

KNOW GOD

DO FARMING

LEARN BUSINESS

GAIN KNOWLEDGE



Started in 2007, the Ebenezer Trust is a church initiative that exists to disciple young people to live fruitful and wholehearted lives for Christ in their communities. Discipling within an agricultural business context, we equip our apprentices with relevant skills to be productive and profitable, with the potential to transform communities and inspire others.

HOW DOES EBENEZER WORK?

Ebenezer takes full time residential apprentices for courses lasting between 3 months and 2 years. Within an inclusive and fun family environment, staff and apprentices live and work together to grow in our relationship with God, ourselves, others and creation. Through organised programs, everyday interactions and intentional coaching relationships, we seek to know Jesus better, express our faith in every day life, grow in our capacity to serve others and learn to live with an eternal perspective!

We believe that alongside discipleship to live passionate God-centred lives, young people also need the skills and resources necessary to be productive and profitable. Therefore, Ebenezer apprentices also receive practical and relevant instruction in business principles, agriculture, communication and numeracy. Training at Ebenezer combines classroom teaching and discussion with practical outworking in our productive learning areas. Therefore each apprentice not only learns about agriculture and business, they gain hands on experience and have the opportunity to partner in the running of an agricultural business.

EBENEZER COURSES:

Ebenezer runs a 3 tier training programme for 18-23 year olds. All apprentices join us for a 3 month Foundation course from which they may graduate into our Intermediate course and then into a further year-long Advance course. All of our courses incorporate Christian discipleship alongside training and teaching in Bible, Agriculture, Business, Communication and Numeracy.

Foundation (3 months)

On completion of our Foundation course, an Ebenezer graduate has learnt basic agricultural skills using Foundations for Farming principles applied to a maize crop and broiler chickens. They also have a basic concept of the overall message of the Bible.

Intermediate (9 months)

On completion of our Intermediate course, an Ebenezer graduate has gained understanding and experience of contract farming through a business partnership with us. They have had exposure to farming both crops and livestock and they have gained in-depth hands on experience in one or more of the following areas: cropping, poultry or dairy. They have understood the five key pillars in Agriculture and Business. Intermediate graduates leave us with a broad foundational knowledge of the Bible and Christian faith. They have also advanced their communication and numeracy skills.

Advance (2nd year)

By the time apprentices graduate from our Advance course they have had in-depth practical training in the Five Pillars of Agriculture and Business. They have had extensive hands on experience in one or more of the following areas: cropping, poultry or dairy, and they have actually experienced running a small-scale business. Advanced graduates have increased their knowledge of the Bible and how to practically live out their faith in everyday life. They have also advanced their communication and numeracy skills.

WHAT OUR APPRENTICES SAY:

Mthabisi Mpofu - "I was attracted to Ebenezer because I saw young people doing agriculture and business and it just felt like the best place to belong. The atmosphere at Ebenezer makes me feel positive about my future after I graduate in 2023."

Simbiso Mucheche- "I came to Ebenezer because it offered me an opportunity to learn business, know God and gain knowledge. I came here thinking I already know farming so I will just top up some knowledge. When I landed here I realised I know nothing! I just needed to learn anything and everything I was taught."

Josephat Madume - "I came to Ebenezer because I believe my future is in farming. I can earn a living and help my community through farming. I now know the importance of what I am doing and am working towards achieving my goals, knowing that the future is in my hands but I am walking with Jesus daily."

APPLYING TO EBENEZER

To apply to Ebenezer you need:

- To be aged 18-23 on the 1st July 2023
- To submit an application form by 31 March 2023.
- To submit at least one completed reference form from a church leader, teacher or community leader.

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS

Return your application form and reference form(s) by **31 March 2022**

We will contact you to let you know if you have been invited to a preselection interview. If you have not heard from us by **24 April** contact us on **0772268935**

When all preselection interviews have been conducted, we will contact you to let you know if you have been successful in being invited to our 2-day Selection Camp, during which final selections will be made. Contact us if you have not heard from us by **5 May**.

Application forms & reference forms to be returned by **31 March** to any of the following:

- Ebenezer Training Centre
- TMG, 22 Herbert Chitepo St, (between First & Connaught Avenue), Bulawayo
- Turning Matabeleland Green, Plot P, Arnott Road, Westgate, Harare
- ebenezeratc@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: OUR APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOT FOR SALE

Our next courses start in July 2023.

Application forms will be available from the addresses above from December 2022.

Application forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.ebenezerfrica.org/apply

Contact Us: ebenezeratc@gmail.com

EBENEZER TRUST APPLICATION FORM

For courses starting July 2023



Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____
Ebenezer will only consider applicants aged between 18-23 on 1st July 2023

Do you have a birth certificate? Y / N

ID Number: _____

Home Area: _____

Contact Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____ Marital Status: _____

Do you have any children? Y / N Have you applied to Ebenezer before? Y / N

If you go to church, which one do you attend? _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Please write down what schools you have attended, the subjects you have studied and any results you have from these.

Please write down any employment or work experience that you have had and the dates for each. If possible, provide contact details for your employer/manager.

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Tell us about yourself and your relationship with Jesus:

There are a lot of people applying for a place at Ebenezer. What makes you a good candidate and why should Ebenezer select you?

What are your hopes for the future?

Use this space for any other comments:

SIGNED:

DATE:

If you have filled in this form on the behalf of a candidate, please sign below:

SIGNED:

RELATIONSHIP:

To apply to Ebenezer you need:

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- At least one completed recommendation form from a church leader, teacher or community leader.
- To submit your application form and recommendation form(s) by 31 March 2023

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EBENEZER TRUST REFERENCE FORM

For courses starting July 2023

To be completed by the referee

Referee Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Candidate Name: _____

Thank you for completing this reference form. Many candidates apply for courses at Ebenezer and with limited places available, we take your recommendation seriously as we make our selections. Please answer as fully, thoughtfully and honestly as possible. If you have any questions, contact us on 0772268935 or at ebenezeratc@gmail.com

How long have you known the candidate and how do you know them?

Please rate the candidate 1-5 in the following competencies, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent:
(Circle or underline)

Team work:	1	2	3	4	5	Willingness to learn:	1	2	3	4	5
Positive attitude:	1	2	3	4	5	Honesty & truthfulness:	1	2	3	4	5

There are a lot of people applying for a place at Ebenezer. Why do you recommend that Ebenezer select this candidate?

How have you seen the candidate live out their Christian faith?

SIGNED:

DATE:

Please use the back of this form for any additional comments.