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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



Sad news at the beginning of September was our farewell to team members, Peter and Gladys Ng'oma. The Ng'omas have been part of the team for a year and have been a blessing to the Ebenezer community. We wish them well in all their future endeavours.



September has seen the start of a new training block at Ebenezer, with new topics starting in all subjects. First years have been having some excellent discussions in their Back to Basics Bible lessons, looking at topics such as Who is God, Who is Jesus and What is Salvation. Apprentices have engaged with the topics with great honesty and we are loving seeing them go deeper in their understanding and faith.



Second year apprentices have also been having lively Bible lessons with visiting pastors sharing on keeping "Faith Alive Beyond Ebenezer". This is especially pertinent as our second years are only a couple of months away from graduating! They have also been taking it in turns to share something of their own stories, where they are coming from, how God has been at work in their lives and their hopes for the future.



A ministry highlight of September was a visit to a Livingstone prison at the start of the month. Apprentices and staff took time to encourage the inmates, to play games, sing songs and share the gospel. It was a wonderful time and we have been invited to return (as visitors!).

Another highlight this month was the opportunity for team member Makola Phiri to visit Ebenezer Matobo in Zimbabwe. It was a short visit but nonetheless Makola was "inspired and really felt at home"!

PRODUCTION

Eight apprentices placed a total of 23,032 broilers in September. Working in pairs, this has been a first time experience for some of these apprentices. As summer gets under way there have been some challenges with heat. So far apprentices have managed to keep mortalities below the target 5%.

Four apprentices working with 2 batches of broilers closed their batches in September. Sadly both batches reported losses with a high mortality of 8.9%. In total the two batches sent 8,273 birds to slaughter and produced a total of 15,645 kg of meat, an average of 1.91 kg per bird.

The four apprentices caring for our layer birds have faced some challenges this month with broken cages, damaged manure belts and delays in feed delivery. As the flock nears the end of its life, there has been quite high mortality with 208 birds dying this month. Lay-rate has sat around 69%.

Our cropping team has continued to work to clear land in preparation for new crops. We are looking forward to planting sunflowers, sorghum and sweet potatoes.

Currently in the ground is rape, cabbage, impwa and green pepper.

We have completed our current tomato crop and are in the final stages of harvesting strawberries.

An excellent development in our cropping section has been the installation of a fence! We were facing a lot of challenges with cattle from the local community eating our crops, so everyone is very happy about our new fence!

