

October 2020

Dear Church Family,

Before lockdown I had planned to make trips to Jos, Nigeria, in April and again this October, both of which obviously had to be cancelled.

Despite these constraints I am pleased to report that progress continues to be made developing the various farm enterprises at the King's Kids, Girls' Transition House, Bassa.



I have been able to keep regular weekly contact with Alex throughout this period to discuss and pray over issues related to the farm.



This week I received a series of photos from Alex, of the maize harvest, which despite a number of challenges through the growing season, is estimated to have yielded nearly twice as much as last year..... For this we give thanks!

I have been particularly encouraged over the last few months with the development of the aquaponics systems and I hope you get as excited by them as I have been! I understand they may mean more to me than to you, as the significance of some of these may not be obvious to the uninformed 😊 (...but I'm always happy to discuss at length the technical details of these systems with anyone who has the time and the inclination! 😊)



The most encouraging message I take from these photos and from my conversations with Alex, is the degree to which Alex and the team have taken 'ownership' of the aquaponic enterprise. This is still in its infancy but they have implemented some significant initiatives of their own to improve water quality for the fish, as well as actively experimenting with the range of crops grown on the filter-beds, and making some important adjustments to the filter media, to improve water flow through the systems (see short video 'Aquaponics system 2020'). For me this is so exciting to see these advances without me being there! 😊



Another encouraging report from Alex is the adoption of the most recent design of 'chicken tractor' which we developed on my trip last October. The one being fabricated in the photos below is for Elisha (Kings Kids' lead pastor). Two others were also fabricated and sold to individuals in the local community of Bassa.



Please continue to pray over this partnership that we, church family in Bridgnorth, share with our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

Rich blessings to you all, in Jesus,

Much love,

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