



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, December, 2024.

The Water Tower has been erected and is currently pumping a cleaner source of water for the school as well as for the community! This Christmas gift has been the major development focus for the last several months since the original well, dug in 2014, became problematic over the years. It also did not have the capacity to serve both the school and the community. The public health benefits of clean water are widely known, and our goal was to reduce the incidences of the spread of waterborne diseases. Now water from the tower is piped into essential areas of the school campus, improving the quality of life, education, and even academic development.

Rev. Jakes shared the joy of the installation of the water tower with the following photos. There's a 1000 gallon poly tank which was raised by volunteers without using a crane! The dream unfolds. Mission accomplished in the Powerful Name of Jesus Christ, and to Him be the glory!

Rev. Jakes concluded his last email with the following words: As usual, thanks for your prayers and commitment to funding this and other essential projects here at Jabez Christian School.



Liberia has an abundance of water resources including rivers and rain. In fact it is one of the wettest countries in the world; however, a significant portion of the population still lacks access to truly "clean" and safely managed water due to infrastructure limitations.

*Jabez Elementary and Junior High School and Trauma Counseling Center was envisioned and born out of the historical events that impacted the lives of me and my family.” **Jabez history continues with Chapter 2.***

As the extremely violent Civil War in Liberia continued, Rev. Jakes was blessed by being able to come to the US to study, and his family eventually followed. As they discerned how to share and continue the blessing they were given, the response became clear. It was to alleviate at least some of the human suffering in one of the poorest countries in the world. They dreamt of “a Christ-centered education and trauma counseling ministry.” In November of 2006, Rev. and Mrs. Voker purchased 6 lots of land in their hometown of Ganta City. In 2009 a ground breaking ceremony was held for the building of 8 classrooms, a small auditorium, a mini-library, two offices, a half-bathroom, and a teacher’s lounge. Congregations and individuals were committed to sharing that dream.

Rev. Jakes and his family wanted to establish a school that was stable, consistent, Christ-filled, and an ongoing resource for the community. A group of people who shared that goal met to develop biblically based and Christ-centered Foundational Statements that were to become the basis for the vision, mission, targets and milestones for the implementation of Jabez School. A USA Board of Directors was established to provide strategic direction, and Liberia-based Parent Groups were established to guide the day-to-day work of the school.

Desktop computers are needed. Jabez has set up a computer lab and the appropriate electrical current has now been installed. At the present time the four computers are not enough for the students who could benefit from their use. If you have a desktop computer you are not using, send a return note to the email/address from which this newsletter was sent with your name and address and what computer you have and we will contact you to see if it could be used by Jabez. Thank you for thinking about Jabez.

An angel appeared to the shepherds at Jesus’ birth



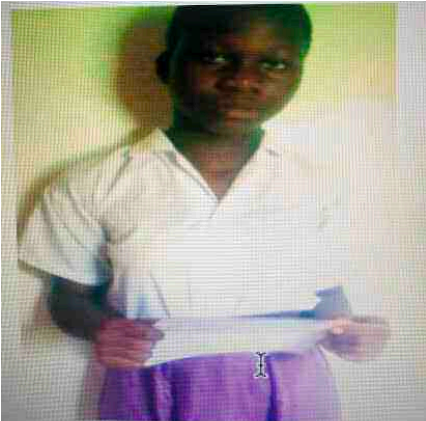
God chose the shepherds to be the first to hear of Jesus’ birth. Perhaps because of their simplicity and humility, they were uniquely equipped to take the glorious information into Bethlehem, find the manger and worship the baby. Perhaps because shepherds had a lonely, solitary job, they often watched the stars. Maybe they were aware of the subtle changes in the sky that others would not see. Perhaps because they were not filled with their own importance, not caught up in their busy lives, they were free to notice the heavenly host and able to respond to the glorious news that Jesus Christ is born.

Merry Christmas from the Jabez Board USA.

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SPECIAL FEATURE



Hello, I am student Abegail Makargen. I am a 7th Grade student of Jabez Christian Elementary & Junior High School in Ganta, Liberia. My greetings go to all who would read this article. In this article, I highlight on “Christmas”, “Its Importance” and “The way it is celebrated in Liberia”.

Christmas is a yearly holiday observed on December 25 each year to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. The term “Christmas” came from the word “Christ mass” reminding us about Christian origin. We the Christian view it as a religious holiday while non-Christians also celebrate it in their worldly understanding, focusing on joy, peace and goodwill.

IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

- I. To remember the time Jesus Christ was born.
- II. To Promote Love for Christ and Strengthen Family togetherness and love.
- III. To Encourage blessings and personal growth among us.

MAJOR WAYS PEOPLE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN LIBERIA

- I. Some people attend church services to remember Jesus’ birth.
- II. Some family sell rubber and buy their children Christmas clothes and feet wear for Christmas celebration while other families who do not have any thing can sadly go to their village or farm.
- III. Traditional activities such as beka or Gio devil mask can dance in the community while other people play music, taking Christmas to be a day of joy, enjoyment and freedom when people feel that when something happens to you nothing comes out of it.
- IV. In the city, people go to night club until wee wee hour or late hour showing happiness and freedom. Motorcyclists ride and run any kind of way they feel. However, other people Neglect Family Time, focusing on parties or drunkenness outside the family without knowing the importance of family gathering during Christmas. As a result, some adults and children can lose in the process.

Nativity set hand-crafted in Liberia

