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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



Big news at Ebenezer Kazungula this month was the arrival of new staff team member, Brilliant Khoza, and his family. Brilliant arrived at the end of the month with his wife, Sithabiso, and their two daughters Keren and Joanna, having travelled all the way from Ebenezer Zimbabwe!



Brilliant and Sithabiso are original Ebenezer pioneers who were some of the first apprentices to join Ebenezer Matobo back in 2007! Following on from their graduation, the couple were married and in time joined the Ebenezer Matobo staff team. For the past number of years, they have been an integral part of the Transformers, that is the Ebenezer training team, with Brilliant overseeing Agriculture training and Sithabiso being involved in Business, Communication, Bible and Numeracy training.



The family has been settling into life and work at Ebenezer Kazungula. Brilliant says, *"It is the first time for us as a family to move from the place we were born and bred, to a completely different country and people. We love the transition as this is an opportunity for us to explore new diverse cultures and also to inspire the younger generations here with life in Jesus. We are excited and enjoying the challenges of language, culture and environment. We are enjoying getting to know the apprentices who seem to be collaborative and fast learners. And our daughters love their new school - language is a challenge for them, but they are coping very well."*



It is wonderful to have the Khozas join us. They bring a depth and breadth of experience from which we will benefit, especially in our Agriculture training and our cropping expansion.

PRODUCTION

Second years Carol and Theresa were happy to see their broiler batch closed successfully this month with a profit! Of the 4,549 birds placed, 4,340 were sent for slaughter, with an average weight of 1.94 kg per bird. They managed to keep mortality below 5% and the birds achieved a Food Conversion Ratio (FCR) of 1.69. Well done, Carol and Theresa

Second years Kenyard, Mataa and Anderson have worked with an assistant to place two batches of broilers in May. They have been working hard to produce efficiently and it has been good to see them working by the Foundations for Farming principles of On Time, To Standard, Without Waste and With Joy!

Work continues on our second layer barn with materials continuing to come together as building commences. Watch this space for news of its completion in the weeks to come!

Our maize and sunflower crops met a bit of a sad end due to the drought which we have suffered over the past season. We lost most of the maize and from the sunflowers which had been looking so beautiful, we harvested a disappointing 200 kg of seed.

Our kitchen garden is looking good and we are seeing a variety of vegetables growing well. In the garden we currently have tomatoes, rape, pumpkin and chomolia.

