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The McCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE McCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

✧ Family Update ✧

Everything is going well in the McCarty family. We are just 4 weeks away from the birth of daughter #4 (we have yet to decide on a name...but don't be alarmed, the last 2 didn't have names until after delivery. :-)

Tracy and the baby are healthy, though Tracy is quite ready for this child to arrive.

*Service at **Denton Community Church** continues to go well. We really feel "at home" here. It is a huge blessing to be a part of such a loving group of believers!*

*We have begun yet another venture, as an immediate need arose at **Denton Calvary Academy** (where Dakota and Trinity attend school) for a Missions Geography instructor for the Spring Semester. Dustin was approached to*

fill in, and after much prayer, we came to the conclusion that this was an opportunity to which the Lord was leading us. It was difficult to step away from MTI to do this, but the time stretch to teach the 2 classes on M, W, & F has been worth it. One parent just shared today that her daughter is really leaning toward entering missions as an occupation. Praise God! Please join us in prayer that God will call all of these students into ministry!



***Dakota** and Trinity continue to do well in school. Dakota has just started track season and is going to try her hand at softball for the first time. She is enjoying the 8th grade and we have recently worked through her High School Diploma Plan...talk about a reality check that your little girl is growing up!*

***Trinity** has seemed to discover a total lack of fear for public speaking/performance. Over Christmas, after reading Scripture at a school assembly, I asked her if she might want to sing for our church...she agreed. I asked her if she understood that she would be singing by herself in front of the whole church, to which she replied, "Yes, just like I read in front of the whole school." She did quite well on 'Silent Night'. :-)*

***Remington** continues to amaze us with her quick wit and "always on" approach to life. She just turned 3 and is a joy, though a hand-full as she continues to learn her place in the family.*

We greatly appreciate your prayers...especially for Tracy and the new baby due March 28!



MINISTRY UPDATE LILONGWE, MALAWI



Our team just returned from Malawi with GREAT NEWS!

Not only did the Lord truly bless our time of consultation with our key leaders across 3 African nations, but He also paved the way for a Strategic Impact Leadership 'Thrust' in June!!! (One of the items we discussed in Malawi was a discontent with the term 'conference'. It communicates sitting and conferring. We don't sit and confer, and neither do we just lecture, but as you know, we **teach** in the mornings and **sweat** together in the afternoons - sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and establishing new churches...SO, we have changed the name to **Leadership Thrust**)

As always, it was a "you had to be there" time, but I will do my best to share the fruit with you. **God has used your prayers and financial generosity to make this fruit possible.**

PRaise GOD FOR YOUR PARTnersHIP!

CONSULTATION...

The consultation with our key African leaders from Zambia, Tanzania and Malawi was held over 3 days. Our question was basically, ***“How can we serve you to train leaders to the 3rd generation of discipleship so that all of Africa is reached with the gospel?”*** Here is just **one example** of how God used the time together:

Day One was spent in deepening our relationship by all of us sharing our life stories, birth to present. There were tears and rejoicing as we shared and heard of times of heartache and victory. The most impacting testimony to me came from Israel Wandamba... **Just a month before**, he was falsely accused of a crime by a fellow believer, and subsequently **thrown in jail**...along with his wife “Beauty” Jane. As you can



imagine, a jail in Tanzania is not the most luxurious location for a time of retreat with one’s wife. As he shared how **hurtful** it was for this to happen, he told of looking into his wife’s eyes and telling her that he was sorry she had been arrested - it was not right for her to be in jail with him (though they both were innocent). **Her reply** was, ***“I am your wife. If there is cause for you to be in jail, then there is cause for me to be in jail.”*** **What a faithful woman!** They

were cleared of all charges, but the hurt remained. We prayed for Wandamba for a long time that day. A few days later, as he was departing, he shared with me, ***“I am so glad I came to Malawi. I feel that I have received total spiritual healing this week from that incident.”*** **What a blessing to serve him at this time!** Praise God for His gentle hand in difficult situations!

The result of this consultation came on the last day of meetings. It answered our question of how these men were being led to bring the gospel to Africa and how we can serve them. After much prayer and discussion, these men came to the conclusion that in **2008, THEY each would spearhead Leadership Thrusts** in 2 major cities within their nations and make entry into a new nation that borders their home country. This means **Zambians will be discipling and training** **Zambian and Namibian leaders** toward the development of **Character, Leadership Skills, Church Planting and the Great Commission**; **Tanzanians will be discipling and training** **Tanzanian and Burundian leaders** toward the development of **Character, Leadership Skills, Church Planting and the Great Commission**; and **Malawians will be discipling and training** **Malawian and Mozambican** leaders toward the development of **Character, Leadership Skills, Church Planting and the Great Commission** - OR - **2 Timothy 2:2 in action!**



FUTURE...

Just to make sure you catch this: Lord willing, **6 nations will be impacted in Africa alone in 2008 through STRATEGIC IMPACT** and 9 of the 10 Leadership Thrusts will be **nationally led!** Additionally, we plan to return to **Lilongwe** in June for a major Leadership Thrust, to be in **Ecuador** in August, enter **India** in the 4th quarter of 2008, and conduct a set-up campaign in **French-Speaking Africa** for a 2009 Leadership Thrust.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP! It is such a privilege to work in ministry...and it is our joy to do so. With your continued help, we will press on in continuing to follow the Lord’s leading!

To see and hear from the leaders themselves - Click **HERE**.

Praise God for your faithful prayers and financial support!

We could not do this without you!

The McCartys