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EBENEZER RAPALE

# NEWS



Excitement is building at Ebenezer Rapale as we approach our annual graduation at the end of October, at which we will graduate 20 second years and 21 first years. With only a few weeks of lessons left, apprentices are looking ahead to graduation preparation and we are enjoying discussing future plans with our second year Advanced apprentices.

Meet Jeremias Adelino and Estefânia Amaral, two second year apprentices who have approached us to say that after graduation they would like to commit themselves to the Lord and to one another in marriage. We fully support their decision and there is no greater joy for us as a team to see young people following biblical principles to form future families consolidated in Christ. To God be the glory, and we cherish your prayers for this young couple.



Similarly, Manuel António and Alcinda Carlito have approached us with the same request. You will know that our mission is to see young people alive in Christ, transformed and empowered for the blessing of the nations. In most cases these youngsters would already be traditionally married and even with children, but as a result of discipleship and discussion over the past 2 years, we are seeing our graduates become salt and light in their communities by following the principles we have learned and lived at Ebenezer. We thank God every day for the call to serve these young people; to see their development day by day is a blessed mission which keeps our feet on the ground.

# PRODUCTION

Our poultry production continues to be very successful. We have been encouraged when visited by Bryan, a poultry expert from New Horizons who has extensive experience with layers and broilers. Whenever he comes to see our birds, we can see his face shining and admiring the way the apprentices are taking care of the birds.

Our two flocks of layers are now 25 weeks old and hitting a lay rate of 90-91%.

Our broiler batches are also going strong, with two placements happening per month and a good sales system now in place with a regular market of keen customers.

In September we started to harvest tomatoes and green peppers. We also transplanted onions, tomatoes and cabbages into a ¼ ha plot, a cycle we are trying to maintain in order to ensure a consistent supply of vegetables to the market.

Apprentices have worked to sow ½ ha of maize this month, with the aim being to sell it as fresh maize.

