



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, October, 2025.*

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School Ended on July 7th and began again on September 8th

Parents, students, teachers, and community members crowded into the classrooms to celebrate the end of the school year, the academic development of the students and the privilege of being a part of Jabez Christian School.



Abigail Gontee, a student you met a few newsletters ago, directs the Jabez Christian School student choir for the last time as she heads to St. Lawrence Catholic school as a 10th grader.

Happy to introduce you to some administration and staff of Jabez Christian School!

Mother Massa- Head Cook; Mr. Jesco Nya Gontee- Business Manager/ Registrar; Miss Salomie Dolo- Teacher/Nursery/extended school Coordinator; Mr. Gruyea- English teacher; Rev. G. Nelson Tiawan- Bible Teacher/Agri. Coordinator; Mr. Mark P. Voker- Teacher; Mr. J. Emmanuel Konolabo, Sr.- Vice principal; Front Row: Rev. Jakes; Mr. Emmanuel Konolabo, Jr- Teacher; Mr. Joseph A. Kogbah- New Principal; Miss Lovetee Yates- Nursery Teacher; Mr. Guasie- Teacher. Mr. Guasie is a retired government teacher trainer who joined our staff. He helped us with "In-service Training" for our teachers before classes resumed in September. He's a great asset and blessing!



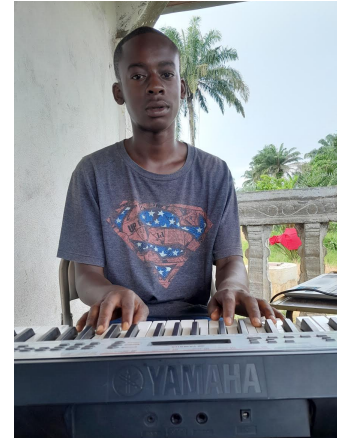
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We are continuing our series of student profiles to provide our readers with the opportunity to “meet” and learn more about the student body at Jabez. Today, we are introducing a very special teenager whose name is Jakes Mileakeh Quayle. Does that sound familiar? Yes this Jakes, born in Madison, Wisconsin is the grandson of Rev. Jakes, our founder and Director. Two years ago when he was 13, Jakes moved to Ganta City with his grandparents to live in Liberia and continue his studies at the Jabez school. This is the story of the now 15 year old.

I’m Carol, one of the Board members, and I had the privilege of talking with Jakes on a video chat using WhatsApp (a very popular free messaging service). This time, no disconnects!

Meet Jakes Mileakeh Quayle. Jakes completed the 8th and 9th grades at Jabez. He studied English, Math, Science, Civics, Physical Education, and his two favorite subjects Geography and History. His extra curriculum subjects including tailoring which did not generate a lot of interest on his part and the computer class which he thoroughly enjoyed. He learned many functions in Word including how to create documents.



When asked what were the initial adjustments he had to make when he started the 8th grade in a new country, he was quick to reply that he had to wear a uniform and cut his hair short in order to conform to the school dress code. He was also challenged to understand Liberian English. There are significant differences in pronunciation, accent, and vocabulary compared to American English. He is much more comfortable now with the language of the environment and can make friends more easily.

Food is important to all teenagers, of course. His breakfasts in Wisconsin might be pancakes, waffles, or bacon and eggs. He mentioned, without a great deal of enthusiasm, that he now has rice for the morning meal just like his counterparts!

Comparing teachers/classes between Wisconsin and Jabez, he remarked that in the US there were more students in class and the school day was longer. At Jabez he definitely had more homework even with a shorter school day. The language challenge was present in the classroom as well.

Even though the school day at Jabez is from 8 am to 1 pm, it actually begins at 7:30 with devotions. The children sing gospel music, pray, and each class contributes a Bible verse followed by a teacher who preaches. Jakes enjoys music and is learning to play the keyboard. He brought it with him to Liberia as music is an important part of his life. He does play the keyboard for their family devotions at home.

His secondary school education will take place at St. Lawrence Catholic School and he looks forward to being a passenger on a motorbike as his primary means of transportation to school. We of the Jabez Board wish Jakes and the other 9th graders who finished Jabez on July 7th a wonderful first year of high school.

I found Jakes to be a young man of faith and courage and determination as he crossed cultures during these formative years. He was delightful to chat with and I wish somehow I could send him a waffle/pancake/bacon and egg breakfast!