



Jabez Elementary & Junior High School
Gordodin LPRC Community
Ganta City, Nimba-Liberia
Blessed to be a Blessing. Genesis 12:2

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

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Wishing the children a great school year.

When I grow up.

Children,

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Do not say, "nothing".

Do not say "I do not know".

There are people who care for you.

Think, then say,

"I want to be a _____".

You could one day be the principal of your school.

You could one day be a farmer.

Think of what you would love to do.

Aim for that profession.

Children

You can be whoever you want to be.

There are people who care for you.

They are cheering for your success.

You are special in your family.

You are special in your school.

You are special in your community.

You have a special place in this world.

Aim to be whoever you want to be.

Children, You are special.

Jolieth McIntosh, Bd of Directors



A teacher becomes the new principal. **Joseph Kogbay** has for the last three years been a teacher in the first grade self-contained class because as he said, "I have a heart for teaching kids so I chose the younger children which sets them on the right track". After the former principal left due to government responsibilities, Mr. Kogbay agreed to accept the position of principal as he saw the need and had high qualifications. He has achieved a B.A. in Education with an emphasis in administration from the University of Liberia. He took classes to help him understand the differing needs of rural and urban school settings. He has been a principal, registrar, and acting district administrator and taught math and social studies.

Teachers are also in place with some of them being new. We were easily able to fill our faculty vacancies because we had far more teacher applicants than open positions. The school year is off to a great start!

At the request of the community, Jabez has been asked to start, what we in the USA call an extended-school program for young students. The request was made because mothers need a place for their youngest children while they work. When mothers cannot work, the finances are less likely to allow for school costs. Research has shown that many children are not beginning school as a 5 or 6 year old because of finances, work schedules and uncertainties. That brings up the problem, particularly in later years, of children being overage for their grade. And overage has been found to be a major cause of dropouts. We are hoping to stop that cycle.

The administration, the local board and the USA Board have considered this request and find good reasons to begin such a program this year. The after school program will be educational, focusing on reading, number sense and Christian values through play. Our prayer is that this will be the start of improving retention and graduation rates for Jabez students.

Let's finish the fence begun in 2023 for the safety of the students as well as the faculty. Beginning an extended-school program increases the need to finish the fence around the school grounds. Rev. Jakes reported that many have said they appreciate the fence and feel much safer. The remaining cost of this project will be over \$3000 with construction beginning soon. Some of the money has been donated already. Interested in helping? Jabez would be grateful!



Each year students chose projects to improve their school. Here are pictures of the completed projects from the 2024-2025 school year. This year they focused on signage and information. They said they wanted to help people to know where to go when coming on campus. They also wanted to have more space to share on a wall bulletin board. So they built a sign near the entrance of the campus and a hanging wall bulletin board for activity information.



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