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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



This month we welcomed a new staff member to Ebenezer. We are delighted to have Moses Phiri on the team along with his wife, Makola, and two children. Moses started his time with us by heading straight to Ebenezer Zimbabwe where he immersed himself in the life and culture of Ebenezer, particularly gaining an understanding of how training works.



In January we also welcomed a large group of overseas visitors who are excited about the work of Ebenezer and have been praying for us! We enjoyed sharing with them and showing them recent developments at Ebenezer. A highlight was having them at one of the church services currently being hosted at Ebenezer, where some of our apprentices shared some encouraging testimonies.



With the new year having begun, our second year apprentices have got stuck back into lessons and are showing a lot of enthusiasm and energy for all they are learning! We have been having some great discussions in our Bible lessons as we work through the book of Ephesians. In Agriculture and Business lessons we have been enjoying focusing on Layers and have been learning a lot about farming layers both agriculturally and as an efficient and productive business!



Communication classes have also been a lot of fun as apprentices have been undertaking a crop research project where they have been using communication skills such as interviews, email writing, and reporting to find out about new crops.

We are grateful for some good rains in the last few weeks which have seen our site turn green and our local dams begin to fill.

PRODUCTION

As we await the arrival of new apprentices at the end of February, we were still a reduced number on site this month. Our 4 second year ladies are enjoying managing two houses together and they have been working hard this month to keep their two batches growing.

Four of our second year male apprentices have also been managing two houses together, with birds placed in mid-January. We are continuing to face an ongoing challenge with bird weights and these apprentices have been struggling to get their birds to hit target weights.

The four remaining apprentices have been working in our layer house where they have been achieving a good lay-rate of 90.4%. We are working to increase the skills training that our apprentices are getting in the layer house as we begin to implement our skills matrix with them.

Our cropping section has come on hugely in the last month which has been really exciting for everyone at Ebenezer. We are growing maize, okra, cabbage and carrots with each apprentices scheduled to spend a few hours in the fields each week. Apprentices are loving the experience they are gaining and we are all enjoying the produce we have been harvesting!

