



Marvin's Ministry Update

July – September 2015



Personal Overview

People continually ask me about my health and recovery. The simple answer - I am feeling very well; I am embracing every day as a gift from God and am grateful that He allows me to continue to serve in this ministry. God has answered the prayers of His people on my behalf. Developing leaders to lead like Jesus does not happen without the prayer support of people like you. I am keenly aware that I lost two of my most faithful prayer warriors this summer – my father, Reuben Brubacher, and my mother-in-law, Evelyn Bradstreet. Who will step into the gap they have left?

Ministry Overview

This summer was planned to be a mixture of rest and recovery as well as a time for ministry renewal. I continued to meet with various men in mentoring relationships. Two preaching ministries provided me with special opportunities to explain the ministry of ML Canada and to connect with people who were interested in beginning a personal or church mentoring ministry. The first was at Calvary Baptist Church in Guelph, Ontario where I spoke for three consecutive Sundays in July during the pastor's sabbatical. The second was in late August at Fair Havens Bible Conference near Beaverton, Ontario where I spoke nine times during the week. Three men – Don, Alex, and James – gave me a lengthy opportunity to share about developing a mentoring movement in their contexts. I also began teaching a course on mentoring at the TIM Centre in Toronto.



Ethiopian Church Projects

ML Canada's partnership with the Evangelical Kale Hewyet Church (EKHC) in Ethiopia took a giant leap forward. Tim Jacobson (SIM Toronto) and his partner, Bob Kirk, developed an interactive leadership training course based on The Leader's Covenant which was presented to 200+ teachers from 125 Bible schools in late August. The teachers voted to make this course the leadership training experience in all of the Bible schools. We are looking for \$6000 to translate the course into the Amharic language (the primary language of Ethiopia). The course has been given to the ML Movement and will be available on our website soon. Bringing the ML transformational values of Jesus into leadership training processes of this large evangelical denomination (8,500 churches with 8.5 million members) is a challenging blessing. As the EKHC moves toward their 100th anniversary in 2027, they have a vision of sending 3000 missionaries outside Ethiopia and adding over 10,000 churches inside the country. We have the privilege of serving with them in closing the leadership gap to make these goals possible.

ML Leadership Team Meetings

From September 13-18, the seven-member ML Leadership Team spent a week together in Norway praying, listening to God's voice, and setting in motion ideas to advance this international network toward a greater level of impact throughout the world. What a privilege to partner with these committed brothers!



Tenth Anniversary Celebration

On behalf of the Board, I am inviting you to join us in Cambridge at Forward Church, 455 Myers Road, on Friday, November 13, 2015 at 7 PM for a dessert and coffee evening, celebrating what God has accomplished through the ministry of ML Canada. Dr. Stacy Reinhart, our International Founder/Director, will be joining us. RSVP to marvin@mentorlink.org by November 10. Please come!

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Presentations to pastors' associations this fall (Kitchener/Waterloo, Niagara, Toronto) and a local church PIO seminar in Chatham (Others in the planning stage).
2. Funding for Days With Jesus projects: Tigrigna, Russian, Amharic, Indigenous languages.
3. Leadership training projects for the Kale Hewyet Church in Ethiopia.
4. Wisdom as we guide the TIM Centre mentoring course with 28 students (8 Mondays).
5. Speaking at the Next Generation Leaders Conference in Miami (November 15-20).

Thank you for your faithful, focused prayer support for this strategic ministry.

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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)