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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



February has been a full month, with apprentices kept busy in lessons, in work and in ministry. But we have also made sure to have plenty of fun, especially in our Family Nights which this block are focused on spending quality time together in our families, enjoying good food, games and fun activities such as pizza making and marshmallow toasting!



In other tasty news, we have so many February birthdays at Ebenezer Kazungula that we enjoyed celebrating this month with a huge cake!



In February our apprentices completed their Chronological Bible Storying Bible lessons which has seen them presenting stories to one another from the book of Acts. With this module completed, we are now focusing our Bible lessons on further discussions coming out of the stories as well as ministry opportunities. As part of this we loved visiting Global Samaritan Orphanage this month. Our apprentices enjoyed the opportunity to help in serving snacks as well as participating in sharing the Word, playing games and offering encouragement. We had such a good time and our apprentices are keen to go back for another visit!



We really enjoyed a visit this month from Agatha who is the wife of Gilbert, the Heartlands Out-grower Area Manager who lives at Ebenezer. We had a great time with her during evening prayers and Bible study, and our apprentices were blessed by what she shared with them.

We are excited that in the next few months we will be selecting our new first years! To that end, we have been visiting community leaders and the chief at Makuni to distribute application forms.

PRODUCTION



With fewer apprentices on site until our new first years come, production has decreased slightly. Four apprentices have continued to do a great job caring for our maize and sunflower crops. These have grown well and the apprentices have worked diligently, however the crops are beginning to suffer from a lack of rain at the end of the month.

The batch of broilers placed by four of our lady apprentices back in January was completed at the end of February. Sadly the results were poor, with a mortality of 24%. Of the batch, 7,687 were sent for slaughter and they weighed an average of 1.99 kg per bird. This led to a high FCR of 2.4.

Another batch of broilers farmed by four male apprentices was ready for slaughter at the end of February. In total 10,198 birds were farmed. They reached a disappointing average weight of 1.8kg and mortality was also high at 11%.

Work on our thatched layer house has been slow but continues. We had hoped to place birds in the house in March, but are now looking at postponing this date while we complete the thatching and water supply system this month.