

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, July, 2026.*



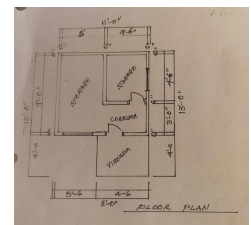
Congratulations to Mother Yah Vaye, Mother of the Year at Community Christian Church on the grounds of Jabez. She is a grandmother whose grandchildren are part of Jabez Christian School. The ceremony is a significant cultural ceremony designed to elevate women who have gone above and beyond to support their local congregation. Women are presented this title in local churches throughout Liberia to honor them for their work in the community. The women usually are presented a tiara and a sash in recognition of this honor and parishioners pin small ribbons of money on their clothes as well.

The tradition has gained heightened significance since the decades of civil war in Liberia. It was during these times, specifically, that women took on dual roles of breadwinner and caretaker, keeping families alive and communities together. The “Mother of the Year” title recognizes her ability to survive, her strength, and her continuous charity work.

Often the women who are given the title of “Mother of the Year” wear all white as a sign of their title, their moral character and Christian values.

The honoree, Mother Yah Vaye, at Community Christian Church was recently baptized into Community Christian Church fellowship. She was the first to make a donation after the congregation decided to build a sacred space. Her donation was 35 bricks (4” x 6”) for the new church building to be erected on the grounds of Jabez. Rev. Jakes shared that she is very enthusiastic about the new church building, as many are, and was seen the next day after the decision was made, pushing a wheelbarrow to help with preparation for the building. In this instance enthusiasm is a perfect word to use as enthusiasm originally meant God within us.

Welcome news: The long awaited building of the farm shed is now happening. The farm shed will be a simple storage unit with a veranda. (see drawing). The palm oil farm has started producing enough fruit that having our own shed and mill have become a priority. The proceeds from the production of palm oil will be used to do the “farming care” so production can continue.



Jabez is a Christ-centered school which operates with faith, reverence, humility and thankfulness. The students are asked to attend at least Sunday School or worship each week. Rev. Jakes is excited to announce that the non-denominational Community Christian Church which began worshipping on June 8th, 2024 in the school auditorium has decided that they are ready to build a sacred worship center on the grounds of Jabez Christian School. The ambitious group has in the last two years baptized over forty new believers.



The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026. Much of the material such as concrete bricks, cement, wood, and steel rods will be given “in kind” and are prayerfully expected. Services are held Wednesday and Friday plus regular Sunday worship services. This is so important in the life of Jabez and the students because Community Christian Church offers students, parents and staff the opportunity to learn and know God for themselves through Bible study learning, prayer and spiritual growth opportunities. The congregation is blessed with three

volunteer pastors: Rev. G. Nelson Tiawan, a retired UMC clergy and a Jabez teacher, Brother Who Garbie Sokpah, a Catholic lay pastor and Rev. Jakes. *If interested, please, mark your gift for Community Christian Church at Jabez School.*

We highlight Mother Esther, Esther Voker. Esther talks about the joy of being a Pastor’s wife. She says, “as Pastor’s wife, I’m always aware that I must be a good example of a Christian woman/wife among the people and community to which God has appointed my husband and our family to lead. I see myself as a co-worker alongside my husband in ministry.”



In Africa, especially in Liberia, pastors’ wives are often referred to as “Mother”. It is a sign of respect for the woman’s relationship with their “spiritual leader”, their pastor. When Esther was asked about being called “Mother” she replied, “I prayerfully take this title seriously and try as much as possible to conduct myself in ways that truly represent the characters of a Christian mother”. She makes herself accessible to all persons and groups that may need her service be it giving advice or helping meet a basic need. And Esther continued, “**I always pray that God would continue to bless the members of the Boards, the individuals and the churches that support Jabez.**”



Would you like to support Jabez in some way? We would appreciate your prayers, your thoughts, and your donations while we stand along side the children of all ages as they strive to reach their potential. Jabez is a 501(c)3 organization. Please make checks payable to Jabez Christian School and send to Jerry Andersen (Board Treasurer), 6420 W. Hwy G., Caledonia, WI 53108.

