



## Marvin's Ministry Update

October – December 2017

### Ministry Overview

At the end of 2017, I conclude my fifth year of ministry with ML Canada, very grateful for the ways in which God has blessed us and opened doors I never anticipated at the beginning. The overriding thought that encourages me to continue pressing ahead is the faithfulness of God. My response is to walk humbly and energetically, exploring new opportunities as they arise. I am counting on your faithful prayers and financial support as we launch into 2018, seeking to develop Christlike leaders who will mentor others for God's glory.

### Ministry Blessings

About 30 members of Bible League Canada and I discussed the implications of 1 Thessalonians 5:24 ("He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it") and the ML Transformational Values at their staff retreat (Oct. 25-27). I was very blessed with their enthusiastic response. Here are a few written comments:  
"Thank you for teaching us the way of living in God's grace in a work environment."  
"Thank you for helping us examine our hearts."  
"Thank you for sharing what God has shown you about grace."



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## Ministry Blessings (continued)

Two non-profit organizations have engaged my services to assist in strengthening their boards. I enjoy these opportunities to help other kingdom ministries. On Saturday, Oct. 28, I conducted a mentoring seminar for about 25 men at First Filipino Baptist Church, Toronto. I believe this will open doors to other churches in the new year.



## Ministry Leadership

The ML Leadership Team met in Blowing Rock, NC (Nov. 5-10) to stir our hearts and hear from God as we faithfully steward this ministry into the future. We invited four younger leaders from South America and Africa to share their thinking and mentoring experience. I am excited about the future of MentorLink because of our commitment to the leadership values of Jesus. *(see photo on page 1)*

## Ministry to Our Family

Kay and I enjoyed the privilege of having our entire family together during the Christmas season for the first time in ten years. We now face another period of separation as Dave, Tina, Nathan, and Matthew return to Siberia for another term of service. Our house will be very quiet!

## Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- Prayer for mentor training seminars: mentor training for HopeLink, Brampton, ON (Jan. 18); mentor training strategy discussion at Faith Baptist Church, Huntsville, ON (Mar. 2-3); several other opportunities are in the planning stage.
- Prayer for speaking in churches: Harvest Bible Chapel, Barrie, ON (Feb. 10-11); Wallenstein Bible Chapel, Wallenstein, ON (Feb. 25).
- Prayer for wisdom in teaching a course on mentoring at the Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre in Toronto, ON to be held on four Saturdays (Mar. 17, Apr. 14, May 12, and June 9). Please let people know about this opportunity.
- Praise for new prayer partners and faithful financial support in 2017.
- Praise for the amazing ongoing mentoring activities in the West Africa project.
- Prayer for my regular mentoring contacts, especially with several new people.

*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)*