



BREATHING CLEANER IN 2020

Through Mission Breathe, Seeds of Change improves the health and living conditions of families, particularly women and children, by eliminating indoor air pollution through access to cookstoves fueled by clean-burning biofuels.

The new decade is looking bright for Mission Breathe in Africa: specifically Mozambique and South Africa where markets are primed and ready for a clean cookstove market. Seeds of Change has shifted its focus to a pilot program in those two countries in an effort to begin eliminating the toxicity of cooking fuels and improve quality of life one cookstove at a time.

This new program will spur more business and production from ethanol and cookstove manufacturing facilities as storefronts open to sell stoves and fuel which is already creating jobs in marketing, manufacturing and sales for people in these communities.

3 BILLION people
cook with solid fuels like
charcoal and wood

4.3 MILLION

people die from respiratory issues related to indoor cooking... a number exceeding Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV/AIDS combined.

\$15 is the reduced cost of one clean-burning cookstove after funding assistance through Seeds of Change



These clean-burning biofuel cookstoves have zero harmful emissions, and are safe and easy to use.

Each stove offsets **four** tons of carbon per year.

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Enjoying The Fruit(s) of Your Labor *More Mission Grow Success!*

It's mango season in Kenya! Enjoy two of our latest Mission Grow success stories this month from our partners, Farm Input Promotions - Africa.



Half of smallholder farmer Joseph Kioko's land is covered in mango trees.

"In those days, there was little to hope for," he said, recalling a time when he struggled to make ends meet.

He first encountered Mission Grow partners in eastern Kenya in 2017.



Joseph Maithia saw a 100% increase in his mango production this year after some simple investment and utilizing similar pruning, spraying and fertilizing techniques to protect his crop.

This season, Joseph has already picked 24,000 mangoes from his 40 total trees which is **DOUBLE** his harvest from last year.

Through soil and crop management education, he managed to turn his land around with some pruning, spraying and fertilizer to protect his mango trees against insects and infections.

With a small investment under \$3 per tree, Joseph and his family look forward to a bountiful harvest.

Less than \$10 helps provide the tools and the education Kenyan farmers need to improve their crops and their livelihoods. Help us #GrowChange

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Mission Hope: Construction at Kakuswi

Final Phase Underway!

Kakuswi School for the Deaf is entering the final phase of construction of its new staff housing facility!

Local crews broke ground in early 2019 and utilized help from the POET Mission Hope team that summer.

The three-story building will house up to six staff members and their families, which will provide additional overnight security for the 70 students who live on campus.

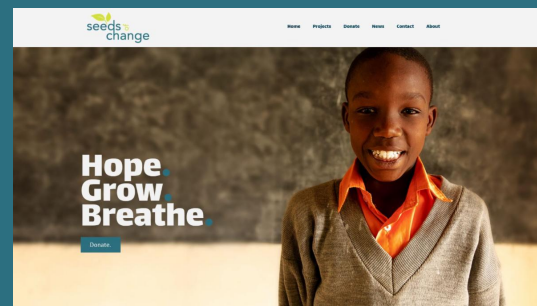
The project is expected to wrap up this spring!

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Coming Soon!

The Seeds of Change team is putting the finishing touches on the all new www.SeedsOfChange.org and is preparing to re-launch the website in February. Stay tuned!



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