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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



BIG NEWS this month was our first ever Ebenezer Kazungula graduation! We are so proud of our 20 Ebenezer pioneers who have completed their first year of Ebenezer. Of the 20 Intermediate graduates, 11 are remaining with us for another year to complete our Advanced Course.



Our first year graduation was a joyful and celebratory event. It was fantastic to be joined by the families of apprentices as well as friends of Ebenezer to mark the occasion. As well as much singing and dancing, our apprentices appreciated encouraging and challenging words from our Guest of Honour, Dr. Mwila, and a great feast prepared by our Kitchen Team.



In the lead up to graduation, we started a new Ebenezer tradition of planting a fruit tree in honour of each graduate. As well as a nice way to mark the completion of their course and a prayer that our graduates would continue to be fruitful in all areas of their lives, these trees are also a great legacy for our first graduates to leave apprentices yet to come, who will enjoy their fruits!



Another bit of great news in November was the arrival of Ackim Musonda to join the Ebenezer team as our Production Team Lead. Ackim has thrown himself into his role and we are so pleased to have him on the team.

Family Nights have continued to be a great time of fun and fellowship as staff and apprentices have gathered together to play games, enjoy good food and participate in fun activities such as creating their own Family banners - check out the Orange Family's creative skills!

PRODUCTION

10 apprentices closed 4 batches of broilers in November. They sent a total of 37,155 kg of meat to the abattoir.

We are still not managing to hit the target weights for our broilers which has been disappointing for everyone concerned. Our team are working hard to identify causes and rectify them at the same time as encouraging our apprentices to feed feed feed their birds!

With graduation and a resulting reduction in apprentice numbers on site, we are placing less broiler batches. In November, eight apprentices between them placed 3 batches totalling approximately 15,000 birds.

Apprentices are continuing to enjoy getting stuck in at the Ebenezer layer house! We now have a team of 5 apprentices managing just under 8,000 birds. They've made a great start to their time in the layer house and have been gaining a lot of experience. The house manager, Alex, says the team have been extremely hard-working and punctual and that they have completed all their tasks on time and to standard!

We are still harvesting tomatoes and finding small markets for them in town and in the local community. Some apprentices have been gaining experience with the cropping team and we look forward to extending this opportunity in 2022 as we make plans to open up more land for cropping.

We are also working to establish a kitchen garden in which we can grow vegetables. This will not only reduce our kitchen costs but also provide a nutritious and tasty diet for our apprentices and staff.

