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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



December has been an exciting month at Ebenezer Kazungula, with a break from lessons giving apprentices the opportunity to visit home for a few days each. Apprentices rotated their home visits so that some remained on site to focus on production.



We love any chance to inspire our local community. This month, three apprentices were able to visit a community about 20 km away, to practically implement some of what they have been learning at Ebenezer. One of the team said, "I love the expedition as it encouraged me to take Ebenezer knowledge seriously as it can impact the lives of lots of people I will meet out there. I can see Jesus at work through what I am being taught at Ebenezer."



We also love any opportunity to learn something new together! In December we welcomed a vet specialist to Ebenezer who ran a seminar on Poultry Disease Identification and Control. One apprentice commented, "I learnt how to do a post mortem as a way to examine and troubleshoot any internal problems that could be affecting my chickens."



We were sad at the end of December, to say farewell to staff team members James and Mwangala Batuke. James has been an amazing Bible trainer and sportsman at Ebenezer over the past 4 years. His wife, Mwangala has been an amazing mum and sister to our apprentices and staff team. James says, "It's been an exciting time of growth for me, both physically and spiritually, since I joined the Ebenezer team. I will really miss the good times we had together, especially the sports and Bible lessons! May God bless the Batuke family in this next chapter of their life."

PRODUCTION

One of our broiler batches reached 4 weeks of age in December and has been doing well. The mortality rate has been low and weights have been good which is great. We hope they continue to grow on target and we anticipate good results from the batch.

Apprentices have been continuing to grow in their broiler knowledge and skills. First year apprentice Centia, says: "This batch is my most precious one. I learnt a lot from my previous batch and I am working on improving and mitigating mistakes I made on that batch. I have fallen in love with my Productive Learning Area."

We have continued to see low rainfall, with only 90.5 mm received so far this season. This creates an opportunity for us to learn, innovated and encourage positivity through being creative.

We have 12 rain fed Research and Development plots which have survived this dry spell due to the proactive attitude of the cropping team. As a result of some excellent mulching, our maize plots are in great condition. This has shown apprentices that mulching really does work if it is done well!

Our kitchen garden has been struggling, as has our okra plot which has produced just 2 kg this month. We hope to see this change in the coming weeks.

