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NEWS

Ebenezer apprentices have been busy this month, not only in their productive areas and lessons, but in community outreach, learning trips and skills application off site.

At the end of the month, our second year apprentices went on a marketing exposure visit across Kazungula. They toured an abattoir, feed mill and fish farming project. At each stop they saw how a product moves from production to processing to market, how costs and quality affect prices and how businesses find and keep their customers. The visit linked directly to their classroom marketing lessons and to their own work on the poultry sites, where feed, bird weight and timing decide whether a batch makes a profit.

One team of apprentices visited Katapazi school in October, spending time with Form 1 and 2 pupils and introducing them to basic computer skills, from using a keyboard and mouse to creating and saving a simple document. For young people with little access to technology, these steps can open doors to greater learning and future opportunities.

A group of female apprentices also spent time with girls at the school, distributing sanitary supplies and explaining how to use them safely and hygienically. A lack of sanitary products is one of the reasons girls in rural communities miss school, so this simple act of care helps them stay in class with dignity and confidence.

For the apprentices who led these sessions, the visit was as formative as it was for the pupils. Standing in front of a class, answering questions and caring for younger learners built their confidence and showed them that what they learn at Ebenezer is not just for themselves, but is meant to be shared.

PRODUCTION



We were delighted to welcome Tom Dombosha, an Ebenezer graduate, who has joined our cropping department. As someone who once stood where our current apprentices stand, learning the same skills in the same fields, Tom's arrival is living proof that Ebenezer training works. Many apprentices have been encouraged observing Tom's journey, seeing what the future could hold for them too.



Our cropping team prepared four maize plots this month, each measuring 25 x 50 metres. We also planted tomatoes which are now being trellised to support healthy growth and keep the fruit off the ground. Water shortages have caused some seedlings to die, a reminder that successful farming depends on reliable water. With Tom now part of the team, apprentices are learning land preparation, planting and crop care from someone who learnt these same skills at Ebenezer.



Three broiler batches were finished in October, with houses cleaned and prepared for the placement of 27,000 chicks which happened later in the month. Extreme October heat has put the birds under stress and we have seen mortality higher than we would like and food conversion ratios (how much feed is required for each kilogram of meat produced) higher than we would like. Apprentices are feeling these losses keenly, but not losing heart; they are working with supervisors to look closely at what can be improved, from water supply to ventilation.



Continued maintenance and cleaning alongside improvements to the water infrastructure in our layer houses has reduced our day-to-day operational challenges. We have also installed new fencing around our layer houses, providing greater security and biosecurity protection for our birds.