

Marvin's Ministry Update

July – September 2016

North America Regional Conference – October 28-29, 2016

Normally, my ministry reports share information about activities that have already occurred. I am making an exception because I want to encourage you one more time to attend our first ML North America Regional Conference. Special guest presenters will include Stacy Rinehart and Herman Moldez. The conference will provide instruction to develop your transformational mentoring skills. I have attached copies of the invitation and program. Please let me know by Monday, October 24 if you are coming.

Ministry in Ethiopia

The highlight of my summer ministries was the trip to Ethiopia from July 17-30. During the first week, Tim Jacobson and I met with Ato Kursie, the General Secretary of the Ethiopian Kale Hewyet Church (EKHC), and his 15 zonal leaders. I led the men through the Passing It On! (PIO) seminar while Tim helped to conduct interviews with each one concerning their experiences with conflict in ministry. This was the first step in Kursie's doctoral research project for which a ML Canada donor has provided the funding. The result of SIM missionary work, the EKHC denomination has 9,000 churches and 9 million members. Kursie wants to expose the leaders of each church to the ML transformational values in order to reduce conflict that often exists between younger and older leaders.



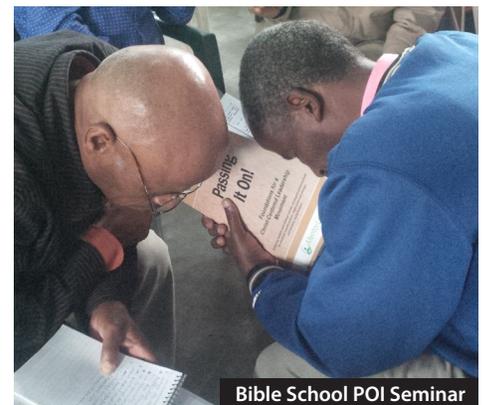
Tim, Ato Kursie & Marvin



EKHC Zonal Leaders



Zonal Leaders Seminar



Bible School POI Seminar

During the second week, I was assisted by Alemayehu, our ML person in Ethiopia, as we conducted the PIO seminar with 235 directors and teachers from the 125 EKHC Bible schools. This was our attempt to reinforce the teaching this same group received last summer when Tim and Bob presented the course *Leading Like Jesus*. What a privilege to share the ML values with these servants of God and to challenge them to begin mentoring younger leaders!



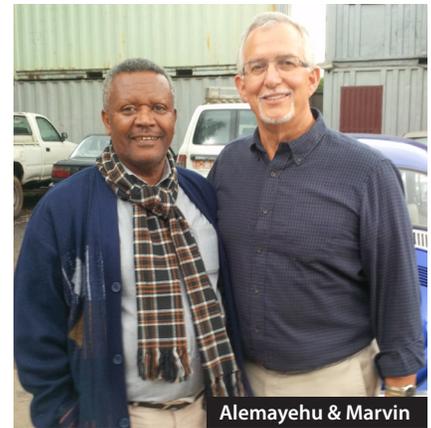
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Mentoring Relationships

On Sunday, September 11, I had the privilege to participate in the ordination service of Graeme Melvin, a young man I meet with regularly. I continue to meet men on a regular basis, seeking to **“develop leaders to lead like Jesus.”** Recently, I have been consulting with several churches about governance and leadership issues.



G. Melvin Ordination - Tom, Graeme, Marvin

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- Pray for Sunday ministries: Emmanuel Baptist, Chatham, ON (November 20); Bay Park Baptist, Kingston, ON (November 27); and for several church consultations this fall.
- Pray for my regular mentoring contacts and safety in my travels.
- Prayer for our NA Regional Conference in Toronto (October 28-29).

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

Marvin

“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)