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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



With our graduation happening at the end of November, 11 graduates have remained at Ebenezer to embark on our Advanced Course! It has been an adjustment for them having said good bye to their 9 class mates who have gone on to other things but they are excited to now be second years!



We took a break from lessons throughout December so that both staff and apprentices could take the opportunity for some time off to visit friends and family over the festive season. Apprentices have enjoyed time at home and most have now returned with refreshed energy and vigour for the year ahead!



We had a wonderful Christmas celebration at Ebenezer for all the staff and apprentices who had remained on site to keep the farming running. We were delighted to be joined by two local headmen and their wives for Christmas lunch.



Like the rest of the world, we too have been hit recently with the COVID virus passing through our community. Fortunately, we have had no serious sickness but we have suffered many staff and apprentice absences as a result. The Ebenezer family has done a great job of pulling together to ensure production has continued despite these challenges.

We are continuing to network with local churches and communities as we further establish Ebenezer in Kazungula. We were glad earlier in the month to welcome visitors from Livingstone Community Church who came to see the work we are doing, and it was a pleasure to show them around Ebenezer.

PRODUCTION

With less apprentices on site, we have reduced the number of broilers that we are farming. In December, we placed two batches of approximately 4000 birds.

With the ongoing struggle we have faced to attain good weights with our birds, we have reduced our batch sizes by 1000 birds in these warmer months. We are hoping to see a benefit from this adjustment with these latest batches.

In December we also closed 3 batches of broilers. We are waiting for results to see how the batches did in terms of weights and FCR.

Our apprentices have continued to enjoy being involved in layer production throughout December. The birds have been hitting lay-rates of 89% which is just under industry standards.

We are continuing work to extend and develop our cropping area and to thus provide more cropping experience for our apprentices. In the New Year all apprentices will be assigned to cropping for a few hours each week, alongside their poultry duties. We are looking forward to offering this extension in training as well as increasing our cropping production to both enjoy on site and market to local communities!

