



Marvin's Ministry Update

July – September 2019

The Need for Mentoring

As I speak with people, one constant theme arises – the desperate need for more leaders in our churches who lead like Jesus. This is the reality in most churches and parachurch organizations. No magic solution exists, but I am convinced that the Jesus model must be taken seriously to overcome this challenge. We offer training in transformational mentoring for individuals and church leadership teams. The training, called Passing It On, equips people to develop leaders in their own settings. We would love to serve you. Contact us at marvin@mentorlink.org

MentorLink Ministry Updates

Several interesting ministry opportunities were fulfilled both in Canada and the USA during the last three months. Please rejoice as you read the partial list and view some pictures.

- Speaking at the Sunday service of the Lighthouse Gospel Church Family Retreat.
- Visiting Jeff Friesen and Camp IAWAH for a tour and mentoring conversation. God is blessing his leadership in amazing ways. I am honoured to serve him as a mentor.
- Participating with the leaders of Barnabas Ministries in Troy, Michigan in conducting a seminar to equip and encourage retired pastors to mentor younger pastors.
- Speaking at the Unionville Alliance Men's Retreat at Fair Havens Conference Centre near Beaverton, Ontario on their assigned topic "Complete Victory in Jesus."
- Speaking at Forward Church (our home church) at both Cambridge and Kitchener sites on "Paul – the Mentor," a topic close to my heart.



Jeff Friesen and Marvin at Camp IAWAH



Lighthouse Family Camp



Books for Togo



Barnabas Seminar Leaders: Doug, Marvin, David



ML Canada Team: Marvin, Gary, Terry



Unionville Alliance Men's Retreat

Great news! The ML Canada team is expanding to Eastern Canada with the addition of Gary Sharpe from Fredericton, New Brunswick. Gary will be an Associate Mentor, joining with Terry Dorey and me in providing personal mentoring and mentor training seminars. Gary has a large network of worship leaders from across Canada; he also brings extensive local church leadership experience. Welcome, Gary.

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Prayer for strength and wisdom as I travel to Togo, West Africa from October 19-29 to assist a local MentorLink leader in providing training and resources. I will be presenting four sessions at a conference on "Leading in Light of Eternity." ML Canada is providing 100 small libraries for pastors. Most of the pastors live where electricity is sporadic or non-existent. Thank God with us for two donors who provided the funds. Please pray that the books will arrive in time to be distributed at the conference.
- b. Praise for the addition of Gary Sharpe and Terry Dorey to ML Canada. Pray for them as they develop their prayer and financial support teams.
- c. Prayer for several upcoming speaking opportunities: Waterloo MB Church Seniors – a challenge to mentor younger people (October 31); a training day with David Wright and the leaders of Establish, a disciple-making ministry in Western Canada (November 28); a two-day mentor training seminar at Emmanuel Baptist in Nipawin, Saskatchewan (November 29-30).

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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)