

Dustin McBride teaching bicycle assembly in Zambia.

Enjoying the 'In-Between' Times

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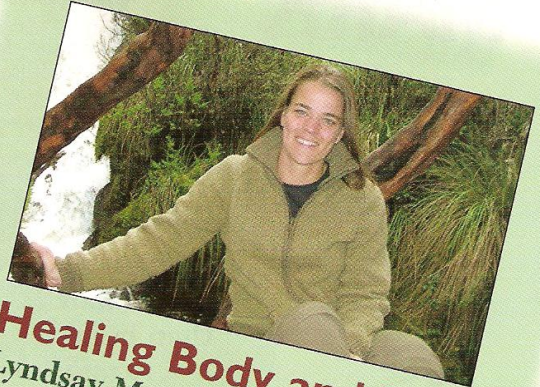
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Acirfa works with its partner Zambikes to assemble and sell affordable high-quality bicycles in Zambia.

Challenge. Taking the words of Christ seriously is the challenge of our generation. Some of that stuff seriously messes you up. Love your enemies, blessed are the poor, how impossible it is for rich people to get into heaven, and what it means to seek first the kingdom of God—that's seriously crazy. Trying to understand a culture that is completely different than my own is a big personal challenge. I make decisions that affect numbers of people, both Americans and Zambians.

Change. Certain things that our parents had no idea were even happening are now on our TV screens and computers daily. We, as a new generation, are tired of building bigger church buildings when we are called by God to look after the poor, the widows, the orphans, and those that suffer from injustice.

Hope. Building long-lasting relationships with our workers, friends, and family here in Zambia makes all the hard work worth it. Chrispan, Gift, Gershom, Mwewa, Sainet, Benjamin, Dennis, Patrick, and many more Zambians have shown me how a little opportunity can go a long way with passionate, driven Africans. It is the "in-between" moments—those in between all the grand achievements or major decisions—that are so moving and influential to me personally. Enjoy the "in-between" times.



Healing Body and Soul

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Passion. We live in the age of political polarization, religious caricatures, and superficial spin, where pundits pander to ratings rather than promote the common good. People of all faiths need to challenge these forces with unity and clarity. My biggest passion is bringing people together from different political and religious backgrounds, inviting us to see how much we have in common—especially as it relates to our dependence upon clean air, water, and a stable climate. As John Muir, founder of Sierra Club, said, "Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal body and soul alike."

Challenge. At their root, environmental problems are matters of the heart. We need to respond with moral and spiritual strength to confront the greed, pride, fear, and endless consumerism that drive us to collectively destroy God's creation at alarming rates. In a 1954 sermon, Martin Luther King Jr. made a profound statement that rings true today: "Through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of the world a neighborhood, but through our moral and spiritual genius, we have failed to make it a brotherhood." The biggest challenge facing the church today, in my mind, is closing this gap.

Hope. We will need to make significant lifestyle changes. But it's not a journey of despair—we will discover a deep joy that comes from loving what God loves and caring for all that God declared "very good" from the beginning.

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