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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



Happy New Year from Ebenezer Kazungula! It's been an exciting start to 2024 as our final training block of the Ebenezer year kicks off. With our second years graduating in March, they have been enjoying some Bible lessons focused on Faith Alive Beyond Ebenezer. We have appreciated visiting speakers coming to share with us on topics such as how to honour my family whilst being true to my faith, and how to get involved in the local church.



Second years have also been dedicating one Bible lesson each week to undertaking outreaches to local communities. A particularly fruitful visit was made to Katapazi clinic where apprentices prayed for the sick and encouraged them from the Bible. They also blessed patients with cold drinks.



Team member, Mwangala, has been taking both first and second years through some valuable training in CV writing and interview preparation as part of their Communication lessons. This will serve all apprentices well as they prepare for graduation and new opportunities beyond Ebenezer! Having only joined the team in late 2023, Mwangala has been doing a great job of building relationship with apprentices and getting stuck into her training role!



Family Nights have also been exciting this month as we meet in our individual families with the primary aim of having fun together! We have been making pizzas, cooking pancakes and playing a lot of games!

First years Oliver and Moses have been impressing us with their carpentry skills this month, by making some new benches for our communal spaces!

PRODUCTION

Our crops have faced some challenges this month with two weeks of no rain, but we are pleased to see them still standing! Sunflower has been planted on a large scale in a newly developed plot and it has been showing good growth. We have also planted beans which have started to germinate.



As you can see from the photo, our maize is also doing well, despite a shortage of water. Apprentices in our cropping team have been busy scouting and weeding across all of our crops.



Second year apprentices, Youngson and Edgar, have continued to do a fantastic job managing the layer house. The lay rate has been hitting 93% which is very pleasing and they have been collecting an average of 3,450 eggs per day!



Four apprentices closed two batches of broilers in January. With the birds not achieving target weights, one pair of apprentices did not make a profit on their batch. The second pair, however, achieved better weights and despite a higher mortality, finished their batch with a profit!



Four lady apprentices placed two batches of broilers in the middle of the month. Weights have again been a challenge and so all hands are on deck to push hard to get the birds eating and gaining weight! We have seen a pleasingly low mortality on this batch so far.