

MAY 2022



EBENEZER MATOBO

NEWS



As is the case every May, big news this month was our Selection Camps! With 2 camps held over 5 days, we welcomed almost 100 candidates to Ebenezer for a taste of Ebenezer life as well as interviews, team building challenges and a lot of fun and games along the way. At the end of the week we made our difficult selections and have since offered places to 61 new apprentices to join us in July.



As we continue to build strong ties with Ebenezer Kazungula in Zambia, we were delighted this month to welcome Alice Mulenga from the Zambian team. It was Alice's first time to leave Zambia and we thoroughly enjoyed having her stay with us for a few days. As well as being involved in Bible training and discipleship in Zambia, Alice is also a trained chef and prepares the most delicious meals! She has a special gift for creating flavoursome meals using everyday ingredients and so our kitchen team in Matobo especially appreciated her input - and the whole Ebenezer family enjoyed the results!



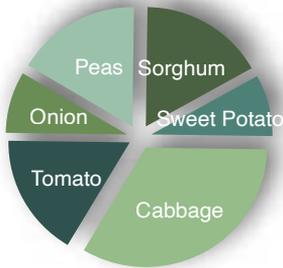
Congratulations to staff team member, Nokuthula, who this month gave birth to her first child, a daughter named Megan. We are grateful for her safe arrival and can't wait to meet her!



As we draw to the end of our Ebenezer year, we have spent the last few weeks doing Family Nights in our individual families, enjoying quality time together before our second years graduate and leave, and spending time doing fun activities such as pizza making, pancake tossing and painting family banners.

PRODUCTION

6 hectares under irrigation



In May we harvested 6,357 heads of cabbage and 100kgs of tomato. We started to harvest cabbages but faced a challenge in marketing them.

Nothing was planted this month, but we have started land preparation for the new season.

May was a very challenging month in our layer houses with manure belts constantly breaking and unstable cages. As a result we moved several thousand birds between houses in order to repair cages. This has been both a laborious task for staff and apprentices as well as having a negative impact on production. Our layer team has responded admirably to such setbacks and our apprentices have learnt a lot about the challenges faced in poultry production!

In total our layers produced 429,107 eggs in May.

We placed our largest batch of broilers at Ebenezer for some years, with 10,246 birds being placed in May. Apprentices are excited about the opportunity to grow this batch and have shown a lot of enthusiasm through the brooding phase.

We have faced some challenges with mortalities in our dairy herd this month and we are working hard to improve cow health and milk production.

