



Marvin's Ministry Update

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Ministry Advance Worldwide

God is advancing the development of leaders who lead like Jesus worldwide through MentorLink partners and internet-based tools. Statistics from the 2017 US Annual Report indicate:

- Almost 11,000 leaders trained in ML values and mentoring in 43 countries.
- Using Days With Jesus, our video-based discipleship and leader training tool, now in 28 languages, 10+ million discipleship encounters occurred in 181 countries.

The above results include ML Canada activities which continue to expand through personal mentoring, conducting seminars, international partnerships, and consulting opportunities.

Mentoring Men

MentorLink seminars include both women and men, but my personal mentoring is with men exclusively. In a recent blog, Regi Campbell, the founder of *Radical Mentoring*, gave five reasons why a man needs a mentor (probably most relate to women, too):

- **Courage** – Most men know the right thing to do but lack the courage to do it.
- **Wisdom** – Many “big stuff” decisions don’t have a right or wrong answer, so a mentor’s age and experience provide a source of wisdom.
- **Objectivity** – People often lose sight of the big picture. A mentor listens, empathizes, relates, helps to sort out fact vs. fiction, explores potential outcomes, etc.
- **Network** – A mentor brings a robust network of people, ideas, organizations, and services which help the mentee build his own network to bless others he mentors.
- **Loneliness** – Most men are lonely. A mentor is someone who cares for him, is accessible, and is safe to talk with. Loneliness becomes less lonely with a mentor.

Two men with whom I enjoy a mentoring relationship are Ben Martin and Bill Ball. I asked both for a few comments about the value of our mentoring relationship.

Ben – “Marvin and I have been meeting for several years. He knows me well and helps me create structures in my life that fit the unique way I operate. He has given me focus as I have walked through life transitions. He is an immensely important voice in my life. He is coaching me as I mentor others as he has mentored me.”





Mentoring Men (continued)

Bill – *“Marvin mentors with a true passion for a leader to excel in his ministry for God’s glory. He assists me with concise insights and questions that probe to the very core of who I am as a believer in Christ. An action plan is developed to achieve measurable goals. All is done with genuine personal concern.”*

Ministry Updates

In early March, I enjoyed an overnight visit with Terry and Karen Dorey in Huntsville. We explored an opportunity to train mentors in their church. We also discussed the joys of moving into the “legacy” stage of life. On March 14, I was honoured for serving 35 years on the ABWE Board at the Annual Meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This concludes a special chapter of my life.



Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

- a. Praise for the results of the United Christian Broadcasters Board retreat.
- b. Prayer for several mentoring seminars/presentations in development.
- c. Prayer for Sunday ministries: New Life in Christ Baptist Church, Mississauga, ON (April 8); The Meadows Church, Mississauga, ON (May 6); Grace MB Church, Kitchener, ON (May 27).
- d. Prayer for the Next Gen Leaders Conference, Philadelphia, PA (June 9-15).
- e. Praise for the completion of recording Days With Jesus in Amharic.
- f. Prayer for the ML Round Table Fellowship Gathering in Nairobi, Kenya (November 5-9). I am serving as the conference director. Pray for \$40,000 scholarship funding.
- g. Prayer for the ML Canada Annual Board meeting (April 26)

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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)