



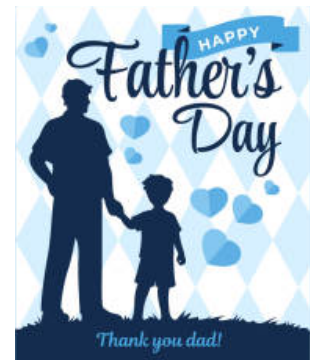
Jabez Elementary & Junior High School Gordodin LPRC Community Ganta City, Nimba-Liberia

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, 2026

As with Mother's Day, the origins of Father's Day can be traced back to the early 20th century. The story starts with a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd in Spokane, Washington, who was inspired by her widowed father.

It was not an official holiday in the USA until 1972. Liberia has followed the lead of the USA. By celebrating fathers, we raise awareness of the crucial role they play in raising healthy, happy, and well-adjusted kids. Father's Day strengthens the bond between dads and their children!



This Father's Day we salute Dads all over the world, and especially Rev. Jakes, the father of 7, grandfather of 19 plus many others who call him "Daddy". **Rev. Jakes, thanks for your love and care of so many children through your leadership in building Jabez School.**

Jabez ...

- ...is a **Christ-centered** school which operates with faith, reverence, humility and thankfulness.
- ...has a ministry and mission solely **based on faith** in God's Providence.
- ...holds staff and affiliates **accountable for showing reverence to God.**
- ...has a mission to serve with **Christ-like humility** those to whom God has sent.
- ...encourages **thankfulness to God** for its missional tasks & accomplishments.

From the news in Liberia we read, *"As the Liberian nation grapples with its painful history, it is crucial to recognize that healing requires a commitment to creating safe spaces for dialogue, reflection, and support."* The necessity for having a safe place for dialogue is one reason Jabez School was started. Children and teachers have a safe place in Jabez. And that space also gives them the ability to learn and grow to become what they are capable of becoming. One example you might remember is Wesley Baryou, the former student you met in the May issue of NN. *The thanks goes to you who pray, give, and serve Jabez. To God always goes the Glory.*

Excitement is in the air. The Board has just been informed that the oil palm farm has made good progress. Now we are beginning the preparation for an actual building where the equipment can be stored and where the caretaker will be housed. It will be called the farm house. **Here are pictures of the oil palm harvest which happened in mid-May.**



The first picture shows a staff person inspecting the harvested fresh fruit bunches that have been precisely cut from the oil palm tree. The cutting of the bunches is done in a way that allows for new fruit to continually produce throughout the year. *In the second picture* Rev. Jakes is checking out the fruit which will be smashed in order to break down the pulp cells to release the oil. This fruit will then be put into a mill. At this time, the fruit needs to be taken to a mill. *The third picture* shows some of the containers of oil. The oil produced this time was 8 tins plus a gallon. In this instance one tin, which is five gallons, was paid to the owner of the mill. When our mill is purchased, which is to happen very soon, we will be able to do all that work at Jabez.

Since the palm oil farm is located quite a distance from the school, the farm house will allow us to protect our investment of the mill and provide a place for the staff person who will oversee the farm. As with all investments this one has a direct relationship to the students as the farm land and planting of the trees was done as a long term investment as a means of generating income for financial security. In addition, the farm will give hands-on opportunities for students, especially those interested in farming.

So like the establishment of our Jabez Christian School Foundation Account, the Board and staff are looking for ways to help the school become more self-sustaining in the long run. You are a Value Owner. We love sharing this news with you as a Value Owner. A Value Owner, whether an individual or a group, is one who invests time, talent, treasure, prayer or credibility in this organization. When you send your donations, you have the opportunity to say you would prefer your funds to go to the Foundation, which is for long term investment, or for our immediate needs which include salaries and monies for everyday expenses.



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