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EBENEZER RAPALE

# NEWS

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A highlight this month was receiving a visit from some American brothers and sisters. These friends had come to visit Rapale International School, located close to Ebenezer, and we were blessed to have them spend time with the Ebenezer family. It was encouraging to see the simplicity of the way in which they live and interact. They had some good interactions with apprentices and, of course, team member Ortência ensured that there was a feast for us to share together and some very competitive games which brought a lot of fun!

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We have been continuing to provide training in small-scale egg production to groups of learners from communities around Ebenezer. We are pleased to see the way in which people are adhering to these trainings, and we hope that lives can be transformed and improved through the ecosystems in which Ebenezer Rapale is involved. As always, everyone loves papers and no one completes the training without receiving a certificate!

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# PRODUCTION

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We started June with a very successful transplant of a half hectare of cabbage. The growth of the plants has been remarkable and they are looking very healthy.

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We also transplanted half a hectare of onion. We have been really impressed with the way in which our Field Coach, Fernando, has been following the crop plan. He has made everything happen on time, to a high standard, without waste and with joy! It has been encouraging to see the same principles visible in the attitude and dynamics of our apprentices.

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This month we started harvesting onions. Initial sales revealed that the current market price is not good. We are therefore choosing to harvest and dry our onions, with a plan to see if we can achieve a better price in the next few months.

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We finally reached the end of our layer cycle. It has been an excellent experience with this flock and they performed well throughout their cycle. We are left with 3,000 birds, the sales of which will help us cover some of our expenses this month.

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# INTRODUCING

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The glory of God is wholly by his grace. It is in this way that we closed the month of June, with a celebration service in the community of Maheta. We were there to visit one of our graduates, Narciso Álvaro, who is part of the church leadership and who will soon be celebrating his marriage to Maria, another Ebenezer graduate. God is so good and faithful!

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