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LOHA LETTER

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AGRIHOPE

At Land of Hope Africa, we follow Agrihope's sustainable farming practices, prioritizing sustainable profitability as a vital aspect of our teachings. We strongly believe you cannot effectively manage what you do not measure. Therefore, in our efforts to help farmers escape poverty, we stress the importance of being strategic and purposeful in farming practices.

the significance of planting crops using locally relevant seed populations, carefully measured fertilizer levels, and knowing the optimal planting and weeding times to maximize crop yields. Ultimately, our goal is to empower the farmers at LOHA to generate yields consistently year after year.

TWO MILLION ZAMBIANS EXPERIENCE SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY.

Written by Kyle Gold, Director of Agriculture

Imagine waking up, and it's been days since your last meal and more than 24 hours since your children took a bite of food. Imagine the pain of your stomach aching for food and seeing your children cry from hunger. Not knowing where your next meal will come from or how much you'll have.

This is the harsh reality for many families in Zambia, where 13% of the population is categorized as food insecure. Close to 2.3 million people wake up unsure when they will eat again.

For the children at Land of Hope, waking up to the knowledge of having three square meals a day, farmed fresh from the property they live on, brings a sense of security and hope. From eggs for breakfast to corn and beans for lunch and chicken and vegetables for dinner, they can enjoy nutritious meals that nourish their bodies and minds.

We are committed to changing the narrative around food insecurity by offering sustainable solutions. Land of Hope provides agriculture workers with the necessary knowledge and tools to achieve steady production from the land each year. This addresses immediate hunger issues and helps establish long-term food security and stability. Our approach involves educating our farmers and children to learn and adopt practices supporting food security. Our farmers consistently generate a yield from the land on site by utilizing local seeds, natural fertilizer, and strategic planting and weeding methods.

CURRENT AGRICULTURE STATE



Before, 2022

Today's Crops

FERTILE SOIL

By implementing the agricultural practices of Agrihope, Land of Hope has successfully cultivated 16 acres of arable soil. This achievement is significant considering Zambia's challenging climate and historical land use practices. Each harvest presents new opportunities to improve our practices and savor fresh produce. At any given time, you can find a variety of vegetable yields, such as broccoli, cauliflower, green onions, cabbage, corn, tomatoes, spinach, eggplants, green peppers, and coffee. As we celebrate our achievements and anticipate the coming year, the possibilities for our agriculture program are limitless. We plan to expand our chicken program, which boasts over 200 chickens yielding 300+ eggs daily. Additionally, our 2024 objective is to expand the amount of arable soil to optimize the land's potential. Stay tuned for updates on LOHA honey as we establish 10–12 beehives on the property.

MY ASK

As you read and learn more about our agricultural program, please consider how you can support the mission. Whether it's through donations, prayer, or joining on an upcoming trip to LOHA, no act is too small.

2024 GOALS

- Hire full-time Agriculture Forman.
- Serve as the main ag provider for surrounding villages and communities.
- Partner with local food markets to sell our produce.



BEYOND THE LOHA GROUNDS

We aim to share our abundant harvest with the needy residents of the villages surrounding LOHA. The success we have experienced by following Agrihope's farming practices enables us to expand our care and support. This vision involves partnering with local markets to sell our products and assisting neighboring families facing difficulties. Furthermore, we aim to educate communities in the surrounding areas on sustainable farming practices through Argihope initiatives, fostering a more eco-friendly and mindful approach to agriculture.

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