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NEWS



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The start of a new year has brought the start of a new block which it seems apprentices have been very ready for after several boost weeks where we have focused on production. They are showing a lot of enthusiasm and creativity in their lessons and it is fantastic to see their passion for learning.

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Apprentices have been particularly enjoying Communication lessons which this block are focused on writing CVs and preparing for job interviews. Role playing interview scenarios has been a lot of fun and as well as providing good practice and learning, they have also brought a lot of laughter!

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In Bible lessons, we have been journeying through the book of Acts via the means of story-telling. Apprentices have been preparing and delivering the stories to their class mates and we have been impressed at the amount of preparation they are putting into their presentations as well as the creative ways they are telling their stories.

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The return of Family Nights has also been happily welcomed as we start this new block! Family Nights have been joyful times of being together and appreciating one another.

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We have also recommenced our Sunday church services. This month apprentices and staff have all contributed to leading and participating in Bible studies. Over the coming weeks we look forward to welcoming different people from our community and beyond to come and fellowship with us.

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PRODUCTION

Our crops of maize and sunflower are continuing to thrive and the four apprentices managing these crops have been doing an amazing job of weeding, despite a lot of rain and mud! We have 1.7 hectares of maize and 1.7 hectares of sunflowers. The crops are looking excellent!

The apprentices who placed broilers in late December closed their batch in January with 9,272 birds being delivered to the abattoir at the end of the month. With an average weight of 2.01 kg per bird, that means they produced a total of 18,690 kg of meat. Sadly they did not make a profit on the batch, largely due to a high mortality of 8.8% and the average weight per bird being below target.

In the middle of January 3 of our lady apprentices placed 10,000 birds which we hope will do better!

Work continues apace to construct our new thatched layer house in time to place birds at the beginning of March. The poles and framework are now up for the house and work is about to commence to thatch it. We hope to place 4,000 birds in a few weeks time and our apprentices are super excited at the prospect of managing the birds themselves!

