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EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS



August has seen our apprentices taking responsibility in so many areas and this has been very encouraging to observe. This month we took a short break from our usual Family Night schedule due to some of our staff team being away. Despite this, our apprentices continued to meet on Thursday evenings for games and encouragement through the Word of God, under the leadership of Brother Benaldo. It is amazing to see how responsible these young people have become.



Another area we have seen apprentices continue to grow in confidence and leadership is through their church involvement. They have become more mature in their faith and now confidently take responsibility in the church, even in leading the praise. This means our apprentices are being a blessing not only to Ebenezer, but to the churches and communities around us.



In our classroom training, our trainers are noticing the positive participation of all apprentices in lessons and their ongoing development. We are currently going through a time of assessment, not in order to pass or fail apprentices, only to see how they are assimilating what they are learning. With November on the horizon, our cohort is approaching the end of their first year and it is clear to see their eagerness to do well as they think about applying for second year!



PRODUCTION

Following a busy season with a lot of pressure, we were pleased in August to catch up with our cropping production in such a way that our fields are looking healthy and mulched according to the Foundations for Farming principles. Our cabbage crop in particular is looking great!

In August we planted corn. An advantage of our irrigation is not having to wait for the rainy season to plant such crops. Our plan is to hit the market early with this corn and make an increased profit as a result.

This month we also prepared for planting tomato seed. The seed itself looks healthy, for which we thank God.



FROM ALBERTO:

Ebenezer Nampula Team Lead, Alberto, says, "There are no improvements without problems. I have a lot to thank God for in the way he has used me lately and the way our leadership team works together. I have felt that there are people in different corners of the world who have raised us up in their prayers. While we are facing uncomfortable situations, at the same time we believe it is possible to solve challenges because we believe in the one who is in front of us and we know that we are safe in his right hand.

As we look forward, it is my desire to see the small-scale poultry breeding project in place and our electric fence installed. I feel we are close to achieving this dream. The order and beauty of our fields are impressive and the irrigation makes a big difference. If we are where we are today, it is because God is faithful and patient. And if we are here, it is for him."

