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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



February has been another busy and exciting month for apprentices in both production and training. Each apprentice is now partnering with us to manage their own business, in cropping, layer production or broilers.



We have had some very fruitful Sunday gatherings together this month. We have learnt a lot about communion as a family and we enjoyed a service in which we broke bread together. It has been a month in which we have been built up and encouraged as a God-loving and prayerful family.



Family Nights have been exciting in February, as we have looked at the Holy Spirit and the gifts he gives us. This has been eye-opening for some apprentices as they explore and discover the gifts that God has given them.



In business lessons, our first years have been digging into the financial records a broiler farmer keeps, alongside agriculture lessons in broiler production. This combination has sparked a great interest in understanding more around broiler businesses and we have had some lively and interactive lessons!

Both first and second years have been enjoying a Communication module looking at what it means to be a part of a community. They have been set a fun project in groups to find one or two things they would like to improve in their Ebenezer community and we are enjoying seeing them take responsibility for bringing those changes about.

PRODUCTION

Our 92-week-old-laying hens have been consistently producing above target with a peak this month of an 81% lay-rate against a 75% target! To date this flock has produced 43,425 eggs.

Feed shortages in our Broiler houses particularly impacted one site which saw a reduced average weight of 1.8 kg per bird. With feed supplies significantly improving in the latter part of the month, our other two sites are looking much more promising.

We continue to focus on in-house broiler training programs which aim to make our apprentices the best chicken farmers across Zambia!

High temperatures and severe dry weather at the start of the month caused quite a challenge for our cropping teams and resulted in a reduced condition of some of our crops.

The negative impact of these weather conditions has been more noticeable on those crops farmed under conventional methods. This has been interesting for our apprentices to observe, especially as they compare conventional methods with the conservation principles we have been studying and implementing from Foundations for Farming. They have come to the conclusion that the Foundations for Farming practices are best as they help farmers achieve good results even through challenging times.

So far in the 2024-2025 rainy season we have received 377.1 mm of rain.

