

The MCCARTY Ministry Minute

A MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE MCCARTYS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

✧ Family Update ✧

My goodness how time has gotten away from us! I humbly extend an apology for not communicating more often! There have been many things going on both in family and ministry. Thank you for your patience and for your continued prayers and support. We are so grateful for your partnership in the work of the Lord!



Dakota is a Freshman. Let me let that sink in a bit... Tracy and I have a Freshman living in our house. As in, A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN! And she will be able to drive soon! A CAR!!! Seriously, what a joy to have a daughter like Dakota. She is proof that a kid can be responsible and whole lot of fun at the same time. We are blessed to have her. She continues to grow in leadership skills as Captain of the JV Volleyball team and has recently been appointed to oversee Denton Calvary's Spirit Week for 2008-2009. We are so proud of her.



This summer was a frantically busy one between Strategic Impact work, Denton Community, and Denton Calvary... and time with family and friends. I will get to the ministry stuff in a few moments, (God has REALLY been blessing the work of our hands!) Tracy's grandmother passed away just before I left for Malawi, and right after I returned from those 2+ weeks, we loaded up the van and headed East to the Washington, D.C. area with our whole tribe (and Dakota's best friend, Kaycee). We stayed for 2 weeks with our very close friends Ross & Christy Bryant. I believe it is the first time in our 15 years of marriage that we have taken 2 weeks in a row off. It was an adjustment, but we had a blast with our friends and exploring the various museums around our nation's capital. Amazingly, after that long in one house with that many people, our friendship with the Bryant's is even closer than it was before. Praise God for good, lifelong friends.

As you probably know, back on April 9, we welcomed the newest member of the McCarty family home as **Sierra Justace McCarty** made her much anticipated entrance to the world. She weighed 8 lb., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is now 5 months old and is considerably heavier and longer. :-)) So far, she has been pretty "low-maintenance" for a baby, and is a sweetheart. The photo on the right is Sierra cheering on her big sister, Dakota, at a volleyball game. If you are reading



this online, you can click [here](#) for more photos. Otherwise, you can go to our website to see them.

Remington continues to make us laugh (her humor has saved her hide more than once). Just this weekend, she heard Trinity talking about going dove hunting one morning with me...her reply was, "When I grow up, I want to hunt bears and buffalos...and I want to put them on the wall!" The only question we have about this is whether or not she will use a gun or her bare hands!

Trinity continues to be "the princess." She continues to have the incredible ability to get others to do her work

without them noticing it. She is a sweetie and we have seen her grow immensely in compassion for others over the past year. Second grade is proving to be more difficult than first, but she is handling it well.



Just before we were leaving Maryland, I received word that my grandmother had taken a turn for the worse in Northern Oklahoma, so we went directly to be by her side. Praise God, I was able to be with her when she went home to be with Jesus and was honored to deliver her eulogy at the funeral. She was a wonderful Memaw and we all miss her dearly.

After returning from the funeral, it was time to rapidly prepare and depart for Quito, Ecuador. Then, returning on a Sunday from Quito, I began to teach Missions-Geography again on Monday at Denton Calvary Academy. - **WHEW!!!**

MINISTRY UPDATE

LILONGWE, MALAWI

The Lilongwe Leadership Thrust was a blessed time! There were around 125 Pastors and Leaders trained, and for the first time, we were able to have breakout sessions specifically geared toward Pastor's Wives. Each day, we taught on Leadership, Personal Growth (including Devotional Life, Biblical View of Money, and Marriage & Family), and Church Planting (including Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Multiplication).

During our time together, it became apparent that there were some specific issues in the home which needed to be addressed. The Lord used Floyd VanDeburgh mightily to bring a stern and gentle rebuke which resulted in a true spirit of brokenness and repentance. WHAT A TIME!!!

The measurable fruit (there was much that is immeasurable) was 10 churches planted and almost 600 new professions of faith. Praise God for His preparing and bringing in such a harvest of souls. All those names have been given to the local pastors for followup and development through discipleship. One pastor shared,

"As I am going back home, the first thing is to repent to my wife, and then to my whole church - that it was just a club, not a church. But now, let's make a church. Let's go out and reach the lost souls!"

As always, I so wish you could have been there in person. BUT, you can hear directly from some of the pastors by clicking [here](#) or going to our website.

God has used your prayers and financial generosity to make this fruit possible.

QUITO, ECUADOR

Quito was a new experience for us. We worked with a people group called the Quechua Indians, who descended from the Incas. Their culture proved to be quite different than the other Latin American groups we have worked with. They are a very ceremonious people and are much more reserved in their nature. This made it a little difficult to get a good "read" on how the teaching and experience of church planting was impacting these 180 pastors... that is until a few things occurred later in the week...

One of those occurrences came while we were doing Evangelism and initial Discipleship of the new believers. I was working with a young pastor named Ivan, (see photo at left) who pastors a church in a jungle village about 3 hours from Quito. His story is quite amazing.

Ivan was a "lukewarm" believer living in Quito when his in-laws felt called to plant a church in this jungle village. They would travel 3+ hours by bus every weekend to lead the church and minister to the people. On one trip, their bus ran off the road into a ravine. There were no survivors. At the funeral, Ivan heard the call of God and declared to everyone there, ***"With the Lord's help, I will pastor this church."*** He has made good on his promise. An older pastor is mentoring him, and

he came to our Leadership Conference for some more Training. Upon our return to the small house where the new church was being planted (one of 6 new churches around Quito), Ivan said something I didn't understand... a friend translated. Ivan had said,

"With these tools, I can work!"

And so he is. Please pray for Ivan as he works to bring the gospel to the lost in the jungles of Ecuador.

Beyond that, at the end of the week, key leaders from 6 areas of Ecuador agreed to begin to work together to start a Church Planting Movement to reach all of Ecuador. We hope to send a team from Venezuela and the U.S. to nourish and encourage them in their work early next year.

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! We could not do this without YOU!!!

The McCartys

