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EBENEZER RAPALE



NEWS

July offered an amazing experience for our second year apprentices as we took them on a trip to the seaside together before graduation. For many this was their first time to see the ocean and so the trip was a great new adventure! From the challenge of organising to the moments of pure fun on the beach, it was a great way to make unforgettable memories before our second years graduated and went their separate ways. There is nothing like a trip for strengthening bonds of friendship and it gave us a unique opportunity to reflect on how we've grown together over the last two years. With much laughter and fun involved, it was also a reminder that despite the responsibilities that lie ahead, we should always find time to have fun and enjoy each other's company.



Graduation itself was celebrated on 12 July and as always was a time of much joy, mixed with a few tears, as these young people headed off into the next stage of their calling!

INTRODUCING



Not long ago, he was sitting in our classroom, learning skills that would open doors for his future. Today, he's out in the community, turning those lessons into real success stories, and inspiring others along the way. Immediately after graduating from Ebenezer, Silvio Marques planted his own tomato field and diligently cared for it day by day. Now, the results can be seen: rows of fresh, plump tomatoes which are enjoyed by his neighbours. Silvio didn't stop with tomatoes; he also began raising a local breed of chicken, prized for their flavour and quality. These birds are now providing meat and eggs for the community, as well as a steady income stream. This is exactly what we hope for every graduate - that they leave Ebenezer with the skills, confidence and drive to make a difference in their community. Silvio's journey from apprentice to successful farmer is proof that when young people are empowered, they can truly shine.



PRODUCTION

July saw our apprentices successfully harvest half a hectare of cabbages. Through teamwork, dedication and hands-on learning, they have produced a healthy and valuable crop, showing that great things can grow when we work together!

Other harvests this month have included tomatoes and onions. From preparing the soil through to harvesting their produce, apprentices have demonstrated skill, patience and pride in their work.

We benefited from a great opportunity to deepen our poultry knowledge and skills this month, as we participated in a poultry disease identification and necropsy training. The training provided valuable new knowledge about disease identification and how to conduct post-mortems in order to identify causes of death and implement effective corrective actions. The participation in this training also strengthened our team as we collaborated together to exchange experience and knowledge.

Our layer birds continue to thrive. Being in a natural environment, they have access to a diverse diet and space to move, which improves their well-being and leads to healthy eggs of good quality. Our birds are currently 52 weeks with a lay-rate of 92%.

