



June 2021

Who ever thought we'd be allowed to enter banks with masks on our faces without getting arrested? Now they won't let us in unless our masks are in place and we've almost sanitised our hands off.

Despite the many challenges being presented at the moment the ministry of Living Hope continues to grow and to thrive. We are blessed!

Please pray for us in the following areas:

- Zambia's general elections are in August. Pray for peace and for fair elections.
- Zambia's covid cases are on the increase and our medical system is not equipped to cope with the masses of ill people that other countries have seen in the last 18 months. Pray for protection from Covid and wisdom for people in their response to it.
- The Baby Unit is very near completion. Pray for the funds to purchase the furniture. Please also pray for favour when we submit our application for permission to open.
- Our schools are currently on a Covid induced shut-down. Please pray that all of our sponsored students will be able to return to school quickly and that they will be able to keep up with the learning material.
- We are seeing increasing need for more sponsorship for students as Covid causes havoc with our economy and more families can not afford to education their children. Pray for new sponsors for our many children in need.
- Even the shipping industry has been affected, so please pray as we look at new options for sending our containers of donated goods for the vulnerable. We need wisdom of how to make the necessary changes.

SPONSORSHIP

David has finally managed to fly to Australia! Expect to hear from him at some stage soon as he has a huge packet of photos and letters from all of your sponsored children. He is beginning to make the rounds of churches and friends who are sponsoring children so if you don't hear from him soon please drop him a line.

Thank you to all of you who recently sent through your annual sponsorship for our students. It means that all of our sponsored children are at school, though with our recent spike in Covid cases schools are currently closed for 3 weeks. We wait with bated-breath to see if they will be allowed to resume classes in July or whether this will be another extended shutdown. Tertiary students are learning online, but our secondary and primary students are all home.

We are on the hunt for new sponsors – so if you'd like to sponsor a child, or maybe have a friend who would be interested please send us an email at livinghopezambia@gmail.com. Currently we have 17 young people who need sponsors in primary, secondary and tertiary education as well as 3 that need help to be able to access life-saving medications.



CONTAINER MINISTRY

Since the outbreak of covid the shipping of containers has been on-hold as shipping and border crossings have been very unstable. As we start to get the wheels turning again this month we have learned that shipping prices have tripled in 18 months and shipping destinations have been reduced. Getting the containers to us in Chingola may be quite a challenge for now so please pray for us as we research how we go about making the changes and get this life-changing ministry rolling again.

In saying that we are still sending out the last of our under 5's clothing and blankets, which is timely as June is our cold season. 7 clinics have been targeted as ones who will see some of the poorest and most vulnerable children this season and each will receive a supply of vests, beanies and blankets to give to the children that come through their doors. Special thanks to all the KNITTERS and SEWERS who have sent these over to us!

FARMS & FARMING TRAINING

Our farm and what it produces continues to grow on a regular basis and at the moment we are harvesting large quantities of the very sought after broccoli and cauliflower. Strawberry season is just starting and believe it or not we are now successfully growing asparagus! Who would have thought we'd be able to access such variety in Zambia? We regularly send produce to some of the very rural mission stations and are loving how much what we do inspires and teaches local farmers.



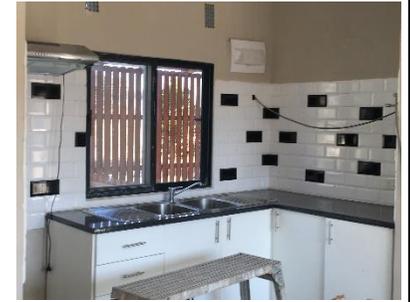
Just last week 4 ladies spent a day learning with Ben and amongst the 'wow' moments were the realisation that they over-plant by planting entire seed packets, that good record keeping is a part of the business of farming, market demand should be used to determine what is planted, and planting should be done on a monthly cycle in small quantities rather than every 6 months in huge quantities.

Last month we visited Eden Farm, who run a Children's Home and a Community School, who we worked with for 6 months last year training them in Farming God's Way. They have gone from two large beds of very sick looking impwa (white eggplant) to 80 working beds of various vegetables, as well as each house mother growing the vegetables for her house of orphaned children in her own garden! The vegetables to feed the children at the school lunch are all being harvested from the garden with vegetables spare to sell. We are so proud to have been involved in the growth and development of this Community based project.



BABY UNIT

The grass is growing.
The sand pit sand is on its way.
The kitchen is tiled.
The front door has been installed.
The paint touch ups are all-but done.
The curtain rails are in hand.



When can the Baby Unit open? When we have furnished it down to the last teaspoon we will be permitted to submit our application to open.

We have the teaspoons, but we still need a few other items.



- Solar panels and batteries (we don't yet have access to local electrical supply and may not gain this for up to another year or more.)
- Gas stove
- Fridge
- Curtains
- Mother's bed
- Couches and chairs
- Floor rugs
- Pots and pans
- Kitchen appliances (toaster, kettle, microwave, utensils...)
- Bathroom and laundry (iron, towels, washing basket...)
- First aid kits



Can you help us with the funds to purchase these final items?



Community water point

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LHZ002 (for building/other)

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