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EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS

Lessons have continued to be engaging and exciting this month. We have completed our Bible lesson series focused on Family and Relationships and are now enjoying looking at the 7 signs in the gospels. In these lessons we reflect on gospel stories and ask what the story says about people, about Jesus, and about me. Apprentices have also been enjoying Bible lessons looking at the Great Story. We are hearing wonderful testimonies from apprentices which show an understanding of the material and a personal impact in their lives.

Foundations for Farming lessons and practicals have also continued to be fantastic. With the practical element of the training being implemented outside of the classroom, it fills us with joy to walk through our fields and see the outworking of our learning.

As far as Family Groups are concerned, it has been a great blessing to see the ongoing transformation in our apprentices and to hear their testimonies. As we reached six months into our current cohort's apprenticeship, we have decided to switch things up and our Family Heads have switched families in order to bring new dynamics and experiences.

Our partnership GIZ remains a fruitful one and this month we hosted another training on egg production and how to start a business safely. We had 35 attendees who all benefitted from this training.



PRODUCTION

Our onion crop has been looking beautiful and this month we harvested onions of an excellent quality. We are grateful that we were also able to sell them at a reasonable price.

We also harvested cabbage this month. Having irrigation is a blessing and seeing the pace and consistency at which it enables us to plant, grow and harvest is encouraging! The cabbages we harvested were looking great and we found customers eager to buy them. As well as harvesting cabbages, July also saw us transplanting half a hectare of cabbage seedlings.

We're excited to re-started our small-scale egg production. Our small set-up serves as a good demonstration and encouragement to our apprentices who enjoy caring for the birds and managing the egg sales.

INTRODUCING

Ebenezer Team Lead, Alberto, has been doing a Bible study with apprentices on the 7 signs in the Gospels. He says, "This young man, Manuel Alfonso, approached me after the lesson on the healing of the officer's son. He said he was impacted by the faith of the officer when Jesus said his child would live and the fact that Jesus did not go to his house, he just spoke. Manuel understood that nothing is too difficult for Jesus, asked to be baptised and said it is safe to walk with Jesus. I thank God for this witness."

