Barley and Sweet Potato Chili

Serves 6

1 Tbsp avocado oil or grapeseed oil

2 onions, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp dried oregano leaves, crumbled

½ tsp salt (omit if not using low sodium beans, tomatoes and broth)

½ tsp freshly ground pepper

½ cup pot barley

1 can low sodium crushed tomatoes

1 cup low sodium vegetable / chicken broth

2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes

1 can no-added-salt red kidney or black beans, drained and rinsed

1 Tbsp chilli powder

1 Tbsp cumin

2 Tbsp fresh lime juice

1 jalapeño pepper, minced (optional)

1 green bell pepper, diced (optional)

½ cup cilantro, finely chopped (optional)

- 1. In a large dry skillet over medium heat, add oil and onions. Cook for 3 minutes. Stir in garlic, oregano, salt, pepper, and cumin. Cook for 1 minute.
- 2. Stir in barley. Add tomatoes and bring to a boil.
- 3. Transfer mixture to a large pot. Add vegetable / chicken broth, sweet potatoes, and beans. Simmer on stove for 50 minutes.
- 4. Mix chilli powder and lime juice together and add to the pot before serving. Garnish with jalapeno, bell pepper and cilantro if desired.