



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



Merry Christmas and Welcome to the
Jabez Newsworthy Notes
from The USA Board of Directors of Jabez
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This nativity set from Liberia was given to the Green family in the USA from Rev. Jakes and Esther Voker.



Candles of Advent - Our Christmas Card to You.

Advent —a beginning, a new year that starts in anticipation of a baby. A baby that we know was born, we know as King, we know as our personal Savior. We need to remember, to anticipate, and make the journey again so that Jesus the Christ is reborn in us.

The Advent wreath, a circle of evergreens, reminds us that a never changing, everlasting, continuing God is the foundation of life. On that base we place five candles to remind us of the process leading to our celebration of Christmas.

November 30. Christmas is Hope. The first purple candle lighted stresses that Christmas is hope, the hope of the prophets when they said in Isaiah “Prepare in the wilderness a way for Yahweh, for a Son is to be born for us...” *you shall call Him wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace*” and wide is to be His dominion.

December 7. Christmas is Peace. The second purple candle lighted in preparation is called the candle of peace. It is the peace which the angels brought to the shepherds. “*Be not afraid*” they said. Jesus came to bring a peace where the lion would lie down with the lamb and an inner peace that comes when you can say “*Not my will but Thy Will, O God.*”

December 14. Christmas is Joy. The wreath shines brighter when the third week’s pink candle called the candle of joy, is lighted which stresses joy like the shepherds found as they heard the heavenly hosts praising God and singing. A joy that caused them to excitedly hurry to Bethlehem.

December 21. Christmas is for All. As the fourth week’s purple candle is lighted it reminds us that the wisemen were included in the celebration as a symbol that Jesus was not just for the Jews. The wisemen, Gentiles not of that land, were also instructed on how to find and honor the new baby. Their message, *Jesus is for all. whether small-big, rich-poor, or young-old.* How bright the light does shine now!

December 25. Christmas is Love. When Christmas day comes and the birthday of Jesus is celebrated, the biggest and purest white candle is lighted. It reminds us that *Jesus came as love* and the light is brightest when we truly light the candle of Christmas in our lives.

Christmas Gift to the Children, Staff and Community of Jabez.



The fencing project started early in the school year has been completed thanks to donations from the USA. This fence was necessary for safety reasons as motor bikes were speeding across the property as a shortcut. Safety is improved! What a wonderful early Christmas gift to the people of Jabez. Thank you donors!!!



A Christmas message from Rev. Jakes and Esther Voker, our Founders.

It's with a sense of deep gratitude to each of you with a humbled spirit before our expected and present Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, that I'm privileged to extend to each of you warm and sincere greetings on the heels of the world-wide celebration marking the Natal Day of the One whose birth not only changed the world, but also makes **"God's love"** more tangible, accessible and personal to all that may come to believe.

While on Earth, our Lord Jesus Christ clearly identified himself and defined His mission as *"One who came to give a Life that is rich and satisfying!"*. The Apostle Paul also reminds us that *"When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to save humanity, the world!"* Some may understand God's mission in these texts to be mostly about human spirituality, "Rescuing fallen and estranged humanity and unto salvation." However, let's remember that God's love and mission have always been and continues to be holistic! Therefore, God's mission includes providing for both the spiritual and the physical needs of all of humanity in and around the world! The scriptures are replete with stories of Jesus teaching, preaching as well as feeding the hungry, healing the sick and casting out demons from those who were possessed. Prior to His departure from the world, our Lord committed His ministry/mission of love and care of humanity to both His immediate and would be disciples. This is the sole foundation upon which Jabez Christian School was founded.

The Jabez Christian School's motto says it all: **"BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!"** Jabez is committed to reaching out and touching lives in the community in which it exists and in ways that help mold the mind, nurture, reshape and transform lives in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I gratefully acknowledge and reassure you that your decision to be a part of what God is doing through Jabez School's mission and ministry for and among one of the most vulnerable people was divinely driven. It is because of the selfless love and generosity of people like you that Christmas can commemorate God's redemptive love for humanity and can become a reality, not a mere tale! Again, I say thank you!! May your Christmas Season be filled with unexpected blessings in the Name of Jesus The Christ Child!!



Wishing you a Merrier Christmas, Rev. Jakes and Esther

The picture is of a **traditional Liberian Christmas celebration featuring Old Man Bayka who seeks gifts for himself.**