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# NEWS



At the beginning of August it was a delight to celebrate our first years as they graduated from their 3-month Foundation Course. They have shown a positive attitude throughout these 3 months and it has been great to see them grow in their faith, knowledge and skills. One apprentice, Salome, commented that as well as seeing her spiritual life grow as a result of Bible lessons, she has also appreciated the Business lessons and has learnt how to save money and not spend everything she earns on plaiting her hair!

Foundation graduation was followed by a couple of boost weeks during which there were no lessons. This enabled apprentices to share their production responsibilities while they took it in turns to take some holiday and visit their families. Our second training block and the start of our first years' Intermediate Course kicked off later in August and there has been a fantastic atmosphere as apprentices have thrown themselves into new topics in their lessons and new production challenges!

Second year Bible lessons have been interesting and enjoyable this block as we work through a module called Experiencing God. God is always at work and he invites us to be a part of what he is doing. As apprentices consider this we have seen a transformation in their walks with God and a deepening in their relationships with him.

We have also started a new series of Family Nights this block. Each week we eat together, enjoy fun and games, and then break into our smaller families to study the book of Colossians.

# PRODUCTION

Some great news in August has been a turnaround in our Broiler production! Second years Robson and Edgar have done a fantastic job farming two batches totalling 5,103 birds which were sent for slaughter towards the end of the month. Their combined batches achieved an average live weight of 2.22 kg per bird, a 7% mortality and a food conversion ratio (FCR) of 1.76. This led to a profit of K7.18 per bird.

A further two broiler batches were placed in August, being managed by our 4 second year lady apprentices. Two weeks into these batches, we are seeing good weights and a very low mortality. This means our apprentices are on track for another successful outcome!

We are really enjoying having our new layer house in action and apprentices have been gaining good experience raising the Point of Lay birds from 10 weeks until they start laying.

Our Cropping team continue to farm effectively and with innovation. Second year, Youngson, has been busy in the kitchen garden and came up with the initiative to make sprinklers using bottles. He has also made a nursery bed for rape, Chinese cabbage, green beans and green pepper.

In the remainder of our cropping area, we have cabbage, onion, okra and green pepper. As you can see, the cabbages are looking beautiful!

