



Marvin's Ministry Update

April – June 2016

Ministry Overview

Thank you for praying for me during my recent ministry trip to Ethiopia. I will share some pictures and stories about my experiences in my next ministry update at the end of September. This report will bring you up-to-date concerning some of the personal mentoring and seminars I conducted from April to June.

Personal Mentoring

I continue to meet with about 25 people on a regular basis, seeking to advance God's kingdom through *"developing leaders to lead like Jesus."* Recently, I have been assisting several men through major life and career transitions. In July, Kay and I visited with Pastor Paul and Rachel Van Kesteren and their family who serve on Manitoulin Island. I meet monthly with Paul by Skype in a mentoring relationship. I am also continuing to mentor leaders in the Filipino Bible colleges I visited in March. Please ask God to give me wisdom and insight for each situation.



Van Kesteren Family

Mentoring Seminars

What a variety of opportunities God gave me during these months to challenge people to engage in mentoring relationships! At the Indonesian Christian Church, Toronto, I conducted the PIO seminar over three Saturdays. I spent two days with about 50 pastoral team members from Woodside Bible Church, a mega, multi-site church based in Troy, Michigan. The senior pastor is a long-time friend from my seminary days. Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Scarborough, invited three other local churches for a Saturday seminar.



Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Scarborough



Woodside Bible Church, Troy, Michigan

Mentoring Seminars - continued

I presented principles of mentoring to about 100 church leaders at the Anchor Ministerial Conference in Kitchener, ON and to five men at Advance Church Planting in Toronto. The Vision Ministries Canada Thinking Shrewdly Conference in Waterloo, ON gave me the opportunity to share about church structures and to introduce many people to the MentorLink vision and values.



Anchor Ministerial Conference



Advance Church Planting

Report from the 2016 AGM

On April 14, ML Canada held its Annual General Meeting. We were very pleased to add three new board members who have been engaged in the ministry of ML Canada in various ways: Nelson and Andrea Chang and Tim Jacobson. We also rejoiced that we had a small surplus of about \$1000 after all expenses were paid.



ML Canada Board - Tim, John, Nelson, Mark, Andrea, Bill, Marvin, Peter & Dave

North America Regional Conference – October 28-29, 2016

Please plan to attend our first ML North America Regional Conference to be held at Bramalea Baptist Church, Brampton, ON. Special guest speakers will include MentorLink Founder and International Director, Stacy Reinhart, and Herman Moldez, our ML Philippines Director. Watch for further detailed information.

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- Pray for various ministries: Forward Church, Cambridge, ON (August 21); Evangel Community Church, Kitchener, ON (September 25); and for several church consultations this fall.
- Praise for advancement on two Days With Jesus projects (Tigrina, Russian).
- Pray for my regular mentoring contacts and safety in my travels.
- Pray for our NA Regional Conference in Toronto (October 28-29). Save these dates!

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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)