

# The McCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE MCCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

## ✧ Family Update ✧

**Well, here we are again!**

Things are still going strong in the McCarty family. We had a full head of steam going into the new school year and it has not slacked up much.

**Tracy** continues to teach our sweet daughters on their home days from Denton Calvary Academy, and full time for Remington. She also is trying to track of Sierra and me and keep us out of trouble. There has been much reported fruit from the parenting reading groups she led in the summer...one of them resulted in a men's parenting reading group which I now lead. (Thanks honey!).



**Trinity** has started 3rd grade! She has such a tender and compassionate heart... yet is apparently always going to be the princess. However, there is hope yet! She is already talking about wanting to participate in softball this summer! w00t!



**Dakota** is a Sophomore. In High School! She is a real go-getter and is currently co-captain of the varsity volleyball team and was just elected Class Representative. She struggles to balance life with school and sports, and is learning many good life lessons about priorities of maintaining God in the first position. Frankly, we are so proud of her level of maturity and her ability to take instruction and correction that we could pop!



**Sierra** is running and giggling and picking on her sisters and keeping everyone thoroughly entertained. She doesn't slow down much. New phrases have begun to flow from her lips, and frankly we are a little nervous that she is going to be able to articulate the things that she has been mumbling about for the



past several months! Your prayers are appreciated... no really!

**Remington** is having many lessons in discipline. She is learning her letters and numbers and beginning to write. Her energy level proceeds to test our resolve, but overall, she is a sweetheart. She LOVES her sisters and continues to be "best friends" with Trinity.



**Local ministry** continues with Denton Community Church and Denton Calvary Academy. It is such a joy to clearly see the hand of God at work in discipleship relationships and in response to instruction. One story was shared with Tracy by a parent of one of my Missions Geography students.

The mother and daughter were in an argument over some issue and had been in a heated discussion for several minutes when the daughter stopped. The usually timid young lady looked her mom in the eye and said, "I am sorry. This is foolish for us to be arguing over something this trivial. Do you know what my calling is? It is to be an ambassador for Christ to the nations! I simply can't argue over something this small. Please forgive me." And that was it! Argument done! Praise God!

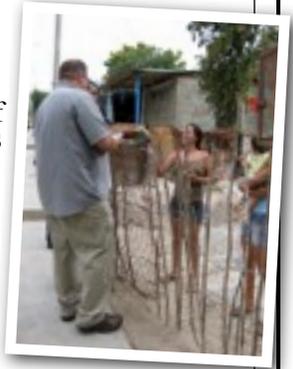
My gratitude is deep that I have the privilege of both a local and international ministry. Thank you for partnering with us!

# MINISTRY UPDATE

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

One of our main hopes is to identify, equip and resource faithful men in every country of the world so they may then train others to reach their own nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ... planting churches that will maintain and expand the new ground that has been taken. We want to raise up a generation of Pastors & Leaders who will be interdependent with other believers...but not fully dependent upon missionaries or funds from the United States in order to continue their work. **Partners, this is happening!**

Below, you will hear of how things are going in three major regions of the world where God has opened doors for us... Latin America, Southern Africa and West Africa.



## LATIN AMERICA

As you may recall, we were able to bring **Frank Torres** on staff with Strategic Impact back in January. He is doing a GREAT job! It took a little bit to get things off and rolling, but with some resources and some discipling and some guidance, Frank is off to the races!

I spent two separate weeks with him coaching and discipling him... then observing him as he led the way in establishing our training process with local pastors in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Already he has led a **Vision Seminar** (Step 1 in our process) which was attended by about 200 pastors. At this 1-day introduction, Frank and his team shared what we do and don't do and how to get involved with us. Frank did excellent! Both clarity and excitement came from the meeting. From that group of 200, 50 were selected for the next

level of training, the **Leadership Thrust**.

I returned to disciple, coach and observe Frank as he led his team in this week-long intensive training in Personal Development (growth in integrity), Leadership Development and Church Planting skills. The teaching was wonderful, the evenings of outreach (*photo above right*) and Church Planting experience was great! (*photo above left*) AND, it was clear by the end of the week that all the pastors (*photo above left*) who were attending were looking to Frank for assistance... and NOT to me. This is a key issue. Please **pray** for Frank and his family as he continues to equip these pastors and many others. The next level of training is scheduled for October.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

The teams in Zambia and Tanzania are really doing well! Already, the Zambia team has conducted **Vision Seminars** in various cities in their home country AND have expanded to the hurting neighboring nation of Zimbabwe to train pastors (*photo on right*)! According to **Sainet Phiri's** report, there were 459 professions of faith and 6 new churches were planted... and that was just during the training in Zimbabwe ALONE! Remember... these are nationals training nationals! We equipped these faithful men, discipling and coaching them... providing example on the ground with them - and now they are off and on their own!

The Tanzania team is also moving forward. **Israel Wandamba** and his team are reaching out into the rural villages to equip pastors in the most needy areas of their nation... AND they are planning to return to the civil war ravaged area of Burundi to further equip the pastors there... AND have plans to begin the training process in Rwanda this fall!

Please continue to **pray** for these faithful men! Pray for several things for them: 1) For Vasco in Malawi. He is still recovering from the car wreck in which he lost part of his leg. 2) That we will be able to discover a national funding model to cover the expenses of this work. 3) Pray for Sainet and his wife Eunice who just had a baby girl last week... and for Israel and his wife Beauty Jane who are due in October!



## WEST AFRICA

Burkina Faso has been frustrating! We are just starting in this area and have yet to identify the key man with whom God would have us partner. We have begun the training process there with a **Vision Seminar**, but have not been able to return and continue the training due to a lack of funding... and now, there is horrible flooding in the capital of Ouagadougou (*photo on left*). Please **pray** for each of these areas...especially for the flood victims! We know God's timing is perfect and that He is sovereign to watch over the people of Burkina... yet we hunger to return and equip pastors there for the work of the Kingdom!

Once again we state the obvious fact: Without you obeying God's call to partner with us in prayer and financial support, we could NOT carry out any of this work. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

May God continue to bless you and others through you!

*The McCartys*

