



Marvin's Ministry Update

January – March 2020

MentorLink Canada Update

Welcome to 2020 – a year like no other! During the first two months, few people anticipated the radical transformations we would face in our personal and family lives, nor in our various ministry settings. For ML Canada, the major changes began around mid-March with notifications of postponed or cancelled training seminars and international engagements. All of my personal mentoring and coaching was moved online, so I remain quite busy. I have also expanded my circle of connections; the conversations and prayer times are rich and mutually encouraging. Please continue to pray for our ministry team and for me personally as we seek to remain faithful to our mission – developing leaders to lead like Jesus.

In this report, I have focused on my activities from January to mid-March. In my next report, I look forward to sharing what God will have allowed us to accomplish in the coming months as we seek to serve Him faithfully during the crisis of COVID-19.

An Amazing Celebration of God's Blessing on the ML Movement

About 75 people who have been involved in the evolving development of MentorLink celebrated its 20th anniversary on January 30-31, 2020 in Raleigh, North Carolina. At the Thursday evening dinner, I had the privilege of leading a group in telling the amazing MentorLink story. On Friday morning, various people shared what God is doing through this ministry around the world. In the afternoon, the US Board and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) met to seek God's direction for the coming decade. ML Canada was represented by two Board members: Willem Fietje and Morgan Senior. We rejoice that nearly 100,000 leaders have received training in mentoring based on the transformational values of Jesus.

Six of the eight members of the GLT met for four days following the celebration. These are rich times of personal sharing and prayer, discussion about the future for MentorLink, and fellowship. Normally, the GLT meets monthly by Skype because we live on five continents. I serve as the recorder for our meetings.



Mentor Link 20th Anniversary Dinner



Morgan, Willem, Marvin, Rene



Global Leadership Team - Steve, Marvin, Herman, Stacy, Rene, German



Mentor Link US Board & Global Leadership Team

Mentoring Activities in Canada

The majority of my time is committed to mentoring younger men at various stages of their life and leadership development. I really enjoy observing their growth in Christlikeness and increasing desire to reproduce other leaders.

Several mentor training opportunities were also a great blessing.

1. Wilmar Heights Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario – I shared the basics of mentoring at their Board Retreat on Saturday, January 25.
2. Zion Alliance Church, Markham, Ontario – I introduced the leadership team to mentoring on Tuesday evening, January 28.
3. Christ Almighty Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario – Terry Dorey and I provided the first half of a Passing It On seminar to about 50 key leaders on Saturday, February 22.



Wilmar Heights Board Retreat



Terry Dorey's table at CABC



Zion Alliance Leaders Seminar



Marvin at CABC Seminar



CABC Seminar, Toronto

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise for God's wisdom and guidance for the GLT as we lead the ML movement during these challenging days
2. Prayer for several of our international partners who are suffering health and financial hardships. Some serve in areas where terrorists and civil wars continue their carnage.
3. Prayer for me as I continue to mentor leaders. Praise God for various technologies that make ongoing ministry possible.
4. Praise God for faithful prayer and financial supporters. You are great encouragers.

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)