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EBENEZER RAPALE



NEWS

Apprentices have been engaging excellently in lessons this month. First years have been particularly enjoying Foundations for Farming lessons with Fernando. For second years, alongside their usual Bible and Agriculture lessons, we saw a need this month to train them with the chicken game training, an excellent resource enabling participants to understand numbers in a business context.

INTRODUCING

Meet Salimo António, who was born in the north of the province of Nampula, in a rural district called Mecubure. He is 4th in a family of 5 siblings brought up in a single-parent household. Salimo finished school in 7th grade because he felt he needed to sell coal in order to provide for his mother who was sick for a long time. He says he has not been to church since childhood, not for lack of invites from friends, but because he has always struggled to understand the love of God in the face of the suffering he saw his family endure. Salimo joined us at Ebenezer in January with serious literacy challenges. He participated in our literacy group and we were impressed after 4 months to see him read scriptures to us during devotions! Salimo shows determination and is very participative in class, always seeking clarity over questions. Young people like him make our vision come alive and real, as we see them alive in Christ, transformed and empowered for the blessing of the nations.

PRODUCTION

The maize which we harvested and sold to New Horizons is now being distributed to local out grower farmers. In total we produced 3.8 tons of dry maize from 1 hectare planted.

This month we completed our harvest of half a hectare of cabbage.

We also transplanted half a hectare of cabbage seedlings. With their Foundations for Faming lesson training in conservation farming principles, it is great to see our 1st years gaining relevant practical experience in the fields to complement their theoretical learning. They have been working in groups to manage the various crops we have in the ground, consolidating and practising all the principles and skills they have been learning.

Our second years have been more involved in the aviaries, increasing their poultry experience and expertise. Our placements of broiler batches continue successfully and we have been making excellent sales from them which has encouraged us all.

Our current layer flock is in its 68th week and hitting a very good lay rate of 85%.

