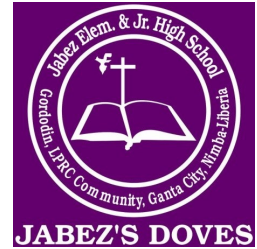




# JABEZ NEWS



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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 them their power and you will have no confidence.**

**Children, be aware of your talent. If good at reading, drawing, cooking, gardening and other things, use whatever abilities you have 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; Hold your head up!**

**Stand up and SHINE!**

**Walk on the road of confidence and SHINE.**

Jolieth McIntosh / 07.22.2017

**Exciting News!!**

**Our Web Page is up!**

**Please visit us at**

**<http://jabezschool-lib.org>**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JABEZ SCHOOL'S LIFE IN THE FACE OF COVID -19

Family and Friends of Jabez school, Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ in whose mission field we were called serve. I prayerfully hope this note finds you, your beloved families, relatives and friends in safe and healthy condition in these uncertain and challenging times. I invite each of you to take courage in the words of the Psalmist: **"Crying lasts for a night, but joy comes in the morning!"** (Psalm 30: 5b). In other words, COVID-19 and its associated threats and dangers are here now; but, they will become a part of all of our stories. Let us not despair and be anxious, but remain prayerfully hopeful. The Lord Almighty will surely intervene and see us through!

Almost six months ago first case of COVID-19 was discovered in Monrovia, Liberia. Some of you might be wondering about the latest activities at Jabez School. Following are highlights of events and activities unfolding at Jabez School, and all schools in Liberia:

Since April 2020, all activities at Jabez School have been shut down in compliance with the government's mandate to slow and eventually get rid of COVID-19. The Board of Directors decided to maintain a skeleton staff that comprises of the Principal, Vice-Principal, Business Manager, two Agriculture Project Technicians and the security staff. The skeleton staff maintains a daily presence on the campus and responds to any essential administrative issues that may arise. Prior to shutting down activities at the school in April each staff member was given one-months' salary and a 25kg bag of rice.



The Agriculture Project (oil palm nursery) is one of the essential programs that remains active on Jabez Campus. The nursery is now six months old. It takes twelve months for the trees to mature sufficiently for transplanting. The two technicians continue to provide the needed care. Here is a current photo of the oil palm nursery.



Ten of the fifty sewing machines donated by the “Brothers’ Company” were packaged in 24’ X 18” U-Haul wall-draw Boxes and shipped to Jabez School in March 2020. They all arrived safely and awaiting further directives from the board.



The Board of Directors were not able to meet in person since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rev. Jakes and First Racine UMC organized a ZOOM meeting and the Board of Directors held its first “Face to Face” meeting on Friday, July 29th. In addition to the blessings of seeing and hearing each other, the Board reviewed and affirmed past decisions regarding the purchase of ten laptops, one hundred arm-chairs, as well as preparation for the school’s long awaited feeding program. In summary, we accomplished a lot, as usual!

Jabez School is scheduled to reopen on August 10th based on the Liberian Government’s mandate! It has always been a blessing for us to help prepare the young future leaders of our society and the world. More than eighty percent (80%) of the students in the country of Liberia depend on overseas support, specifically U.S sponsors, to continue in school. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic Jabez enrolled 187 students. More than 30 students needed complete financial support to stay in school. Many more needed at least partial financial support. All of you made this support possible. We know the economic toll the pandemic has caused in the United States. Imagine the devastation it has caused in Liberia. Pre-COVID, Liberia already had an estimated 0.02 GDP, 40% unemployment rate, and an 58% illiteracy rate. To say the people are living in abject poverty is an understatement! Therefore, we anticipate a hundred percent (100%) financial support will be needed for all current and prospective students at Jabez in order be able to stay in school.

In conclusion, lest we forget that our motto: **“BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!”** This motto compels us to never deny or turn away any child who desires to enroll at the school. Remember, we are on a mission to touch, nurture and transform lives for the future, one child at a time, in the name of Jesus Christ. A donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) helps keep a child in school for the whole year! This will also support the new feeding program. My friends, together we have been doing this for the last six years! So, with the Lord’s continuous blessings, I have no doubts that we can do it even now, and will continue to do so into the future, all to the glory and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Look at these beautiful faces of potential Christian men and women that will be leaders of our society and world! We cannot afford to let this opportunity pass us by! Let us not be weary of being God’s agents of transformation. Until then, may we stay prayerful, safe, and healthy in Jesus’ name.

Blessings, Rev. Jakes Voker,  
Proprietor/Chair– Jabez School’s Board of Directors



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## Palm Oil Farms (source unknown)

The oil palm is native to West Africa, but it was in Southeast Asia that vast plantations first came to dominate landscapes. More than 40 countries produce palm oil. In Africa, Nigeria is the top producer. India and China are the top importers worldwide.

Oil palm is something of a wonder crop. It yields 4-10 times more oil per hectare than other sources of vegetable oil such as soybeans or coconut palms. This makes it an efficient and profitable use of land. The economic value of palm oil translates into jobs, infrastructure and tax revenues. Palm oil could play a big role in reducing poverty—if done right,

Demand for palm oil is set to triple from 2015 levels by 2050 with much of the growth coming from markets with low sustainability requirements.

Semi-solid at room temperature, palm oil and palm kernel oil are among the world's most versatile raw materials. Their functional product properties remain one of the main drivers behind the rise in demand for palm oil since the 1980s.

Crude palm oil is also known as red palm oil. The orange color is due to the high beta carotene content. Western markets refine, bleach and deodorize crude palm oil, removing the beta carotene color and flavor.

Palm oil and palm kernel oil based ingredients are found in approximately 50% of products on supermarket shelves, including food and non food items. Palm oil in many countries is used as a simple frying oil, but many other markets make use of both palm and palm kernel oil. Those markets are:

- Consumer retail food and snack manufacturers
- Personal care and cosmetics (mainly palm kernel oil)
- Biofuel and energy
- Animal feed (palm kernel expeller)
- Pharmaceutical
- Industrial
- Foodservice/service industry

Palm kernel and palm oil uses are widely varied because they can be processed and blended to produce a vast range of products with different characteristics.



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*Motto: Blessed to be a Blessing Genesis 12:2*



Donations to support Jabez Elementary and Junior High School 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**



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