Magee’s Quinoa Chili

1 cup quinoa
3 Tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 each onion, medium, diced
1 each red pepper diced
1 each green pepper, diced
1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
1 lb. canned diced tomatoes with juice
¼ cup chili powder
2 tsp. ground cumin
1 Tbsp. crushed red pepper
1 (15-oz.) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15-oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. In a large saucepan of 2 cups water, cook quinoa according to package instructions; set aside.
2. Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven or large pot over medium high heat. Add garlic and onion and peppers, and cook, stirring frequently, until onions have become translucent, about 2-3 minutes and peppers are soft.
3. Add tomato paste and sauté for another minute.
4. Stir in quinoa, diced tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, crushed red pepper and 1-2 cups water and the beans, making sure to cover most of the ingredients; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
5. Reduce heat to low; simmer, covered, until thickened, about 30 minutes.