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The McCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE McCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

✧ Family Update ✧



NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! - So much to tell. I should have sent out an update 2 months ago! The McCarty family has been pretty busy lately. Between ministry with Strategic Impact, ministry with Denton Community Church, Tracy working part time with Riding Unlimited, my classes at the Missionary Training Institute, Dakota's athletic and school schedule, Trinity starting 1st grade, and Remington perpetually entertaining our family and anyone else who will "look here" - life has become a bit frantic.

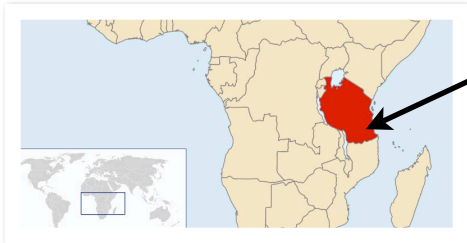


So, we thought now would be the **best** time to have a 4th child. Yup, if you have not heard already, **WE ARE EXPECTING NUMBER 4...** probably our last child (Lord willing). I guess we are officially becoming missionaries since our children will outnumber us 2 to 1. In spite of the frequent prayers of many friends who thought we just HAD to have a boy... God has seen fit to bless us with another GIRL! Frankly, I am relieved and excited at this fact. The thought of "retooling" our family for "blue" freaked me out. We have been an all "pink" little people family for so long now...and can't wait to see what the next "McCarty girl" will be like. No names chosen yet, but we are working on it!

We greatly appreciate your prayers!

MINISTRY UPDATE

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA



I wish you were there! Once again, God revealed Himself mightily! The fruit of the Tanzania conference far exceeded my expectations. Pastors from all over Tanzania joined together for 4 days of training and 3 evenings of outreach. **It was truly incredible!!!**

As Americans, we generally measure fruit in numbers...and I have enclosed a **Ministry Update** from **Floyd VanDeburgh** which will share these items in greater detail. But, another way to evaluate fruit is...well...by looking at the fruit. I gotta tell you... There are some things which I just can't explain. For example, as we were being called into ministry, a passion for unity within the body of Christ was welling up inside of me. That passion has deepened over the past 2 years... but think about it. In the span of a week...during a conference...how can we really bring about unity among pastors who have been divided among denominational lines AND church size lines for years? The truth is, we can't. BUT, God can. **God can and He has!** Every single conference God has enabled us to hold has left behind the fruit of unity! Praise God!!! But don't take my word for it... **Go to our website and hear about it for yourself!**

<http://www.touchingeverynation.com/media/audio.html>

This link is to an interview I conducted a few weeks after the conference with Bishop Israel Wandamba, our main contact in Tanzania. You will probably want to download the PDF there with the audio so you can read along. Wandamba's accent is a bit heavy if you are not used to it.

While you're there, please check our our **NEW WEBSITE!** Drop me a line, leave a comment or sign the guest book and let me know what you think.



Oh Yea! Fruit (I got distracted there for a bit!) Here are the numbers from Dar es Salaam. Pastors Trained: 154 (with almost **200** attending for at least one day of training.) Churches Planted: 12 Professions of Faith: over 500!

Now, you have to realize something... Think about this with me: When a new salesperson comes into a company, they are typically paired up with an experienced salesperson for training for a few weeks. During those weeks of training out in the sales field, they will get some sales and maybe land a few new customers...**BU! THAT IS JUST THE TRAINING!** It is nothing compared to what is coming in that person's career. This is quite similar. 154 pastors trained, 12 new churches planted, over 500 coming to Christ... **THAT WAS JUST DURING THE TRAINING!** Just since that time, I have received this e-mail from one of the pastors:



**Bishop
Israel Wandamba**

Praise the name of Jesus,

This month we thank God for his hand. Now we are still teaching and preparing the seven leaders for the mission, and we are still expecting them to go the mission next year (to plant churches). And we have received 7 newborn and they are attending the church and we teach them three days per week. All new born are still in our church and we thank God for their growing in Christ. We have not planted the church yet and we planning to plant next year.

We are working as a team with Naomi Mwaliasha Kaskile. We need your prayer and your corporation.

John Yakana

Strategic Impact - Dar es Salaam - Tanzania



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UP: I returned from Tanzania on a Sunday afternoon...the day before Labor Day. Still on a spiritual mountaintop from the amazing results of the conference, that night, I showed Tracy all the pictures I had taken, some of the short video clips and the notes I had taken during the meetings. I took Labor Day off to spend time with my family and try to get my body back in the right time zone.

DOWN: Tuesday, I headed down to Richardson for staff meeting, as I do every Tuesday. We finished up at just about lunch, so Mike and I headed out to eat at a restaurant just down the road a bit. I drove. We came out of the restaurant at a little after 1:00 to find **my window broken** out of our pickup and **my backpack stolen**...along with my laptop, all my traveling gear, our ministry checkbook, and some other items. A smash and grab! I had not had time to back up **ANYTHING**. Tracy was the only person to see any of the photos I took. I have just a few photos from Floyd. :- (Frankly, I was pretty distraught. Almost everything I do in ministry was on that computer...I had backed it up before we left for Africa, so I didn't lose everything... but we made many changes on the fly while there, and I was looking forward to standardizing those into future curriculum... not to happen.

UP: I let a few folks know about this frustrating event...and you know what? **Within a week**, one of our extremely generous supporters stopped by our house and **provided enough funds for a replacement laptop!** THEN, our small but faithful church gave some additional funds which allowed me to replace the backpack and a good amount of the stolen gear! These are the kind of people God has blessed us to know! **People like YOU!** Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Without YOUR partnership with us, we could not do any of this. We are so appreciative of your faithful prayers and your kind sharing of the financial blessings God has provided you.



Praise God for your faithful prayers and financial support!

We could not do this without you!

The McCartys