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EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS



Happy New Year from Ebenezer Rapale! Our year got off to a fantastic start with the arrival of 24 new apprentices on the 15th January. The second years were excited to welcome the new first years and our dormitories are now full! We now have a total of 44 apprentices on site, 11 ladies and 33 guys.



Other good news to start the year has been good rainfall which has seen the rivers flowing and our dam filling!



We have started a new training block to coincide with the arrival of our first years and it has been fun introducing new training units to both first and second years. Alberto has been taking Bible lessons using the Jesus What a Saviour Course, which focuses on God's greatness and worth and on the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross. These lessons have been fun and interesting and there has been a wonderful atmosphere, with second years making space for the new apprentices to share their thoughts.

This month we completed the last of the trainings we have provided in partnership with GIZ, bringing to an end 3 years of successful workshops which have seen 500 young people trained in our facilities!



With the start of the new year, we have also restarted our family groups. We are happy that team members Beneldo and Claudia, who are recently married, have taken on the parenting of a new family group. As Ebenezer graduates, they stand as a great testimony to our current apprentices!

Sundays continue to bring a dynamic that encourages apprentices as they participate in different church congregations close to Ebenezer. As the ones leading the Praise and Worship, they also bring a blessing to these congregations.

PRODUCTION

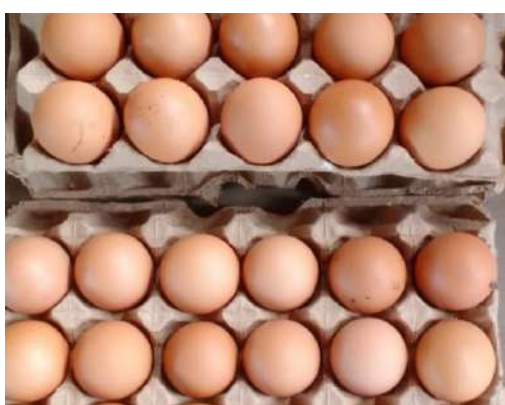


A new cropping venture which we have undertaken in the past month is the production of seed maize under contract. We are delighted that, so far, the crop is looking good!

We have also transplanted tomatoes this month. We have enjoyed seeing a great attitude from our new first years who spent some of their orientation week making sure their hoes were ready for some serious field work!



In poultry news, our layer birds have shown a consistency in their production which has been a credit to those managing them. At the end of January the birds were 47 weeks old and hitting a pleasing lay rate of 91%.



With the successful construction of our two aviaries built in a traditional style, we have decided to build two more! Work is currently underway on the bamboo structures. We hope to place broiler birds in one of our houses in February and layer birds sometime before May,

