



## Marvin's Ministry Update

January – March 2017

### Ministry Overview

God is advancing the development of leaders who lead like Jesus worldwide through MentorLink partners and internet-based tools. Reports to the US Board on February 4 indicate:

- Since 2007, almost 68,000 people have received leadership training in 60 countries.
- Days With Jesus, our video-based discipleship and leader training tool, is now in 26 languages. Last year, 10.7 million discipleship encounters occurred using DWJ tools.

The ministry in Canada continues to expand through personal mentoring relationships, conducting seminars, various consulting opportunities, and training volunteers who will partner in these activities.



Beacon Bible Chapel Passing It On Seminar

### Seminars and Consulting

I am conducting two PIO seminars where we meet multiple times: about 25 people at Beacon Bible Chapel, Tillsonburg, ON (March 4, April 1, and May 13) and about 30 people at Forward Church, Cambridge, ON (March 19 and 26, April 2 and 9). I am meeting with four senior leaders of The Bible League of Canada (January 18, March 16, July 25, and September 7) to train them in Transformational Mentoring. On February 18, I conducted a leadership training seminar with 11 leaders of Wilmar Heights BC, Scarborough, ON. I am also consulting with three churches and a major non-profit media organization on issues like board development, governance structures, visioning, and leadership transitions.



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## West Africa Project

ML Canada, a Canadian foundation, and Rene Mbongo, our ML partner in Senegal, West Africa, are working together to advance leadership training throughout the French-speaking countries of West Africa using the ML values and tools. Rene's team has selected about 30 leaders from these countries to meet in Lome, Togo from May 23-26, 2017 to develop a new vision for leadership training. We expect the leaders to return to their countries and conduct national training events using what they have learned.

## Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Prayer for mentoring seminars/presentations: Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON (April 10 to May 8); Quinte Association Churches, Napanee, ON (April 22); and Indonesian Canadian Christian Church, Toronto, ON (May 6, June 3, and July 8).
- b. Prayer for Sunday ministries: Madoc Baptist Church (April 23); Forward Church, Kitchener, ON (April 30); Grand River Community Church, Elora, ON (May 7); Harvest Bible Chapel, Barrie, ON (June 17-18 and June 24-25).
- c. Prayer for the West Africa gathering, May 23-26, and for my safety as I attend.
- d. Praise for the completion of Days With Jesus Bari for South Sudan; prayer for the completion of DWJ in Tigrigna and Russian.
- e. Prayer for Ato Kursie, the EKHC President, to finish his evaluation of the impact of ML training among his 15 regional leadership teams in Ethiopia, and for Tim Jacobson as he assists in this project.
- f. Prayer for my regular mentoring contacts and several new people.

To receive the weekly **ML Prayer Update**, please contact Marvin ([marvin@mentorlink.org](mailto:marvin@mentorlink.org)).

*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)*