



Marvin's Ministry Update

April – June 2020

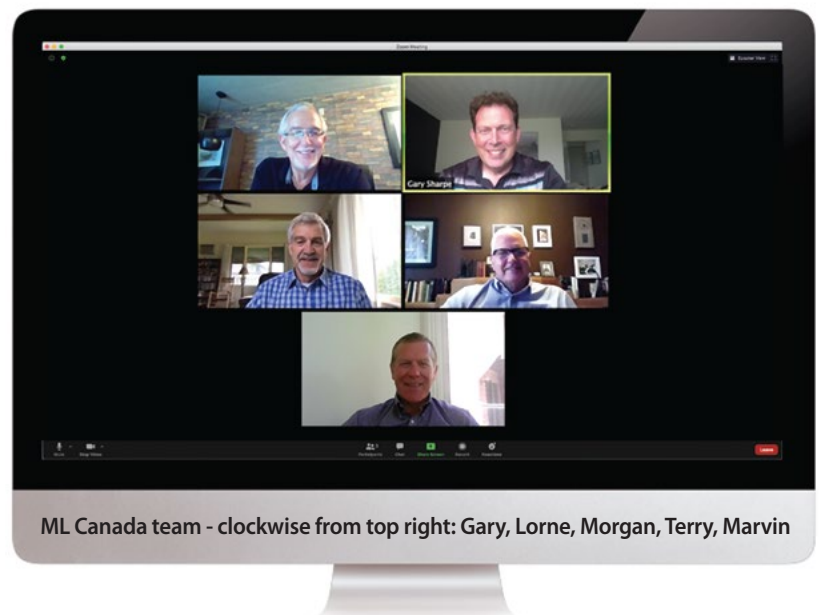
MentorLink Pandemic Update

Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, Stacy Rinehart asked some of the MentorLink leaders to write a brief statement concerning the purposes of God for allowing these events to occur. My fundamental belief is that God is crushing many idols that I and others have embraced in our hearts: security, social status, significance, individualism. The list is endless. Our loving Father wants our undivided hearts and our faith and hope to be fixed in His goodness and grace – nothing more, nothing less.

I also believe another reason exists. God wants to teach us new ways to extend our ministries to others. For the MentorLink (ML) Canada team, the immediate changes involved moving all of our personal mentoring and coaching online. Personally, I remain quite busy; my conversations and prayer times with an expanding group of mentees are rich and mutually encouraging.

MentorLink Canada Expansion

In the past twelve months, God has brought three highly experienced men to join the ML Canada team as part-time Associate Mentors/Trainers: Terry Dorey (Ontario), Gary Sharpe (New Brunswick), and Lorne Meisner (Manitoba). Each will serve about one day per week. I am also pleased to have Morgan Senior joining me in administrative leadership. We have begun to meet online to share our lives and ideas – a very exciting adventure for all of us. Several new possibilities for expanding ML Canada's ministry are:



ML Canada team - clockwise from top right: Gary, Lorne, Morgan, Terry, Marvin

1. Sharing the potential for leadership development using a powerful new tool called "Leading Like Jesus." If you are interested in more information about this tool, contact me at 519-240-5257.
2. Marketing online to engage with pastors willing to receive training in how to use our "Passing It On" tool to develop their leaders to become mentors who develop leaders.
3. Developing our new ML Canada website, which we hope will be ready by the end of August.

Recent Ministry Activities

In addition to mentoring younger leaders, I have really enjoyed two recent group activities:



1. Next Gen Leaders Conference (NGLC) – For three days in late April, I participated in my third NGLC, this time online. Approximately 100 young leaders from around the world participated. I shared one of the 13 mentoring groups with another mentor. The topic, “Prayer and the Word,” provided for rich discussions and life-changing takeaways. In June, we had one follow-up gathering with our group; another is planned for mid-July.

2. Hashtag Hope – In late June, I provided eight hours of online board development training for this newly incorporated charity whose ministry focus is the prevention of youth suicide. The two co-leaders and all but one of the board members are graduates of Heritage College from my time as president. They have asked me to continue mentoring them as they develop this important ministry.



Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise God for developing the special team of experienced mentors to advance the ministries of ML Canada in the coming years.
2. Prayer for our international partners who are suffering health and financial hardships from the pandemic. Some serve in areas where terrorists and civil wars continue their carnage.
3. Prayer for the NGLC follow-up online gathering September 14-16, 2020.
4. Prayer for me as I continue to mentor leaders. Praise God for various technologies that make ongoing ministry possible.

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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)