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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



With summer approaching, temperatures have not only be rising in our fields, but in our classroom too! As part of their Communication lessons, apprentices have been working in groups to prepare for a debate over which crop Ebenezer should plant next - carrots or peas! The groups put a lot of work into preparing their arguments and they communicated clearly, articulately and with passion!



We have been continuing to enjoy our Family Night discussions around the book of Colossians. Second years have decided that Paul is their favourite Bible character and so they are particularly enjoying diving into this book and even taking it in turns to lead discussions and share.



We welcomed quite a few visitors in September including local friends and others from further afield in Zimbabwe! It's always a pleasure to share what we are doing, especially with others who share our vision of equipping young people.



We have seen some excellent discussions coming out from our second year Bible lessons on Experiencing God. As a result of good questions and discussions, apprentices have been doing their own research on the attributes of God and they have been amazed to find answers by themselves which have satisfied them!

In sad news this month we suffered a very serious fire in one of our staff houses. While we are saddened by the destruction, we are grateful that no one was injured.

PRODUCTION

Our broilers continue to do well under the management of our second year lady apprentices. Despite a spike in mortalities due to heat stress, the overall mortality is still low and they are hitting their target weights. We have been taking actions such as installing a curtain to prevent further heat stress as the weather warms up.

A poultry highlight this month has been seeing the birds in our new layer house coming into lay! Apprentices have been enjoying the experience of raising layers and are now becoming expert egg pickers!

There has been a lot happening in our fields and while our plots are small, they are beautiful and productive! We have successfully transplanted Chinese cabbage and we are pleased that our okra and cabbages are now ready for sale. Our onion is not far off being ready for harvest and is looking good.

First year apprentices have worked hard in recent months to grow a plot of maize using Foundations for Farming conservation principles, which they have been learning in their Agriculture lessons. Their hard work has paid off and their crop is looking healthy and fruitful as it nears harvest.

