



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 2025.

**This issue celebrates the first anniversary of Jabez Newsworthy Notes
sharing the dreams, the stories, the difficulties and the triumphs of
Jabez Christian School in Liberia.**

Celebrating a year of reporting on the news with Jabez Newsworthy Notes finds us progressing in several key areas. In keeping the school safe we have completed 80% of the fence that encircles the campus and some courtyard renovation which helps with drainage especially during the rainy season. Buildings have been painted and revitalized. We have installed a water tower which not only serves the school but the community as well. And speaking of community we have expanded the opportunity for community members to take tailoring classes for a very nominal fee and have welcomed the Community Christian Church into our facilities for the second year. This has given our students, plus the community, a place to gather for Christian worship and study which supports our goal to offer Christ-like examples of Christian living and serving.



One building has updated electric power and added computers and sewing machines for better teaching aids. Our 9th graders came up on top at a local academic contest and students have successfully achieved moving on to their next grade at school. Financially the fees, tuition and gifts have been adequate to keep up with costs.

Jabez has suffered some setbacks with the loss of several teachers and a principal. The excitement of being a site for the World Food Bank was short-lived as the local agency has not followed through. Now the government, in order to participate, requires that our private elementary school transition to a government school. We declined and will make a nutrition program one of our priorities. Hiring replacement staff is also high on our list.

We have felt God's love and presence each and every step of the way. Two students this year have added to the news in Newsworthy Notes and we look forward to hearing from more in this coming year. We are most thankful for the guidance and leadership of Rev. Jakes and Esther as they moved back to Liberia to rigorously be in service to Jabez Christian School.



Tailoring class completes their projects. I can see on the faces of the 8th graders their feeling of accomplishment as they show off their tailoring projects just completed.



Each of the students brought in a yard or more of fabric. They learned to change the material into a shirt or skirt. They learned to use the sewing machines, to measure, to be precise, to plan and to find joy in completing a project...of being successful. They learned by books and by doing, a skill which they will use for the rest of their lives. One student might even decide this is a way to make a living.

We heard from Abigail, in her interview with Carol of the Bd of Directors last month, that she values the skills taught in the tailoring program where she learned to sew and has visions of later earning money by sewing to fund her college education. She also participated in the palm oil farm work and the computer classes.

As Abigail leaves Jabez to attend high school she said she will think back on the opportunities she had. She loves sports especially kickball where she was the girl's team captain. They played other teams from Ganta City and have a winning record! As she chatted about the future, she talked of her next big challenge of being able to attend an academically strong high school to become a doctor or a lawyer. Transportation will be an immediate hurdle. Abigail's academic future and her dreams will be an uphill climb. In Liberia, only 38% of the children of secondary school age are enrolled in high school. And of these, the graduation rate for girls is 11% and for boys is 10%. As for tertiary education, only 2% of Liberians older than 25 have completed degrees at this level. Poverty and lack of financial resources are significant factors.



We wish you well, Abigail, and our prayers are with you. We thank you for your contribution to Newsworthy Notes and Jabez School.

Saturday, July 5th was the big day for students as Jabez School's kindergarteners graduated and the 6th & 9th graders were honored for completing the National Exams. The very large crowd in attendance included parents, local government officials and members of our diverse communities. *Rev. Jakes exclaimed. "It was a great day. Thanks be to God!"*



To touch the lives of these children, mail donations made payable to Jabez Christian School to: Jerry Andersen (Board Treasurer) 6420 W. Hwy G, Caledonia. WI. 53108. *Thanks!*

