



Marvin's Ministry Update *October - December 2013*

A Ministry and Family Overview

The end of 2013 marks the completion of nearly two years of my ministry with MentorLink/ML Canada. The Board asked me to take the first period of time to gather a committed team of prayer and financial supporters for ML Canada so that the ministry could flourish. I was also serving as the Interim Teaching Pastor at Bramalea Baptist Church from January to July in 2012. Since September 2012, God has empowered us to develop new relationships and networks, some that we envisioned and some others that are beyond our original dreams. Your consistent prayers and committed financial support are the foundation for this ministry. I am grateful that we completed 2013 with a modest surplus in the operating fund. I am looking forward to serving in 2014, watching God multiply our efforts in "developing leaders to lead like Jesus" with a focus on mentoring.

Since the beginning of October, my activities related to MentorLink have included speaking in several churches, conducting approximately forty mentoring meetings with various people, participating in another CREST cohort gathering, continuing to share mentoring concepts with AGC pastors at four of their regional gatherings, and taking responsibility for hosting a five-day ML Leadership Team prayer and planning retreat in Toronto in November. I also connected with many of our ML Canada donors, especially during December.

MentorLink International Leadership Team

I continue to enjoy serving on the ML Leadership Team. From November 13-18, 2013, we met for a prayer and planning retreat at the OMF Canada Guest Home in Toronto. Here is a picture taken during that time. Standing next to me (left to right) are Frode Randgaard (ML Norway), Herman Moldez (ML Philippines), and Stacy Reinhart (Founder, ML USA, and Team



Chair). In addition to much prayer, we created a limited structure so that the network (*ML Community*) can be strengthened and grow. We also planned in detail the next International Gathering which will meet in the YWAM facility in Burtigny, Switzerland from May 11-18, 2014. We also met with several guests who have been partners in the MentorLink story, including the Chair of the ML Canada Board, Dr. Bill Fietje.

Passing It On! Seminars

With my partner, Tim Jacobson of SIM Canada, I conducted four one-day PIO seminars for ethnic church leaders in three different locations in the GTA. The positive response to these days encourages us to continue offering them. Here is what one pastor wrote recently...

"When I first received the invitation to the Passing It On! Seminar, I almost deleted it...but when I saw that you were the facilitator, it caused me to take a closer look. I'm glad I did; it has been the instruction I was looking for...some great practical insight into the area of mentoring – something that I was working through. You could say it was God's timing."

Days with Jesus Projects

One MentorLink visionary goal is to produce the DWJ tools into the top 100 languages of the world. Presently, we have three of the top five (Mandarin, English, and Spanish) completed as well as others (see www.mentorlink.org).

ML Canada desires to partner in achieving this goal. Recently, at a PIO seminar, I met Yonatan Hiruy from Eritrea – a closed access country known as the "North Korea of Africa." We want to assist in making the DWJ tools available in Tigrigna, the official language of Eritrea. We have \$4000 already given toward the \$7500 goal for this project. If you would like to help with this language or future DWJ projects, please let us know (send a cheque to MentorLink Canada marked "DWJ projects").



Other Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Conducting Passing It On! Seminars in three locations in the GTA in Feb – March, 2014. These are primarily focused on ethnic churches, multi-cultural churches and new Canadian church leaders
- b. ML International Gathering – May 11-18, 2014.
- c. Mentoring approximately 25 younger business, professional, and ministry leaders.
- d. Workshops for Bible College leaders in the Philippines – May 20-30, 2014.
- e. Leading, preaching, board meetings and consulting commitments in various churches and organizations.

Thank you for your faithful, focused prayer support for this strategic ministry.

"You (Timothy) have heard me (Paul) teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others." (2 Timothy 2:2)