

MAY 2026



EBENEZER KAZUNGULA

NEWS



On Friday 22 May, we held our 6th annual graduation, a landmark occasion for the 11 apprentices who graduated from our 2-year Advanced Course, and for the 18 transitioning from the Intermediate Course into the Advanced Course. We welcomed distinguished guests from the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts of the Republic of Zambia: Ms Mabel Nedziwe, Director of Youth Ministry, and Mr Chileshe Kangwa, Permanent Secretary, who served as our Guest of Honour. Their attendance and words of encouragement were a source of great affirmation for the entire Ebenezer community.



Two selection camps also kept us busy this month! Selections have been made from the shortlisted applicants who attended, with one more camp planned for Kapiri Mposhi.



Four apprentices chose to publicly declare their faith through baptism in May. We held a special service which was joyful, prayerful and an encouraging reminder that apprentice discipleship is bearing fruit.

An exciting development as we finished our current training block was the donation of a Smart Box, which is essentially a digital classroom in a box, designed for contexts with limited internet access and unreliable electricity.



Another encouraging development this month was the purchase of a new Ebenezer vehicle! It is already in active use and has been hugely beneficial in managing logistics around everyday life as well as for events such as Selection Camps.

PRODUCTION

A cropping breakthrough this month was the flushing of our borehole and the confirmation that it has adequate water to resolve the constraints that have been delaying cropping work in the past weeks. Work is now underway to complete the construction and preparations necessary to increase our cropping area.

We have seen a continuing decline in performance in our layer flock this month. Apprentices in the layer house have been particularly focused on bringing mortality down, however the sustained underperformance of the flock now requires a business decision of whether to cull or retain the birds. This decision will be made in June.

In May, first year apprentices placed and managed a batch of broilers through the brooding phase with solid early results. Day 7 mortality was lower than in previous cycles, a good improvement in brooding discipline.

Focus areas in broiler production this month included: enabling apprentices to take ownership of their production responsibilities; ensuring they understand core production concepts and can apply them independently; identifying and addressing root causes of elevated mortality.

