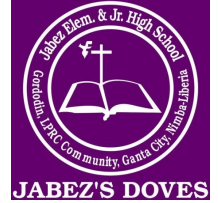




JABEZ NEWS



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A Message from Miss Jolieth

LOVE



Love is like an oak tree:
sturdy and noticeable.

Love is like a rock:
firm and smooth.



Love is like a gentle breeze:
stimulating and refreshing.

Love is like peaceful rain:
soothing and relaxing.



Love is like a butterfly:
beautiful and eye-catching.

Love is like sunflowers:
lasting and cheerful.



Love is like seashells on a beach.
When that special one is found

It is treasured.
Keep it in the box of your heart
That is where it will
stay forever.



*Jolieth McIntosh
2021*

**Exciting News!!
Our Web Page is up!
Please visit us at
<http://jabezschoo-lib.org>**

Jabez Elementary and High School
Gordoodin, LPRC Community, Gompa City
Nimba County, Liberia

Academic and Year End Report 2020/2021

Introduction

We are grateful and thankful to God, more over to the chairman and members of the international board for making financial donations to Jabez that enables us pay salaries and other expenses during our tenure as principal.

This is a comprehensive report marking the activities of the 2020/2021 academic year. This report covers the period from November 2, 2020 to August 6, 2021. It also constitutes administration, finance, student enrollment, instructional staff, agriculture program, purchases, other expenditures and academic statistics.

Administration

The school operates with the total of 20 staff, 17 of the staff are instructional. The Principal, Vice Principal, Dean of Students and Counselor are part of the instructional staff, three support staff making the total mentioned above. The administration was headed by J. Marshall Dolo as principal, assisted

by Pastor Abel Zewon, VPA/I Who is now acting principal, Mr. Jesco N. Gontee, Registrar/ BM, Rev. Nelson Tiawon, Dean of students and Mrs. Victoria Duogar, Counselor. Our administrative duties, we conduct periodic staff and PTA meetings to acquaint our staff and parents with the day to day activities of the school. We are also in cordial relationship with the education stakeholders of Bain-Garr and the county at large.



Finance

We started the academic year with \$3,075 USD and \$80,838.48LD in the school's account. We also generated through registration fees, tuitions and computer fees the amount of \$1,152,370LD. We also obtained \$10USD from a community member for electricity,. The grand total for brought forward and generated in Liberian dollars is \$1,233,208.48 and also grand total for brought forward, transferred and obtained for electricity is \$5,255.41USD.

The expended portion of the Liberian Dollars is \$1,227,932.08LD, balance is \$5,275.68. Also the expended portion of the USD is \$4,938.60, balance is \$316.81USD.

In order to acquaint yourself with the expenditure side of these amounts, we refer you to the monthly reports submitted by the business manager.

Salary

We would like to be appreciative and thankful to the chairman and members of the international board for the level of donations made for salary payment that enables us to complete the academic year in the wake of the COVID-19. We are thankful to all mighty God that none of our staffs and students were sick during the school year in this COVID-19 era.

Agriculture

As you are aware Agriculture is part of the academic program in the school, the instructor is Fredrick S. Gbardeh and assisted by P. Mark Voker on the practical level. The seedlings that were in nursery has all been transplanted on eight acres of land purchased as a demonstration site and the plants are growing well.



We even used students from the grade 9 class to fence individual seedlings so n grand hogs would not destroy them. This fencing done on the first six acres transplanted when Rev. Voker was in Liberia three months ago.

Scholarship Support

We would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to our overseas friends that are working alongside the chairman and members of the international board to provide quality education for our Liberian youths. We also thank them for supporting the scholarship program in the school. The program is really assisting needy students whose parents cannot afford to pay their tuition. We are grateful to God for their assistance.



Student Enrollment

The academic year 2020/2021 began with the total enrollment of 320 (three hundred twenty) students. Because of the new variance of Covid-19 and the one month closure of schools in

May, 30 students didn't return when we reopened in June. We ended the school year with 290 students which 260 successfully passed and 30 failed. During closing, the school promised families the first student one year free tuition and the second student one semester free tuition respectively.

Academic Activities

At the end of first semester, six (6) students received promotions to different classes respectively. Four (4) females and two (2) males, all of whom obtained the average of 85% and above.

Basic Computer

The computer program in the school is a life skills program added to the academic program for capacity building purposes. Presently, we have 24 desktop computers in our computer lab. We have transferred the computer lab to the office that the vice principal was occupying. With the help and approval of the International Board Chair, we purchased photocopy machines that can print, photocopy and scan. We thank the Chairman and the Board members for providing funds for the purchases of those materials.

Student Affairs:

During the period under review, we expelled four students, three females and one male for in disciplinary behaviors on the campus without regard for any authority in the school. The school was privileged to take part into inter-junior high school league that comprises both kickball and soccer games during first semester which the girls took first place and boys second place respectively.

Acknowledgement/conclusion

We would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the chairman and members of the international Board for their efforts in supporting the school. Special thanks to the education authorities in Bain-Garr and Nimba County. We also express the same to parents and guidance, partners, staff, and above all the students who through their cooperation we were able to end the school year. The year was very challenging with the slow payment of tuitions, however, we were able to end the year successfully. We thank God in a special way.

Thanks: The Administration

Pastor Abel Zewon, VPA/I



Other Accomplishments



Renovated hand pump on the well.

New front entrance gate



Notes from the Board of Directors USA Secretary

USA Board meeting highlights to share:

*The government has sent out a mandate saying all non -governmental schools must be “Incorporated and Insured.” The amount of \$400.00 USD was approved to facilitate the process. What that means and how it affects Jabez will be investigated. We are already registered, but continue to pay yearly operation fees.

*The Agriculture Program: The Oil Palm Farm is being well maintained and doing well. A new Agriculture Teacher has been named. The former teacher didn’t reapply for 2021/2022 Academic School year.

*Community Involvement: Families of students at the school are working toward strengthening their participation. The Local School Board and PTA are very involved and have very good working relationship with the school’s administration.

*Covid -19: According to the government, it is not much of a concern in Liberia, generally speaking in Africa. COVID in Liberia didn’t spread badly outside of Monrovia. Some possible reasons for the early containment are:

- a. The hot climate; and
- b. Many people have had Malaria and Typhoid vaccines in the past.



Why I give?

The answer is simple. I give because God first gave to me.

I give because the children are precious in His Sight and therefore in my sight.

And I give because I love being a part of something that helps children grow in body, mind, and spirit.

Vernita G.



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The GPS coordinates for the Jabez School and GUMC Mission House are:

Jabez School
(7.1982217,-8.9791855)

GUMC Guest House
(7.2334649,-8.9772242)

Type the coordinates into Google Maps

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Motto: Blessed to be a Blessing Genesis 12:2



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I bless you to be a blessing. Gen. 12:2



Jabez Elementary and Junior High School and Trauma Counseling Center

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