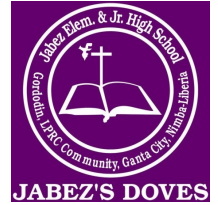




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A Message from Miss Jolieth
CHILDREN STAND UP AND SHINE

Children, when bullies laugh at you and call you mean names, stand up and SHINE.

Do not let them trample on your self-esteem:

That will give the bullies their power and you will have no confidence.

Children, be aware of your talent. It could be reading, drawing, cooking or gardening.

Each one has a talent.

Use what you are good at to find your inner strength.

Share your talent to bring joy to others.

Be proud of the special person you are.

When bullies laugh at you and call you mean names, do not fight and do not cry but look them in their eyes.



Hold your head erect. Stand up and SHINE in confidence. Walk on the road of peace and SHINE.

Jolieth McIntosh

Exciting News!!

Our Web Page is up!

Please visit us at

<http://jabezschool-lib.org>

!Dear Family and Friends of Jabez School, Merry Christmas and a very blessed 2023 greetings to you on behalf of Jabez Christian School/Post-Trauma Counselling Center in name of our Lord and Savior of the world, Jesus, "The Christ-child. I prayerfully hope the love, peace and joy that accompanied the arrival of God's anointed Messiah would reignite your faith as we prepare for his glorious return.

As we come to the close of another year, permit me to high light some of our successes, challenges and future plans in light of Post COVID-19 New Normal life -2023.

SUCSESSES: Generally, the 2021/2022 School Year was a huge success and following are the highlights:

1st. STAFF- The School's Academic activities began August 1, 2021 through July 30, 2022 with twenty-one teachers and support staff. The salaries of all the staff were paid from both local and oversea donations. The BODs approved and granted the School Administration's request for a twelve and a half percent merit-based increment in the salaries of deserving staff



members effective 2022/2023. Thanks for your continuous support.

2nd. ENROLLMENT- A total of two hundred-eighty enrolled at the beginning and two hundred thirty-two by the year's end. Reasons for the students not completing the year included dropped out, failure to make the desired grade points for promotion as well as most of the parents' inability to pay their children's fees. As minimum as Jabez School's tuitions and fees are set, most of the parents just cannot afford. As unfortunate as this is, the administration needs funds in order to operate the school. Therefore, additional funds are needed. Donations to the scholarship, work-grant and sponsorship programs in order to help prevent desired students from dropping out.

3rd. INCORPORATIONS STATUS- Jabez Christian School and Post-Trauma Counseling Center received 501C3 Status from the Internal Revenue (IRS) on Thursday 30th August 2022, followed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Certificate of Sale and Use Tax Exempt issued on Thursday 13th October 2022 to legally operate as an organization in the State. Additionally, the Government of the Republic of Liberia has also Incorporated and granted Jabez School the Legal right to operate as

a Non- Profit Organization. In the past years, Jabez School has been operating under the gracious umbrella of Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church, Madison, Wisconsin. As of now, we now have the legal right to operate as an independent organization that can receive donations/gifts and issues tax deductible credits to our donors. However, we prayerfully hope to keep working with Sherman Avenue and other congregations that have been receiving donations on behalf of Jabez school to continue doing so, especially from their members. Many thanks to everyone, especially members of the Jabez School's Board of Directors, for the wonderful and tireless efforts, and to God be the glory.

4. Other Hallelujah Moments of the 2021/2022 School Year include a well-maintained Oil Palm farm, replacement of six plywood doors destroyed by termites with new panel doors; the purchase of five additional Desktop Computers for the program. Thanks all whose gifts of funds, services, and others continues to make things happen, and to God be the glory.

Turning now to the 2022/2023 School Year:

As most of you might be aware, the current school year began Wednesday 5th, October 2022 and will run for the next nine months. Regular classes continue to be held from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each weekday with twenty-three teachers and support staff. On the pages herein are some photos of the daily activities involving teachers/staff and students on campus.

Unfortunately, enrollment has been very slow

compared to previous years due to the current economic and food crises. Enrollment at this is estimated at about one hundred thirty- eight. Your prayers are highly appreciated for the families of students not only at Jabez School, but also for the entire country of Liberia. Life is getting harder by the day!

CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES:

The need to help students stay in school to the end of year is a serious concern. Let's not forget that low enrollments run counter to our values and desired goal.

Meal Program for the students and staff. Majority of the Children come to school without having any breakfast at home. We need to accelerate efforts at getting the Feeding Program started.

Finance- the success of all of the needs mentioned hangs squarely on having the requisite amount of funding. So, as your heart is moved and would like to make a contribution, please direct same the Mr. Jerry Andersen – treasurer for a tax-credit.

Finally, I would like to extend sincere thanks and deep appreciations to all of you for choosing to faithfully direct your generous support toward sustaining the Ministry and Mission of Jabez School. May God continues to bless you all with good healthy and increased resources as we together serve him through services to his most vulnerable children, our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ on the side of the global village. May your Christmas be filled with love, Joy and peace in the name of the Emmanuel!

Belated Merry Christmas and a very Blessed 2023.

Rev. Jakes Voker

The Palm Tree Farm



A huge thank you to Sherman Ave. United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist church for their continuing and generous financial and in-kind support of Jabez School.



The Faculty and Staff of the 2022-2023 School Year wishes all of the Patrons of Jabez School a very Happy New Year.

Student Interclass Soccer League 2022-2023



Above– Students and Staff at Weekly Chapel Service



Left-Students and Staff Daily Devotions before class.



Highlights of the U.S. Board Meeting November 2022

The November meeting brought discussion of several points to make Jabez School stronger. The first concerned the financial reports. As changes take place in the school some of the categories have been updated. We thank Jerry for his work in this area. The need for the board to keep educating others as to the importance and the excitement of the activities at the school was another topic. The Board USA will be encouraging the teachers and children to share their poems, pictures, stories etc. which then can be shared in the newsletters. Rev. Jakes says he receives so many comments of thanks and praise when he visits in person. Our hope is to share that with our donors.

The Palm Oil Farm is doing well. A fence to help keep animals out has been added and continual weeding is being done. It is still two or three years until the Palm Trees will begin producing fruits.

The work being done to classify Jabez as a 501 (c3) is finished in the US. The non-profit designation in Liberia will be finalized before the end of the month. Becoming a 501 (c3) in the United States is essential for some of the grants that are available to us. In the past we were a program under Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church who is a 501 (c3). We are still very connected with Sherman Avenue and gifts can still be given through them to Jabez. Sherman Avenue has been a wonderful co-worker with us.

Work being done at the school in preparation for another year of school was the purchasing of 50 more armchairs, 5 additional desktop computers, and have replaced six of the plywood doors which were damaged by termites with panel doors.. Our next meeting is in March 2023 and anyone having questions for the Board or about the Jabez School are welcome to call any of the Board Members who can bring the questions to the next meeting.

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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*



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

Donors, We are now a 501(c3) Now that we are a 501(c3) organization, a tax exempt organization, the treasurer can now directly receive donations of money. To send donations directly to our treasurer, Jerry Anderson. His mailing address is 1940 Taylor. Racine, WI 53403. He will send you a letter to use for tax purposes saying you received no gifts or services in exchange for the monies given.

Please make checks payable to **Jabez Christian School**. Your gifts allow Jabez to serve the children of the area with an education and a way of life that will bring each child closer to God and closer to his potential.

The Jabez Board of Directors USA, the children, teachers, and workers at Jabez, the administration, and the local school board all send their individual and collective "THANKS" and "BLESSING"