

MAY 2024



EBENEZER RAPALE

NEWS



Lessons have continued well this month, we are getting through the material at a good pace, and the active participation from all of our apprentices is remarkable. They interact with their coaches very positively and raise interesting and important questions. It's fantastic to see them hungry and thirsty to learn more and grow.



Apprentices continue to play an important role in impacting other young people in the local communities. They sing and share their testimonies during church services and as a result we are seeing local youngsters being edified and challenged to follow in their example. They are beginning to follow the pattern of the apprentices' lives, which are actually the patterns of Christ's life in them!



INTRODUCING

Meet Germano. This young man is from the community of Namitatar, close to Ebenezer. We started a church in Namitatar in 2013, following on from some house-to-house evangelisation. A young boy of 11 at the time, Germano was converted and from that time onwards began to participate in services. He attended many discipleship studies and in time was baptised. We are delighted that, 11 years later, we now have Germano with us as a 1st year apprentice! He is a humble and active young man who enjoys new challenges. It is wonderful to see the physical and spiritual growth in this young man. To God be the glory!



PRODUCTION

Our cropping production has continued fruitfully in May and we are seeing good growth in all of our crops. We have begun to harvest cabbages and lettuces this month.

We completed our maize harvest this month which has now been packaged as seed and is ready for distribution to local out grower farmers.

We continue to be grateful for our irrigation system that is a blessing in our daily lives and also challenges us to try new crops. For now we are trying beets and garlic to see how they do - watch this space!

Broiler farming continues to bring much joy as we are seeing a lot of success from it. This month we placed our 7th batch of 357 birds. There has been a great consistency to our placements and sales cycle every two weeks. This has made for great training for our apprentices, in both the farming and business aspects involved in small-scale broiler production. They continue to work with diligence and enthusiasm to manage their batches and grow the birds efficiently.

Customers are also enjoying the consistency of our production and they are coming every two weeks to purchase birds. Our birds range from 1.8 - 2 kg and are selling for between 280 - 300 mts.

Our current layer flock is in its 64th week with a pleasing lay rate of 89%. This flock has done very well and we are pushing to reach the 90th week with similar ratios of age to production.

