

DECEMBER 2025



EBENEZER KAZUNGULA



# NEWS

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What an amazing year 2025 has been for us! 2 new team members joined us as well as 22 enthusiastic first years. Community collaborations were birthed and so many other good and exciting things took place. We thank the Lord that we maintained our joy throughout the year, we cultivated a family culture and we saw our apprentices learning to relate with Jesus in their daily lives.

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In December we concluded our 2nd block of training for this year. The following boost weeks over Christmas were characterised by gratitude and affirmation as we witnessed apprentices and staff growing in character, skills, discipline and confidence. Challenges faced throughout the year became testimonies of perseverance, stewardship, and God's sustaining grace.

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Christmas and New Year celebrations were a meaningful opportunity for us to remember that we are part of God's big story for the generations passed and to come. We reflected on the journeys we have walked, together and individually, and celebrated God's faithfulness through fellowship and shared joy.

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Ebenezer continues to be involved in neighbouring communities, to encourage apprentices to serve beyond themselves. Visits to local churches this month have included the Reformed Baptist Church in Mukuni Village. The purpose of this visit was to observe and learn from effective community engagement initiatives, gaining insight to inform future outreach within Katapazi, a community close to Ebenezer.

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# PRODUCTION

December was a challenging month for our broiler production. Birds we sent to the abattoir had an average live weight of 1.6 kg, the lowest we've recorded in the last 6 months. We are understandably disappointed with this outcome and we are carefully identifying contributing factors.

We have started a research trial in one of our broiler sites, varying our medicant and supplementation program between the two houses on that site. Although chicks in both houses arrived below the 43 g target of day-old-chick weight, early results at day 7 showed encouraging progress in both houses. Apprentices are actively engaged and motivated and we are enjoying this new learning opportunity and the skill and resilience it is producing in us.

December was also a challenging month for our layer unit, which experienced increased mortality due to sickness. Medication has led to a temporary reduction in lay-rate but pleasingly the mortality has also declined.

It was a more encouraging month for our cropping unit which received over 350 mm of rainfall! This has positively supported our current 0.3 ha crop and the season is promising good results because of these favourable conditions.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be boosting our cropping operations through the establishment of a proper irrigation system and the development of a winter cropping program.

