



'The Times They Are a-Changin'

Forgive me for employing an over-used Dylan title, but I do find it to be a most appropriate expression at this point in time.

Changes.

That's a word that can mean different things to different people, depending on their circumstances. Love them, hate them, they still come around. They can be expected, unexpected. Welcomed, dreaded. Positive or perhaps, negative.

In the case of Seeds of Hope International Partnerships, the changes being experienced are very much in the affirmative and as someone who has worked at SOHIP for a short four weeks, I feel blessed to have come on board when I did, because I have the privilege of seeing a number of projects coming to fruition.



SOHIP Village

According to the World Food Programme (WFP), 925 million people do not have enough food to eat.

In today's world – more so in developing countries – food security is a major issue, so what better way to spare oneself from becoming a part of this abhorrent statistic than by investing in agriculture?

With this in mind SOHIP has made more than a few strides in entering the agricultural arena by embarking on an ambitious initiative: creating our own – albeit miniature – farming hub.

It all started with a small but well sized piece of land, located within the Makoli Resource Center in Ndola. After some hard work and TLC by Seeds of Hope – Zambia (SHIP-ZM)



employee Lincoln, U.S. volunteers, Tell Dietzler and Matt Ellis the land is bringing forth some good organic crop; green and purple lettuce, onions, pumpkins, tomatoes, herbs and not to mention some flowers. These are currently being sold to a local school and small café.

Recently, chickens have been added to the mix and I've heard rumors that rabbitry might also be on the agenda.

As if this wasn't exciting enough, we have now begun expanding!



Champion Spotlight: Local Champions Generate Fun and Funds

BioSand Filters brought a community together this month, filling a local café with art lovers, foodies, coffee drinkers, and clean water activists, all set to the sounds of live music at Sally Loo's Wholesome Café. It was the Music and Art Benefit hosted by Mountainbrook Community Church, in partnership with Sally Loo's, and it's events like these that make Seeds of Hope incredibly proud to have such compassionate and creative local supporters.

The benefit took place on July 16 and its goal was to raise enough money to sponsor 100 BioSand Filters.

Local band History of Painters and local artist Danny Grassechi played music and Mountainbrook Community Church had art on display, all of which was for sale. But it

wasn't just any art. It was their very own artwork created from their previous trips to Zambia, a perfect detail to bring even more tangible meaning to the underlying message of the evening.

We are so appreciative of all fund raising efforts and donations, no matter how big or small. This Music and Art Benefit not only helped to raise crucial money that goes directly towards saving lives, but also serves as encouragement for all of us to continue on this journey together.

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