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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA



NEWS

Thanks to efforts from our staff team, the landscape around Ebenezer keeps improving and is currently looking lush and green!



October saw our second training block of the year come to a close. Apprentices have worked very hard and have participated enthusiastically across all subjects. Our second years seem to have especially enjoyed their Bible lessons which they have say deepened their relationships with God and as a result they are consciously making major adjustments to create more time for God. As they enter the third training block, they are excited for two new modules focused on Family and Healthy Spiritual Habits.



The second years have also proved themselves to have some entrepreneurial talents which we have all benefitted from! During their Advanced Business module on Marketing, they were tasked with selling biscuits in the local community. We were impressed when they returned having sold everything and we were blessed when they chose to spend their profits on an Independence Day party for the whole Ebenezer community!



We, therefore, had a wonderful time celebrating Independence Day on the 24th October. It was good to spend time together enjoying each other's company and sharing delicious food!

We enjoyed another opportunity to celebrate Independence Day, this time with children from the Heartlands Community school, close by to Ebenezer. Everyone had a fun time and it was fantastic to see the school children looking so smart in uniforms made for them by Ebenezer team member, Makola!

PRODUCTION

October has been a busy month for our broiler teams, with 6 batches of chicks being placed - that's a total of 29,848 birds! Apprentices are working in pairs across 6 houses to manage roughly 5,000 birds per house. We are seeing nice low mortalities but some slow growth, possibly due to the chicks being smaller than average when placed.

Two apprentices, Priscilla and Charlotte, closed a batch of broilers right at the beginning of October. They achieved average weights of 2.2 kg per bird and a low mortality of 3.7%. Their food conversion ratio was 1.83 and they closed the batch with a profit of K5.75 per bird. Well done, Priscilla and Charlotte!

Fellow apprentices, Likando and Tengai closed their batch of broilers at the same time. Their birds reached an average weight of 2.23 kg, but they had a higher mortality of 8.5%, an FCR of 1.87 and a profit of K4.15 per bird.

Good news from our layer barn is that the birds placed back in August have come into lay and are currently hitting a really good lay-rate of 91%.

Apprentices Youngson and Florence have done a great job in our cropping section. We are selling huge cabbages and enormous onions! Our Chinese cabbage is now ready for harvest, as is our okra. The maize in our demo plot has also done well and we have been enjoying eating it!

