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EBENEZER RAPALE

# NEWS



On the 6th November we held a big celebration to mark the graduation of our 24 first years from their 3-month Foundation Course. This is a significant achievement and so our day was full of joy and enthusiasm, and of course some feasting!



Apprentices have been continuing to actively and joyfully participate in local community church gatherings. They have shown considerable creativity crafting melodies to accompany Psalms, which they have been using as they lead worship.



Our male apprentices have been benefitting from some additional evening input, focusing on themes such as baptism, the gifts of the Spirit, salvation and the sharing of testimonies. These times have encouraged those involved and strengthened their faith.

# INTRODUCING



Joel Eusébio Magalhães is one of our recent graduates who left this year. Having returned home, his parents have commented on his transformation and are impressed by the way he manages himself and his work. Joel is breeding broiler chickens, with his first batch a success, hitting the market at 28 days. He is now preparing his poultry house for his second batch. As well as being fruitful in his work, Joel has been teaching the word of God at his church, leading a class of 15 young people through the book of Ephesians.

Santiago Hilário, a native of Murrupula, is one of our second year apprentices. Santiago is active in field activities, in his poultry house, and in classes! His participation and enthusiasm is an inspiration to his peers, who he is always encouraging. Beyond Ebenezer, Santiago's dream is to raise chickens at home and teach the word of God.

# PRODUCTION

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This month we planted half a hectare of corn and transplanted ¼ hectare of tomatoes.  
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We have also been busy harvesting and have been somewhat disappointed not to hit our target yields. From our ½ ha of onion we had hoped to send 13 tons to market, but instead harvested 7.7 tons. And from our ¼ ha of tomatoes we had anticipated a yield of 10-15 tons but only managed 6.3 tons.  
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Seeing our plants grow healthily and then not produce as expected has been a tough experience. Investigations and soil testing has revealed some problems with our soil which is lacking some essential elements. Discovering this and having conversations with agronomists regarding actions we can take, is helping us to keep learning, improving and progressing.  
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We thank God for the continued success of our broiler operations. Our birds are generally maintaining good health and growth and achieving the standards we have set. However, we have faced some challenges with both suppliers and customers - all good learning experiences for our apprentices!  
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We have a similar situation with our layers, who have been suffering some mortalities and low production at times.  
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