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The MCCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE MCCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

MINISTRY UPDATE

2009 was both a great and frustrating year. The frustrating part was funding - always a struggle for faith-based organizations - but this year in particular. Due to a drop in corporate funding, we were only able to carry out around 2/3 of our original hopes for the year. However, **God is sovereign**, and one of the best things that could have happened for us this year was our inability to go! With our travel reduced, the national leaders were forced into a position of greater action and responsibility. One of our primary goals is to equip, but without creating a dependency upon U.S. missionaries or dollars for ministry to go forward - for the nationals to **own the ministry**. This happened in 2010 (see the Fruit of the Ministry Report on the other side of this). A second benefit to the reduction in travel was a deeper perspective. Since we were in the U.S. most of the time, we were able to work on the ministry as well as in it. From that time thinking and praying, we recognized some gaps in our process which are being filled, and some things we simply needed to do differently. This year, the Lord gave us a gift of limited travel, and **we are grateful for that gift!**

2010 is bursting with opportunities. Here in the U.S., we are working on filling out our curriculum. This is primarily in the form of devotionals to reinforce and broaden the instruction given in our three main tracks: **Personal Development, Leadership Development, and Church Planting**. In total, there will be **104 devotionals** on topics ranging from Inductive Bible Study to Making and Maturing Multiplying Disciples to the Biblical Role of the Husband. We are really excited about this process and are making great strides every week. Beyond that, Lord willing, we will continue to disciple, train, and encourage our key leaders in Southern Africa and Latin America. We will return to West Africa to continue the work we began in 2009 - prayerfully looking for the key men God would have us work through for that region. We will expand into the new region of Spain with some trusted contacts we have who have relocated from Venezuela to Seville.

Here is a brief update on the work of the nationals and where we are in our two main regions.

LATIN AMERICA

Frank Torres has been working diligently in Venezuela and has begun to network with other trusted leaders in Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia.

The times Floyd VanDeburgh and I spent in person discipling Frank have really paid off. He has developed a solid team in Barquisimeto and has been training pastors there throughout this year. Praise God, the results have been grand! The group of pastors there has already taken off in making multiplying disciples and planting churches. One pastor at the last training shared, *"As soon as I returned from the Leadership Thrust, I gathered my church and taught them this material every evening for an entire week. We have already planted 2 new churches and are planning to plant more."* Another pastor shared, *"I am now in the process of discipling 7 men who I anticipate will be future pastors. We will be planting churches through them in the coming months."*

In 2010, Frank plans to continue to expand the work in several other major cities of Venezuela and begin to make entry into the surrounding countries. Please pray for Frank, his wife and daughter that the Lord would continue to bless them as they sacrificially serve in Latin America!

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Sainet Phiri is doing a wonderful job working and overseeing the work in Zambia and Tanzania... and now in Burundi and Zimbabwe.

Every country has experienced growth in the number of pastors and leaders trained, the number of professions of faith, the number of churches planted. Sainet also continues to grow his team of key men and women to train leaders, preach the gospel, and encourage fellow believers in Christ. This encouragement is particularly important in Zimbabwe - where there has been such turmoil in recent years. One Zimbabwean pastor could barely believe that Sainet and his team had come to minister to, pray with, and equip pastors in his country! He left the Leadership Thrust not only **better trained**, but also with a **renewed hope**.

For 2010, Sainet anticipates continued growth in the nations in which we are currently working, and further expansion into Namibia and Rwanda. The progress is slow, but steady and the challenges are many. We are in desperate need of prayer for this region - particularly for wisdom as we seek to develop some form of internal funding model so the work is not even partially dependent on U.S. funds to continue. Please pray for Sainet and his team as they continue the work of bringing the gospel to the lost and equipping others to do the same.

We could sure use your prayers as well! It is truly an exciting time to be alive and serving Jesus! Thank you for partnering with us in *"equipping nationals to reach nations!"*

May God continue to bless you and others through you!

The McCartys

2009 FRUIT OF THE MINISTRY

(through November)

JANUARY 2009

Train the Trainer Consultation - Carabobo, Venezuela (Combined U.S. & Latin America Teams)
Leaders Equipped: 32 Commit to Plant Churches: 32 Commit to Train Others: 28

Leadership Thrust - Bujumbura, Burundi (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Equipped: 63 Professions of Faith: unknown Churches Planted: 5

FEBRUARY 2009

Vision Seminar - Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (U.S. Team)
Leaders Impacted: 247 *Introduced Strategic Impact to a group of 247 pastors and leaders in West Africa. Most made application to participate in the upcoming Leadership Thrust.*

Train the Trainer Consultation - Lilongwe, Malawi (Combined U.S. & Southern Africa Teams)
Leaders Equipped: 6 Commit to Train Others: 6 leaders
Expansion Plans: 12 cities in 7 nations

MARCH 2009

Vision Seminar - Shamva, Zimbabwe (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Impacted: 32 *Zambia Team made entry into Zimbabwe, introducing Strategic Impact to the local pastors and leaders.*

APRIL 2009

Train the Trainer Consultation - Morogoro, Tanzania (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Equipped: 18 Churches Planted: 2

JUNE 2009

Vision Seminar - Barquisimeto, Venezuela (Latin American Team)
Leaders Impacted: 140 *Barquisimeto has been selected as our Model City to begin the expansion and train trainers in Venezuela and all of Latin America*

Leadership Thrust - Shamva, Zimbabwe (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Equipped: 72 Professions of Faith: 499 Churches Planted: 6

JULY 2009

Vision Seminar - Serenje, Zambia (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Impacted: 43

Leadership Thrust - Barquisimeto, Venezuela (Latin America Team)
Leaders Equipped: 40 Professions of Faith: 153 Churches Planted: 5

AUGUST 2009

Vision Seminar - Mbeya (Tukuyu), Tanzania (Southern Africa Team)
Leaders Equipped: 78 *“God brought unity among the pastors. Through SI, the leaders who were enemies sat and ate together as friends.” - Israel Wandamba*

NOVEMBER 2009

Train the Trainer Consultation - Barquisimeto, Venezuela (Latin America Team)
Leaders Equipped: 10 *Since the June Vision Seminar, these pastors have already planted 6 new churches and are in process of equipping 13 Church Planting Leaders!*

Vision Seminar - Barquisimeto, Venezuela (Latin America Team)
Leaders Impacted: 50 *The extreme hunger by pastors in Barquisimeto for equipping caused us to begin a second group of pastors and leaders in our training process!*

“Some church leaders were literally begging for application forms to take to their colleagues who could not make it [to the Vision Seminar]”
-Pastor Sainet Phiri, Director, Southern Africa