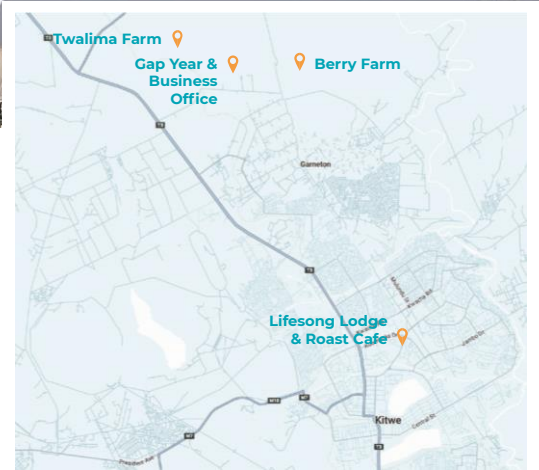




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BUSINESS UPDATES FOR APRIL 2024



Berry Farm: The Berry farm is going through the seasonal replanting process. Which means, the old plants are pulled out of the trays and the new plants are put in its place. The first batch of new plants have arrived from South Africa. The next batch will come in next month from Spain. In addition, this means our harvest has been down, and we are not able to deliver the normal quantities of berries. However, we do expect the harvest will greatly increase next month as the new plants start producing fruit. To the left is a picture of the new plants that have arrived, while the team inspects them, and prepares them to be planted.

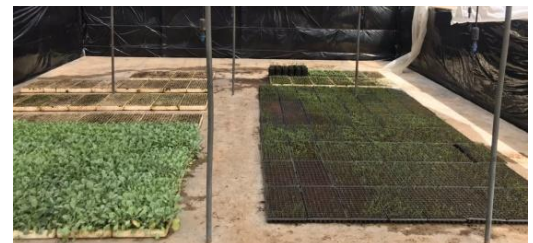


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Selling Strawberries from Lifesong Farms



Twalima Farm & Nursery: The Twalima farm and nursery team has been busy doing trial plants of cabbage, as well as grow seedlings, at the nursery, that will grow well at the farm. In addition, some new equipment has been purchased to support the planting at the farm. All the products that are growing are being sold to the Lifesong Farms customers. We are thankful for the leadership support from Peter, back office, as the team pursues growing and operating a successful farming operation. More to come in the coming months.

Discipleship Program: The Discipleship program at the farms has been going on well. All those involved are enjoying the challenges and experiences they are part of at the Lifesong Farms. During their time at the farms, they get to get their hands dirty, their minds equipped, and their hearts filled with the good community and solid biblical input. Here is a quote from Pastor Jito, in being with the students: Great ATTITUDE. We are having a wonderful time with the kids. They are self-motivated. Just had lunch about to start our devotion. It is exciting working with this bunch. We just had 15 kids, but when you see the work put in you will be amazed. In just a short time we did a lot of work.



Lifesong Farms Business Office: This month we had our Lifesong Zambia quarterly financial meeting under the direction of Mr Fwala Nanga, Lifesong CFO. He reviewed and updated on financial controls for Lifesong financial activities, as well as report to how each Lifesong ministry unit is performing on Actuals vs Budget, for the first quarter of 2024. It was encouraging to see how each Lifesong ministry unit is intentionally engaged in the financial controls and practices that have been developed. In regards to the Sales revenue at Lifesong Farms, it was a blessing to see how the actuals outperformed the budget/proforma for the first quarter. We look forward to continue that increase in revenue. God has been good to Lifesong Zambia as we see the impact we are having in the community, in the measure-able numbers, and in the lives of the employees and students that are under our care. May God be praised. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support of the ministry in Zambia.



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