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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



September has seen us embark on our second block of training for the year as our first year apprentices have graduated from the Foundation Course to the Intermediate Course. Block 2 has introduced us all to some fun new lesson topics, including Chronological Bible Storying for our First Years. We are following God's redemptive story in the Bible, through the telling of stories from Creation right through to Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Each story is prepared and presented by a different apprentice and we are enjoying both the creativity in delivering these stories, and the interesting discussions that we are having as a result of what we are discovering.



We have also started a new module in our Communication lessons, focusing on learning practical research and communication skills through research projects built around an imagined scenario where Ebenezer is considering whether to farm goats or fish. As part of their research, our apprentices thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Chitongo goat farm where we learnt a lot about farming goats, from cross-breeding to feeding to housing and how to treat sick goats!



Family Nights have also introduced us to a new theme, this block focusing on the book of Colossians. Following an exciting introduction to the book where we found out about Colossae, the people there, and why Paul wrote to them, we are now enjoying meeting in our families weekly to delve deeper into the book and to think about how Paul's teaching to the Colossians can also benefit and guide us today!



PRODUCTION



Our vegetables have shown significant progress this month, both in terms of growth and market performance. Apprentices have continued to work on time and to a high standard to ensure we are producing a good quality and quantity of crops.



Currently in the ground we have rape, Chinese cabbage, tomatoes, onions, eggplant and maize. With the approach of the rainy season, we have also started to prepare land to grow maize on a larger scale.



This month some of our first years enjoyed their first opportunity to place broiler chicks. In total they placed 18,213 chicks over two sites. So far, they are doing very well, with support from our Broiler coach, Jacob, and the wider Ebenezer team. At 7 days of age the chicks were slightly below target weight, hitting an average of 171 g against a target of 208 g.



Our current layer flock is 72 weeks old and hitting a lay rate of 88% which is excellent for birds of this age.