



Marvin's Ministry Update

January – March 2013

A Ministry Overview

The first year of my new ministry with MentorLink Canada was completed at the end of January. I continue to be amazed as I learn about the blessing of God on this international ministry since its beginning in 2000. Our new Days With Jesus (DWJ) tools are one of our best avenues to provide life-changing, leadership development, especially in the majority world where the church is growing most rapidly, but where the leaders are often barely literate. As soon as we find a partner who will use the tools in a particular language group, we are translating them. Each project in a new language project costs approximately \$15,000 for translation and the technical work and the training on site. We now have the tools available in Spanish, French, Swahili, and English. Arabic, several North African languages, and simple Chinese are in development. You can use this tool by going to www.mentorlink.org.

In Canada, God continues to open doors for ministry. I praise God for a developing relationship with a key leader who serves among the various indigenous people groups in the north. The DWJ tools will become one of the main ways we can help to develop leaders who lead like Jesus.

New Canadian and Ethnic Church Leadership Training

In partnership with Tim Jacobson of SIM Canada, we are planning more "Passing It On!" mentoring seminars in the GTA featuring the various tools and training that MentorLink has developed – and ideas from my experience. We may try one on a Saturday and some in other locations than the SIM Canada building. Seminar #3, designed for those who have attended Seminars #1 and 2, will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at SIM.

Last March 12 and 13, we held Seminars # 1 and 2 back-to-back at SIM with about 50 people present between the two events. Here are some of the written comments from the events:

"The two days were loaded with useful insights...Having the material presented by someone who has so much experience in mentoring was a real bonus...It was good to highlight the power of intentional mentoring with accountability...I am being transformed in my mindset now and prayerfully in my life-style soon."



Training Bible College and Seminary Leadership Teams

I am travelling to the Philippines from April 10-17 to conduct a one-day seminar on Monday, April 15 in Manila for presidents and their leadership team members from Bible colleges and seminaries. We are expecting 30-40 in attendance from across the country. Some of the key topics will be: Nourishing the Heart of a Leader, Building Healthy Organizations, Building the Executive Team, and Developing a Strong Board of Directors. My hope is to develop some ongoing mentoring relationships with various presidents.

April 10-11: Travel to Manila, Philippines

April 12-13: Rest/Meet with Ariel (Partners International) – seminar coordinator

April 14: Speak at Manila Baptist Church – AM worship service

April 15: "Effective Leadership in Colleges and Seminaries" seminar

April 16: Meet with Herman and Roli who serve with MentorLink in the Philippines

April 17: Travel home

Partnership with CREST Leadership

During January and February, Dan Reinhardt, CREST founder and director, and I had personal contact with leaders from seven Canadian evangelical denominations to explore how CREST and MentorLink could provide helpful tools and training for their pastors and leadership teams. I will represent both ministries at the FEB Central conference (April 1-2) and the CBOQ convention (June 13-15). CREST has developed a unique sabbatical approach for Christian leaders who need help in their midlife journey. I will be one of the presenters at a new Ontario cohort of CREST from June 25-28)

Other Ministry Responsibilities and Opportunities

- a. Serving on the MentorLink international leadership team of four people
- b. MentorLink Canada Annual Board Meeting – May 7, 2013
- c. Mentoring and coaching 15-17 men at various stages of their life and careers
- d. Visiting with our ML Canada prayer partners and financial supporters
- e. Various leading, preaching, and teaching commitments at various churches



Thank you for your faithful, focused prayer support for many of these amazing opportunities and important responsibilities.

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"God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to His power that is at work in us...to Him be the glory" (Ephesians 3:20)