

Marvin's Ministry Update

April – June 2017

Ministry Overview

At the April 13, 2017 ML Canada AGM, we recounted the blessing of God on this ministry. We are grateful for the personal mentoring relationships, local church seminars, various consulting opportunities, and international partnerships – all doors God has opened.

Bill Fietje, ML Canada Board Chair, wrote: "On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your continued generous prayer and financial support. What God is doing through ML Canada under Marvin's leadership has exceeded our initial vision and moved the ministry in exciting ways beyond the shores of Canada, touching the world."



Benton Street Church Seminar

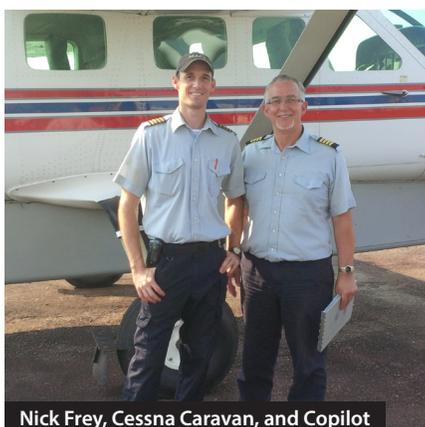


Indonesian Christian Church Seminar

Passing It On! (PIO) Seminars, Mentoring, and Consulting

Mentoring seminars were conducted at Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON (April 10 to May 8); the Quinte Association Churches, Napanee, ON (April 22); and Indonesian Christian Church, Toronto, ON (May 6, June 3, and July 8). I continued to consult with several churches and non-profit ministries; I enjoy ongoing personal monthly mentoring conversations with approximately 25 men in leadership roles.

I was encouraged and educated by a special opportunity to enjoy five days with Nick and Jocelyn Frey in Kinshasa, DRC. Nick is the Project Manager for Mission Aviation Fellowship in Congo, a very demanding, challenging Kingdom assignment. Our monthly Skype mentoring conversations will be greatly enriched now that I have experienced a taste of his life and ministry. While there, I was able to make an important connection between Pastor Selenga, the Director of ReachAfrica, and our ML Africa Mentoring Initiative (AMI) team leaders. This contact will advance the spread of ML values and tools throughout Africa.



Nick Frey, Cessna Caravan, and Copilot



Pastor Selenga and Jim Snyder, ReachAfrica



Pastor M. Lowery, International Church Kinshasa

West Africa Project

René Mbongo, and the AMI team, conducted a major leadership training initiative, primarily for French-speaking countries of West Africa using the ML values and tools. They invited leaders with broad influence in their countries to meet in Lome, Togo from May 23-26, 2017 to develop a new vision for leadership training. What an exciting time we had meeting with 33 leaders from 11 countries. The week ended with each person developing a plan to mentor others and to return to their countries to conduct national training events using what they have learned.



René and Marvin Togo, 2017



Seminar Planning Team



West Africa Gathering, Togo

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- Praise for the excellent West Africa Gathering in Togo and the new contacts made in DRC – Congo for future training opportunities.
- Prayer for PIO seminars: Indonesian Christian Church, Toronto, ON (July 8); The Bible League of Canada (July 25, September 7).
- Prayer for Sunday ministries: Wilmar Heights Baptist Church, Toronto, ON (July 23); Light of Love Church, Ulan Ude, Siberia (July 30, August 6 – part of an English club ministry trip to Russia with a team from Forward church, Cambridge, ON).
- Prayer for the completion of DWJ in Tigrigna, Amharic, and Russian.
- Prayer for the ongoing mentoring activities in Ethiopia and West Africa.
- Prayer for my regular mentoring contacts and several new people.

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

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"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)