

## 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, June 2025.



**Meet Abigail Rejoice Gontee, Student Council President** In order to better understand and get closer to the student body at Jabez, Carol, a member of the US Board had a conversation with Abigail, one of the 9th graders. We used WhatsApp (a very popular free messaging service that uses an internet connection) for a video call and almost immediately began to experience first hand the technology challenges typical in Liberia. In the course of about 35 minutes, the call was dropped 16 times and we had to reconnect.

Here's some of what I learned about Abigail. Imagine, if you will, a typical 15 year old student,

living in Ganta County in the 9th and final grade at Jabez. Her Mom and Dad have 8 children, 6 girls and 2 boys. All of the children except for the youngest are students at Jabez. Her father is employed at the school as its Security Officer. Abigail has been a student there for the last four years, and proudly wears the school uniform. However, like most teenagers, she would prefer her own clothes. She studies English, Science, Biology, Literature, Math, History, and Civics. Her favorite subject is History.

Abigail demonstrates her leadership skills as the head of the Student Council. Their current self-funded project will erect a directional sign to identify all the areas and buildings on campus. Her Christian faith continues to be nurtured at Jabez. During Chapel services she sometimes reads and sometimes preaches as well as leads the choir.

More from Abigail next month. Until then, she offered these closing remarks. "Thank you for supporting me and the other students with our education. We are grateful."







Jabez Christian School became the mission of the month in February, 2025 at Wesley UMC in Oshkosh, WI. Besides the donations given, which are very much appreciated, Jabez finds joy in knowing that other people care about Jabez and know we exist. Is this something your church, Sunday School, or other organization would like to do? If so, let us know. We can send a short slide show, a newsletter article, or some pictures. Ask us by using the email address on Newsworthy Notes.

Building a sense of creativity and objectivity through soap making. The Jabez School's administration has begun experimenting with Laundry Soap making, using some of the palm oil from the Oil Palm Farm. We are excited about that possibility for several reasons. One reason is that it offers still another way for the students, staff and community to be involved in finding resources to help Jabez become financially independent. A second reason is that information on soap making learned years ago is available and will not be wasted.

A third reason, and a very important one, is that our students are learning by doing or learning from others who are experimenting. They are also learning to identify flaws, to make revisions when necessary, and to recognize the need to be objective when making decisions. That is something they will need to use throughout their life. Experimentation also encourages a creative mindset and a culture of creativity and innovation within the school. **Creativity is a valuable developed trait.** Watch for more news as the experiment continues!

June 8, 2025 was the **2nd anniversary of the Jabez Community Christian Congregation that meets in the school chapel.** As a community leader, Jabez welcomes the opportunity to be the host. Attendance at regular Sunday Worship Services is between 50 and 95.



Worship offers another possibility for Christian education and modeling for the many of our students who are participating. **This cross is on the wall of the Jabez Chapel.** Jabez counts it a blessing to be able to offer a place for the congregation to meet.



A baptism ceremony of ten brings to forty-three the total converts baptized and received into the membership of the Jabez Community Christian Congregation since its founding on June 6, 2024.

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.

Being in mission with Jabez School Board, no matter how little 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.

