

MARCH 2024



EBENEZER RAPALE



NEWS

March as seen us marching through our Foundation Course, from which our 1st years will be graduating in April! It has been an excellent 3 months with a lot of good learning and nourishing discussions in class.



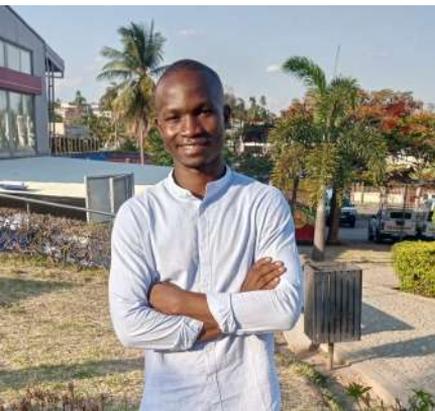
Bible lessons have been causing a lot of reflection in the lives of our apprentices. We have seen evidence of this in the ways in which they have engaged with local church, with a number beginning to feel the desire to be baptised as they have witnessed other baptisms in their congregations. We give glory to God for the feeling of belonging that our apprentices feel both at Ebenezer and in the local church.



Family Nights have continued to be a lot of fun. Apprentices have been learning lots of new games and we have seen a great competitive spirit among them.

We are glad to have completed the construction of our new water reservoir this month.

INTRODUCING



The young man you see pictured is Juma Aquibo, a past Ebenezer apprentice who is now one of our team members and very involved in our training. Juma loves the Lord and teaches with a passion. It is amazing to see the way he prepares for lessons and how he engages with apprentices. He has done a particularly good job of teaching our Business classes this block, with first year lessons focused on personal finance, including how to budget, how to use a bank, how to save, and many other relevant topics. Apprentices have enjoyed Juma's classes and gained a lot from his input and preparation.

PRODUCTION

Our pigeon pea crop has been looking beautiful this month, despite some high temperatures we have been facing.



Over the course of the month, apprentices have transplanted ½ hectare of cabbage and ½ hectare of onion. Maintaining good health in our young crops has been challenging due to the heat, but Fernando our Field Coach has been working hard with apprentices to keep our crops sustained.



This month we started our tomato harvest. Like many farmers across the region, we have been battling tuta absoluta, a considerable pest which has been wiping out crops in recent months and years. While we have suffered some yield loss as a result, we are grateful to God that our efforts have not been in vain and we have still managed to harvest some healthy fruit.



Our first cycle of broilers in one of our new traditional style houses has been a real success which has been encouraging and motivating for us all! Apprentices have shown a lot of care, responsibility and dedication, and their hard work has paid off with good results. We hope now to place new batches every two weeks.



In terms of egg production, our layer birds are now 56 weeks old and hitting a lay rate of 87%.