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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

# NEWS



At the beginning of June, Ebenezer became very busy with the arrival of our new intake! We welcomed 17 new apprentices onto our 3 month Foundation Course. With our number of apprentices on site jumping from 5 to 22, you can imagine that Ebenezer has become very lively! There has been a lovely atmosphere as second years help our new arrivals to settle in.



We spent a week orientating our new intake before embarking on lessons and production schedules. This was a great week of getting to know one another and introducing our first years to the Ebenezer way of life.



The start of our new year also saw the start of our new Family Night series. As always, we are starting with Youth Alpha, which we find is a great way to introduce our new first years to the Christian faith and to start conversations around beliefs and discipleship. It has also been a good time for us to get to know one another in our individual families.



Following Orientation Week, we have got into the full swing of lessons with subjects including Bible, Agriculture, Business and Communication. We are enjoying having the Khozas involved, bringing with them their experience from Ebenezer Matobo.

With more apprentices on site, we have also been throwing ourselves into evening sports, especially netball games with both first and second years getting involved and competitive!

# PRODUCTION

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We have seen good progress on our second layer barn this month. The house structure is up and work is underway to start thatching. Our hope is for the barn to be completed by the end of July.



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With Brilliant now on site, we are enjoying greater input into our cropping section, which is coming along at pace. Apprentices have been getting to grips with the Foundations for Farming conservation farming principles: On time, to standard, without waste and with joy! As a result, our fields are looking smart and we have high hopes for some good yields.



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Our kitchen garden is also promising good harvests of tomato, rape, red onion, spring onion, butternut and eggplant, all of which we will enjoy in our meals.



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We have seen an upturn in our broiler results which has been encouraging for everyone! Three second year apprentices closed two batches in June, with very good food conversion ratios and average live weights of between 1.94 - 2.05 kg. Despite mortalities being higher than we would like, we are very pleased that these batches were successful and profitable.



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Second years, Carol and Theresa, placed a further 5,530 chicks in June. By the end of the month they were 2.5 weeks old and weighing an average of 380 g.

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