



Marvin's Ministry Update

October – December 2018

MentorLink Canada Update

The results of the research called *Renegotiating Faith: The Delay in Young Adult Identity Formation and What It Means to the Church in Canada* are amazing. You can read the report on the EFC website (efc.ca). Renegotiating Faith answers the question: **How can we help young adults who are transitioning from high school to the next phase in life stay connected to the church and faith?** The results point to the dramatic, positive difference a home church mentor makes in helping young adults connect to a campus group and/or local church within the first month of relocation to their new context. Unfortunately, less than 25% of young adults said they had someone help them in this transition, and less than 33% of youth workers had a ministry plan to make the connections. The results of this survey reinforce the importance of the ministry of ML Canada in equipping people to become godly mentors.

Two Amazing Conferences in Nairobi, Kenya

A MentorLink Round Table Fellowship (RTF) Gathering is held every four years; this year we met at the Lifeway Mission Training Center in Nairobi from November 5-9. Twenty-four people from 19 countries experienced the rich blessings of praying, learning, discussing, sharing testimonies, and living together. We concluded our gathering with a foot washing and communion service to express our love for each other flowing from God's love for us in Christ. Thank you for your prayers for me as I directed this gathering. God's powerful presence permeated the gathering.



Lifeway Mission Training Centre, Nairobi



Aila Tasse - Founder and Director of Lifeway Mission



Serving like Jesus



RTF Gathering 2018

The East Africa Mentor Training Seminar was held in the same location from November 11-14. This event was conducted by the African Mentoring Initiative (AMI) team (a subgroup of the RTF led by Rene Mbongo of Senegal). We had 39 people participate from 22 organizations and 11 African countries, not including Stacy Rinehart and myself. ML Canada provided the funding for this training event and for future mentor training events planned for three countries: Uganda, Burundi, and East Congo.



Personal Ministry Updates

In addition to continuing to mentor about 30 leaders, I have enjoyed meeting with the leadership teams of several churches, helping them plan for mentor training. I also represented ML Canada and gave two seminars on mentoring at the Power to Change Plus (P2C+) Conference in Toronto on December 28-31. What a great way to conclude a year of ministry—sharing life with over 1000 young adults and their leaders from campuses across Canada. This connection has already opened several new opportunities for training mentors.

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Prayer for wisdom as I engage with various Christian leaders and mentees.
- b. Praise and prayer for the opportunity to develop mentoring movements in several local churches through training their leadership teams. The first is scheduled to begin at Springvale Church in Stouffville, ON (January 29).
- c. Prayer for future speaking and training ministries and for wisdom as I plan two international trips this year: Congo-DRC (May) and Togo (October).
- d. Praise for seven years of ministry with ML Canada and for good health.



"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)