



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, May 2025



Abigail Gontee elected and sworn in as president of the Jabez student council. Rev. Jakes and Esther were there to congratulate her. As part of the induction program for student council government, the Jabez Choir had the opportunity to perform.

In this one program we see two major opportunities afforded students at Jabez School. First, government participation provides the opportunity for developing leadership skills, participating in the decision-making process and gaining a sense of community and belonging. The second opportunity, music education, is vital for youth development because it fosters cognitive skills. These skills are a

critical factor in academic achievement. In addition, the emotional and social connections help to build life skills. We are thrilled that Jabez leadership and donors are giving the students more than the three Rs...Reading, (w)Riting and (A)rithmetic.

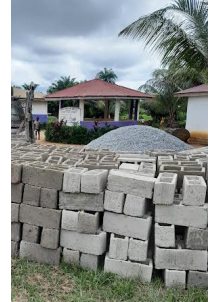
The USA Board as well as Rev. Jakes and the leadership at the school give thanks and ask that you continue to join us in prayer for the needed funds and human resources to provide opportunities for overall well-being as well as academic performance for the students and teachers at Jabez.



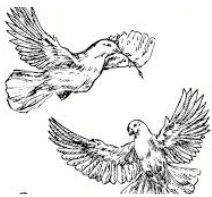
Jabez is a 501(c)3 organization. We are thankful that in the month of April \$610 was given to the school. Each donation makes a real difference in Jabez and what it can do for the students. We enjoy the notes we have received from our readers. Keep them coming. We appreciate knowing which articles have special meanings. Please make checks payable to Jabez Christian School and send donations to: Jerry Andersen (Board Treasurer), 6420 W Hwy G, Caledonia, WI 53108.



Let's finish what we started! One of the earliest projects at Jabez after the arrival of Rev. Jakes and Esther on the ground in Liberia in 2024 was the building of a fence around the campus. This project was critical to the safety of students, staff and visitors because motorcycle riders were choosing to take a shortcut through the school grounds to get to other areas of the community. At that time we had the funds to complete about 85% which fenced in the most vulnerable areas. We are deeply thankful for the fence that has cut traffic and helped avert potential unwarranted injury and possibly death. Now is an appropriate time to raise funds to finished the fence. A completed fence will add to the security and safety of everyone on campus.



For those who are interested in this project, you are invited to send a donation. **Let's get more bricks and finish the project! Thanks for your help.**



Expansion? Is it possible for Jabez to add grades 10, 11, and 12?

The PTA has encouraged the Board to “help elevate our school to a full high school to avoid students leaving their community to go for far distances for higher education”. That request and the strategic planning required will soon come before our Board to determine whether now is the right time for Jabez School to expand, to first include grade 10, and subsequently grades 11 and 12. Our decision making model is built on the Vision and Mission statements developed as we dreamed of a school in Ganta City, the home town of Rev. Jakes and Esther Voker. **A vision statement focuses on how our students will be after completing Jabez School.** Our Vision is that our students will be economically and socially self-sufficient; renewed to be examples of Christ through love and forgiveness in daily life; examples of God's forgiveness, love and care in their communities and healed in mind, spirit, and body.

How do we do that? A mission statement describes how the vision is to be achieved.

Our mission statement says we will do that through Christ-centered programs where people will be examples of Jesus Christ in words and actions. More specifically our approach says Jabez School will teach basic Christian values, encourage community, provide a safe environment, practice the Christian approach to conflict resolution and demonstrate effective communication.



The question that the Board must answer is “Does the potential addition of these grades reflect our Vision and our Mission?” And if so, can we be fiscally responsible and start the process at this time?