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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



The main event this month happened at the end of March as we celebrated the Intermediate graduation of our 15 first years. So much preparation went into making the graduation a special day, with hand-made dresses for all the ladies and some very well-rehearsed dances! It was a lovely time as we marked the occasion with parents, friends and community and church leaders who have shown great appreciation for the work of Ebenezer. Well done to our first years for this milestone achievement!

We are delighted that 8 first years are continuing into our Advanced course and that for the first time ever we will have more female second years than males! This group has shown a great attitude towards learning and discipleship and we are excited for how they will continue to grow through the next year.

The end of March also saw us holding a Selection Day for candidates hoping to join us in May as first years. It was a busy but fun day packed with interviews, team building exercises and fieldwork challenges! We were happy to be able to invite 13 new apprentices who will be joining us in the first week of May.

Another highlight this month was a visit from Ebenezer Zimbabwe friends. We were glad that they were able to join us for our graduation and Selection Day. We also had fun with them participating with us in a Talent Show where we saw both staff and apprentices showcasing some great singing, dancing, poetry and Bible knowledge talents!

PRODUCTION

March was a quiet month for production with no broilers placed and our thatched layer house still under construction.

We have been taking this opportunity to ensure all of our broiler houses are clean and in good order for new placements planned for May. Repairs and maintenance have been carried out as well as thorough disinfecting and stock takes of equipment.

Our crops of sunflower and maize have been very successful and will be ready for harvest in April. Apprentices have really enjoyed their experience managing these crops and they have worked diligently to weed and constantly check their crops. Seeing such a fruitful yield has been incredibly encouraging for them and it has been commented that they are the best out grower producers for Heartlands!

We love hearing from our graduates and the production jobs they have gone into beyond Ebenezer. 2022 graduate, Jotham, is a trainee field officer working with broiler out growers. He says, "My life since Ebenezer has been so encouraging to my family and friends. To be honest, things are tough in our community and looking after yourself isn't easy. But I thank God for opening this great door in my life to be part of this blessed family, the company Heartlands... Remember it's never too late and learning never ends - I am now a proud field officer! In God we trust."

