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EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



April saw us break lessons for Easter and a few boost weeks, enabling us to focus on production while also allowing apprentices a chance to visit home. Following our break, we started our fourth and final training block of the year, with lots of enthusiasm. Learning at Ebenezer is dynamic, with all classroom lessons directly connected to real-life production!



While second years have been having some good Bible discussions on what it means to live in purpose with singleness, our first years have been looking at the book of Acts. Many have expressed feelings of inadequacy in sharing the gospel; this has led to some excellent discussions emphasising our need for the Holy Spirit's empowerment to confidently share our faith.



With the new block has come a new series of Family Nights, now focused on spending time in our individual families, enjoying fun, food and prayer together as this year draws to a close and we prepare to say good bye to those graduating. Fun activities have included making pizzas and pancakes, and creating family banners.



One group of apprentices was fortunate to attend a Jesus Life Changer service in Livingstone. They were encouraged by the word and inspired by the fellowship experience!

Our site continues to develop and we are pleased to have a new project underway flooring our Dining Hall area. This will create a safer and friendlier environment for the many activities we undertake here. We are hoping to have the floor completed by the end of May.

PRODUCTION

With a dry spell hitting Ebenezer and the surrounding area, we have witnessed some insightful results from our cropping comparison approach where we trialed maize plots using conservation farming methods next to plots using conservative methods. Our results showed a much greater resilience resulting from the conservation method, with a good harvest projected to be 9 tons per hectare if applied to a hectare plot. This has inspired not only our apprentices, but the local community who have been closely watching our experiments!

With our layer birds reaching the end of their lives, this month we sold over 2,000 off-layers and placed 8,000 new point-of-lay birds. While these birds are not yet fully mature, meaning they are not yet producing eggs, they are looking very strong and exhibit vitality. We are therefore excited for the upcoming production we anticipate in the coming weeks.

In April, we placed over 24,000 broiler chicks across 6 houses. Our 1st year apprentices are already on their 4th batch and gaining great experience in broiler management. They are looking forward to the transition into second year over the next couple of months, as they feel ready to mentor and inspire the next intake of Ebenezer apprentices!

Our second years are managing their final batch of broilers before they graduate at the end of May. They are working well together as a team, although they are seeing disappointing weights in this batch.

