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EBENEZER RAPALE

# NEWS

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Our first years have completed their first 3 months with us! To mark this milestone, each has been gifted with a new work suit. They are very pleased with these and it's a blessing for us as a team to be able to reward them for their hard work over the last 3 months. They can now work in their fields with joy and safety!

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Family Night has continued to be a good weekly time for families to relax, have fun and seek to know how we can pray for each other. Each week we end up having some interesting conversations, lead by two or three questions raised by apprentices. These have included interesting subjects such as, "How can a young person live a life of integrity in a corrupt country?" and "How can a person be salt and light in a community which is full of poor people?" It is encouraging to see our apprentices asking thoughtful questions and applying their faith and learning to the situations they see around them.

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We have continued our training provision to young people outside of Ebenezer through our partnership with GIZ. So far 190 young people have graduated from our Chicken Game training based around farming layers.

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# PRODUCTION

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We planted 1 hectare of cabbage this month. The crop is coming up beautifully and as you can see from the photo, our apprentices have been doing a great job of applying the principles they are learning in their Foundations for Farming lessons - To standard; On time; Without wastage; and With joy!

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Our layer birds continue to produce consistently. At the end of the month we had 3,373 birds with an 86% lay rate.

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We started to harvest green corn this month but stopped when we realised the market is flooded and it's hard to get a good price at the moment. Instead, we will let the corn dry in the fields and then sell it to local business, New Horizons, to be manufactured into animal feed.

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Cabbage and pepper continue to grow well in our greenhouse and as well as adding variety to our diet, we are managing to sell some to local residents close by.

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# INTRODUCING

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Ilda Eunice Dias has been on the Ebenezer staff team since July 2020. With a background in accounting, she is the one who oversees many of our financial and business matters, as well as teaching our business lessons. In her classes she is covering topics with apprentices such as stewardship, how to start a business, the difference between a customer and buyer, what is success, and much more. She loves Jesus and enjoys spending time not only teaching but also helping apprentices in other ways. She is encouraged to see their curiosity and how they chase understanding through asking good questions and interacting. It is a real blessing to have someone like Ilda on the team, a dedicated team player with a promising future!

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