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# The MCCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE MCCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT



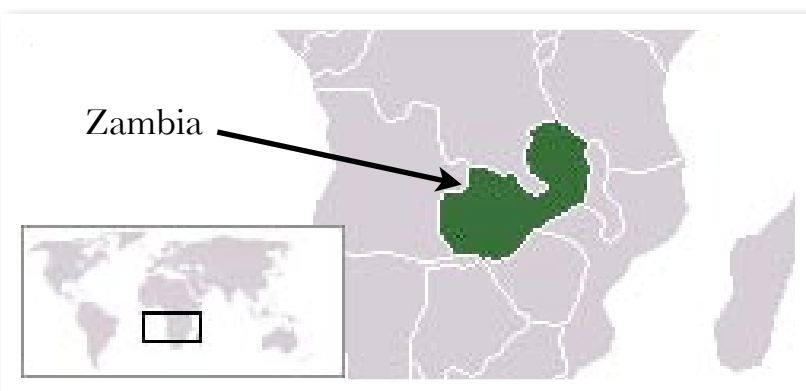
## ✕ Family Update ✕

*I can honestly say that our marriage has never been stronger! The discipline God brought in our early marriage and over the past few years is truly bringing forth "the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (Heb 12:11). Praise God that He continues to sanctify us throughout our lives! In addition to our work at*



*Strategic Impact, Tracy is considering how to begin pouring into some of the younger wives at DCC. [www.dentoncommunity.org](http://www.dentoncommunity.org) I currently meet with several men for discipleship & Accountability and now serve as the Worship Pastor at DCC. Dakota (13) is happy to have her braces off, Trinity (almost 6) can finally tie her shoes again (now has her cast off), and Remington (will be fortunate to make 2) is still going full steam ahead with no brakes! We continue to be humbled and grateful by the prayers and financial support of the body of Christ and are looking forward to an amazing 2007!!!*

## MINISTRY UPDATE - ZAMBIA



I am **so excited** about what God is doing in and through Strategic Impact, I can barely begin to explain it! We just returned from Kabwe, Zambia, where God opened an opportunity to pour into a group of *over 80 pastors* from all over the nation. Several things occurred, which I will attempt to calmly communicate...but you have to know...**I am shouting on the inside!!!**

**First, a spirit of unity flowed.** I was aware there were divisions among the church in Africa, just like there are in the US. But I didn't realize the divisions were in 2 different directions. There are not only divisions between denominations, but also a sort of striation between the sizes of churches and the level of leadership one holds. For example, a Bishop who is overseeing 40 churches rarely interacts with Pastors much...A Pastor of a mega-church does not interact much with Pastors of small churches, etc. The Conference began and we had Pastors of small churches, Bishops over 70+ churches, Pastors of huge churches, Missionaries from parachurch organizations, etc. The Lord led Mike to give an opening message focused on two things: Unity (Psa 133) and Consecration (Isa 6). The Spirit of God moved, and all the walls came down. There was not one mention of denomination nor level of leadership brought out the rest of the conference. This set the tone for the rest of the week. *Sainet Phiri, our main contact in Zambia, was shocked at the unity and brotherhood displayed by all who participated!*



Prayer



Meal Preparation



Corporate Worship



Accommodations



Praising God

**Second, a spirit of brokenness came.** Right after the opening message, there was a time of silent prayer followed by a time of prayer where leaders took turns praying aloud. This was not directed by our team in any way...we didn't say, "pray for \_\_\_\_." Yet, **the Spirit moved hearts to cry out to the Lord in repentance.** Repentance for having wrong priorities, repentance for sins, repentance for not reaching out to the lost, repentance for not discipling the next generation... **On and on the prayers came** - Some in shouts and some in softness, some with anger and some with weeping, some in English and some in local dialects...all directed toward the one true God of the universe. All asking God to lead us where He wills and to empower us to obey and follow His directing. What a powerful time of humble submission!



Zambian Pastors at the conference

**Third, a fire of the soul was ignited.** A fire toward reaching the lost...reaching Zambia...Reaching all of Africa! Several Pastors shared their intent to revise their church plans for 2007 in light of a renewed passion for lost souls, a new priority toward discipleship, and a new vision for church-planting.

One Pastor phoned Sainet a few days after the conference and told him, ***"We have assembled the armies! We are invading the city...and we are capturing!"*** He now truly sees that we are in a battle for the souls of men and is already taking action by mobilizing his church to strategically reach out into their city with the gospel of Jesus Christ...setting the captives free from sin and bringing them captive to the living God who loves them! This was just one of the many calls and messages Sainet received while we spent a few days together after the conference.

**Finally, all these were built on a foundation of love.** An overarching principle at Strategic Impact is the commitment to let all that we do be done in love. (1 Cor 16:14). As 1 Cor 13 makes clear, *no matter how eloquent, gifted, knowledgeable, faith-filled, or sacrificial a person might be...if they don't have love, their efforts are worthless.* We had been praying for quite some time that God would allow us to communicate love to these pastors and that, through love, these men would have eyes to see and ears to hear all that God had for them at this event...God moved mightily, and answered our prayers! Praise His holy name!

**Now, we cast our eyes Southward toward Ecuador.** Please pray for God to guide us!

*Praise God for your faithful prayers and financial support! We could not do this without you!*

*The McCartys*



Sainet & Dustin at Victoria Falls