

MAY 2023



EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS

Classes continue to be fun and curiosity in our apprentices is never lacking! This fills our team with joy. We are especially seeing that the Foundations for Farming lessons are very real and practical, and the application of them is very relevant in our context.

Family groups continue to gain momentum and we are finding that the more time we spend in our families, the more a sense of belonging is established. As a staff team, it is a great blessing and pleasure to have these apprentices in our lives, and being family with them is the mission to which God has called us.

Apprentices have still been encouraging us with the fantastic contribution they are making to the churches they have been attending. They have been committed to music practice every Wednesday and Saturday, the result of which has been some beautiful praise and worship in church on Sundays. And they look smart, too!



PRODUCTION

Each month, there are more than enough reasons to thank God for his faithfulness, even in our production. We started the month of May with a good cabbage harvest. It is pleasing to see the quality that is coming from our fields and the way our apprentices dedicate themselves to caring for the crops God entrusts to them. We continue to be grateful for our irrigation system and how it works!

Not only did we harvest cabbage this month, we transplanted cabbage seedlings too. The apprentices have continued to apply themselves to their work with dedication and we are seeing that we are able to follow our plan of having produce ready for harvest each month.

We are exploring options for other crops we can plant which will do well in the market. Possibilities include garlic, strawberry, peri-peri, pumpkin and butternut.

Our layer birds continue to impress us with their lay-rates. Our flock currently numbers 3,225 birds. They are 86 weeks old and hitting an average lay-rate of 83%.



INTRODUCING

The apprentice you see smiling in this photo is Estefânia Amarel from Zambezia province, about 400 km south of Ebenezer. When she arrived at Ebenezer she was so shy that you wouldn't see her smile - so to see her smiling like this means a lot to us! She enjoys being at Ebenezer, however recently we have been missing her in classes and field activities as she has been unwell. Please pray with us for Estefânia, that her health would improve and she would gain the strength to participate fully in Ebenezer life and activities.

