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EBENEZER RAPALE

# NEWS



Big news this month was of course graduation! On the 26th we were joined by friends, family and local community leaders to celebrate our 19 Advanced graduates who have completed 2 years at Ebenezer, and our 21 Intermediate graduates who have complete their first year. It was a fantastic day of celebration with much dancing and feasting.



We are excited for our Advanced graduates as they pursue the next steps that God has for them in their lives. And we are delighted that of our 21 Intermediate graduates, 20 are continuing with us into second year.



The 4th October in Mozambique is celebrated as the Day of Peace. With graduation approaching, we took this holiday as an opportunity for a special trip. Leaving Ebenezer at 5 am we headed for the beach! 200 km is a long way to travel for a day trip, but as  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our apprentices have never seen the sea, it seemed a very worthwhile outing! There was some good conversations about what heaven must be like if places like this exist in the world! We had lots of fun playing football at low tide and learning to body surf as the tide came in. It was so much fun to see the enthusiasm and joy around these new experiences. With fish and chicken on the braai, there was plenty of good food too! We returned at 7 pm filled with gratitude to the Lord for such a memorable day.



This month we also had a visit from Renée, the Team Leader at Ebenezer Matobo in Zimbabwe. It was great to have her celebrate our graduation with us. We also enjoyed mutually beneficial time with her sharing and learning from our experiences within our different Ebenezer contexts.

# PRODUCTION

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This month we started a new cycle of 99 layer birds within our caged house.  
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Our broilers continue to follow the usual routine, with placements happening every two week and sales continuing to take place in an encouraging way. When it comes to our broilers, we feel satisfied with every step we take, seeing God in control over all our activities.

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We had a good harvest of tomatoes and green corn this month.  
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We have started to face some serious water challenges with our dam almost empty. Our plan has been to have a rotation of crops in the ground all the time so that we are harvesting every month. However, as a result of the water shortage, we have had to make some adjustments, meaning we will not plant some of our planned crops. This will negatively impact our budget plans but is inevitable given the situation.

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