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EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS



We are very proud of our soccer team who, while not yet winning any matches, having been going from strength to strength as they train together and compete against teams from local businesses such as New Horizons and Eggs for Africa. After an initial temptation to bring in players from outside of Ebenezer, our apprentices have instead chosen to work together and are showing great commitment to growing the Ebenezer Team.



Apprentices continue to be engaged in local church in a way that brings us so much encouragement and joy. The manner in which they have participated, lead and MC'd has had a significant impact on young people in these communities, who have begun to follow their example and are now motivated to be involved in bringing the church alive. It has been particularly wonderful to see Ebenezer graduate, Jumo, working with the church in Namitatar and encouraging the youth in that community to get involved and take on responsibility!



We have had a lot of fun in our recent Family Nights, which we have held as combined gatherings for the last few weeks. Apprentices have done a fantastic job of organising games and we have appreciated some input from friends of Ebenezer such as Ibrahim, a pastor who lives about 10 km away from Ebenezer. Tackling knotty topics such as "I am born again, but I sin like no man's business", visitors such as Ibrahim have opened up honest conversation with our apprentices and provided good spaces for them to truly share from the heart on matters of faith and life.



PRODUCTION

Work has continued this month to complete the structures and fence for our small-scale poultry area. Apprentices are using local materials to build two houses, one for layers and one for broilers. These are structures which they will easily be able to replicate in their own homes and they serve as an excellent demonstration of what any small-scale rural farmer can do. Each house will be able to hold up to 350 birds and apprentices will work in pairs to manage each house, once birds are placed, hopefully by the end of the year.

In October we closed our current cabbage crop. We are very pleased with the results of this crop, with beautiful cabbages being produced and a total harvest of 16,500 heads from one hectare.

We also closed our onion crop. Again, it was a good harvest with just under 33,000 bunches being harvested from half a hectare.

We had planned to start harvesting our maize in October, but with a recent drop in the market price, we are choosing to dry ours and wait for a better price.

Our tomato crop has been absolutely thriving and is looking very smart.

We have been impressed with our apprentices' attitudes in all of their field work. They recognise the opportunity being afforded to them, understand the value of what they are doing, and they show commitment and hard work without complaining.

