initiated by the 2017-2018 Student Government. The flag reminds the students of who they are, their history, and that their primary goal is living their lives as Christian witnesses. The students completed the project in time to present this sample flag to a group of visiting volunteers from Wisconsin.



In the completed design the flag incorporates many elements beginning with the Liberian flag in the top left-hand corner. It resembles the United States flag with the colors of red, white and blue. The eleven stripes represent the 11 signatories of their Declaration of Independence in 1947. The colors represent democracy, courage and moral excellence. And the single star represents each student.

The circular Nimba County flag is a globe, incorporating the brown iron rich soil, the green earth and blue sky.

The vision of Jabez Christian School is reflected in the lower half of the flag with its base colors of purple and white which are the school colors. Biblically, the purple represents royalty or status. The vision of the school is to provide the education necessary to empower each student to be economically self-sufficient and with the color white, to be a person who knows the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The circle represents God and His endless love, the Bible the authority upon which Jabez' ministry is built and the cross the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ. The cross is also a reminder to serve others. There is a small dove within the circle representing the continual power and presence of God that affirms us as His children. You may have noticed the dove appearing intermittently in Noteworthy Notes reminding us of God's Presence wherever we are.



Our monthly operating expenses exceed the funds collected from tuition and fees by approximately \$600. Some families are able to cover the costs of their children attending school but many can only modestly contribute towards the full amount. We do require all families to pay at least a portion of the cost to encourage a sense of ownership and loyalty.

Being in mission with Jabez School Board, no matter how small or large, is a constant reminder and affirmation of God's immeasurable power and faithfulness to His promise to use anyone who truly believes in His Son Jesus Christ, as an instrument to mold, shape and transform human lives.

Join us, a 501(c)3 organization, to be instruments of God at Jabez by making a donation. Checks are to be made payable to Jabez Christian School. Please send to: Jerry Andersen (Board Treasurer) 6420 W. Hwy G, Caledonia, WI 53108

**Exciting News from the Palm Oil Farm!** We remember not long ago when the palms were so small. Now, in March five gallons of oil were harvested from our oil palm farm. Not a lot, but it is a start. The processing mill owner was given one gallon of oil and the balance of 4 gallons is for the school. This is just the beginning of reaping the fruits of our investments. "We are very excited", wrote Rev. Jakes. "And we are thankful to God!"



Other farm work has been started with the cleaning of the grounds complete. More work is forthcoming. How invigorating it was to see fruit becoming visible. We look forward to when we can buy our own oil palm processing mill.

For those who have not seen the oil extracting process, it begins with the picking of the fresh fruit bunches from the oil palm tree as Rev. Jakes shows in the picture. Next they are sterilized by boiling then threshing takes place to free the palm fruit bunches. Finally the fruit is mashed and pressed to remove oil.

Blessings this Easter from the USA Board, students and staff of Jabez Christian School. As we celebrate our risen Lord, we thank Him for His sacrifice and



the gift of everlasting life with Him. The first verse of the hymn "My Faith Looks up to Thee" comes to mind.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary. Savior Divine! Now hear me while I pray. Take all my guilt away. O let me from this day. Be Wholly Thine.