



# JABEZ NEWS



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## THE AIRPLANE

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Like a huge confident  
bird in the sky.

Like a giant dependable  
eagle you fly.

From sunny lands to those with snow,  
For Christmas celebrations and  
wherever we want to go.

Big and small luggage in your trunk,  
clothes, books, food and even junk.

Some passengers prefer to sleep,  
while others stare in thoughts deep.

Often to the restroom some have to go  
to be sure not to make a mess below.

Airplane, in your body we sit nervous-  
ly and hope,

Some stomachs are like knotted ropes.

Some people read the bible and pray,  
we all wish to see another day.

Family or friends at the airport stand  
as you descend upon the land.

Airplane, how incredibly awesome you  
are,

You are like a magnificent star.

Dear Friends of Jabez Ministries,

Easter Greetings in the name of our lord and Savior, "The RISEN CHRIST!" Let us join our hearts and minds with the Angelic Chorus to sing "He is Risen indeed!" (Matthew 28: 6; Luke 24: 34).

Lest we forget that when the news of our Lord and Savior resurrection broke up, it met and impacted a cross-section of peoples and tribes at diverse and different points of their needs in both this life in this world and the next! For the first century disciples, as possibly for some of today's church-goers, the news of the Lord's rising engendered a scene of bewilderment, but eventually offered them **HOPE!**

The Resurrection Hope is the true essence of our faith journey as believers. This Hope is available to all persons in all of life's circumstances, and extends beyond time and space. In 1974 William J. Gaither and his spouse-Gloria, wrote a Gospel Song known as "Because He Lives." The song presents a message of God's justifying grace and pardon leading to new life made possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hymn is one of the most popular hymns sung in all United Methodist Churches. Indeed, Christ's resurrection brings hope to every human being and in all circumstances of life. Hope, for the sick, health and healing; the blind, restoration of sight; the brokenhearted, consolation and peace; the poor, hungry and needy, God's miraculous provisions.



This Hope, "Because He Lives," has been extended to the students, teachers, support staff, parents of Jabez School and Post-Trauma Counseling Center as well as the entire Gompa City Community and its environ in many shapes and forms. The most recent hope actualized is the completion of an auditorium with three additional classrooms at a cost of fifty four thousand United States dollars (\$54, 000.000) in a very gloomy economy. This would not have been possible had Jesus Christ not Risen to gather believers like each of you, that are faithful and committed to living out His compassionate life in their daily lives. To God be the glory for the great things he is accomplishing through you and me. Thank you for your willingness to serve as channels of God's unconditional love and care toward our needy neighbors on the other side of His global village.

As you might be aware, from Thursday 25th April through Wednesday May 21,2019 Esther and I will be in Liberia, visiting Jabez School, family and friends. During our visit, a dedication ceremony for both the Peace Hut and the New Auditorium will be held.

**We look forward to a great celebration!**



Finally, let's continue to be the beautiful rising Sun and bright stars of our Risen Lord, for we are "Blessed to Be a Blessing" for the transformation of lives in His name!

Happy Easter,  
Rev. Jakes Voker,  
Chair-Jabez School's Board of Directors



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**A side note.**

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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## A Summary of the March Board of Directors Meeting

The Jabez School is built on the knowledge that we, as individuals and as a Board, are blessed to be a blessing. Those blessings come because God is the owner and giver of all.

Board members took on the privilege of being a partner to each of the people who have become Supporting Board members. Our prayer is that more people will be interested in becoming a Supporting Board Member. One who can't make Board meetings but is willing to work in areas that do not require attendance.

For the first time we will have an annual meeting which will be held on August 17 at Sherman Avenue UMC in Madison from 9 am-3 pm. We are looking forward to a time of retelling our history and looking ahead to a variety of ways that we can serve God and the people of Jabez School. Invites will go out to all people who receive the newsletter and anyone else we meet. All and anyone are invited.

At the February meeting the Board was updated and discussed the following:

1. The building of a web page, which is under construction.
2. The final report on the completed construction of the auditorium and 3 classrooms at a cost of about \$54,000
3. The addition of needed electricity to the buildings at a cost of about \$900
4. The development of a 3-year business plan by the school administration
5. The need for cargo containers which is a more economical way of shipping to Liberia
6. The available information on a food program for Jabez School with great possibilities
7. The guide for offering scholarships





## The Accounting System

The purpose of an accounting system is to provide accurate and timely financial information to an organization's management. The information is presented in the form of reports. The most common reports are the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement. Other reports might be Budgets, Forecasting Reports, Cash Flow, and special reports as requested by management.

Before going any farther, let us talk about numbers, since most of the reports are mostly numbers. Numbers alone mean nothing. They need a title or a name. Even with a name they quite often still do not mean much. For example, here is a number: 15. What does that mean? If we add titles to the number, 15 students, it takes on some meaning. But even then, the term 15 students does not mean much unless we have more information, like 15 students in a class, or in a school. Here is another number, 256. Alone it doesn't mean much. How about 256 pounds? That still doesn't mean much. How about a 256 pound pig? Most of us can visualize that as an adult pig. In financial reporting, most often the numbers are compared with the numbers representing the same thing the previous year at the comparative date. Here is just one example: 15 students started the 7th grade this year compared to 12 students starting the 7th grade last year. Now we can see there are

more 7th graders starting this year than started last year.

Now let us look at accuracy of the information. Several procedures are built into the system where the work of one is automatically checked by the work of another. The bank statement must be reconciled to the cash book balance on the records to make sure they agree. All checks must be signed by two people. No check should be written without the expense being approved by a responsible person. All cash disbursements must be evidenced by the person's signature who received the money. These little steps within a system are called internal control procedures. They not only assure accuracy they also are a safeguard over the assets of the organization. These procedures vary depending on the size and nature of the organization.

Now let us look at timeliness. Weeks old information does not help to make a decision for an event tomorrow. Yes, there was enough cash to cover today's expenses three weeks ago, but what about today? If there was a Food Program, the number of students for today would be necessary, not the number of students last month. The most common reports are the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement.



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The Balance Sheet reports the assets and liability accounts of the organization as of a point in time. The Income and Expense Statement is for a period of time. Interim reports may be on a monthly, quarterly or some other period of time and the assets are reported as of the end of the interim period. An organization that reports on a monthly and year end basis usually reports the current month (or quarter) and current year-to-date amounts. Organizations do not always use the calendar year for their annual reporting period. They use a fiscal year. The fiscal year is usually more in keeping with the business cycle of the organization. Jabez School uses 7/1 to 6/30 as their fiscal year because it is more like the school year.



Here is one more point that makes the reports more reliable. Most accounting is done in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Companies listed on the stock exchanges must be audited by a Certified Public Accounting Firm in order to be listed on the exchange. Jabez is not a public company and is not required to be audited. However the same principals are being followed.

**Donations to support any of the Jabez Projects funds can be made by sending the filled out coupon and a check to the address on the coupon.**

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



**Jabez Elementary and Junior High School and Trauma Counseling Center**

Contributions for:	Restricted:
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: SAUMC/Jabez School

Mail to: Ed McDonald, 1918 Gulseth St., Madison, WI 53704

**Unused restricted contributions not used within two years may be used for the General Fund.**