



## Marvin's Ministry Update

July – September 2020

### MentorLink Update

This pandemic season continues to provide us with new ideas and opportunities to extend the ministries of MentorLink both in Canada and internationally. For MentorLink (ML) Canada, our team is envisioning new ways to engage church leaders to help them develop Christlike leaders (see more below). The Global Leadership Team (GLT) of ML International is planning its first Global Virtual Gathering (GVG) early on Tuesday, November 10. If you would like to participate in the GVG, please contact me so I can send you an invitation.

Personally, I remain quite busy; my conversations and prayer times with businessmen, professionals, and pastoral mentees are rich and mutually encouraging. I am including recent testimonies from two of them.

### Mentee Testimonies

**Paul Van Kesteren:** Twenty-one years ago, I entered into my first ministry experience as a student pastor. Since then I have been “knocking on Marvin’s door” looking for direction and support. As a pastor in small churches, I look forward to our monthly online meetings where I am challenged and share ideas, plans, and vision with someone that understands my ministry setting. I have appreciated his wisdom, insight, and guidance in my life as I have navigated the complex worlds of ministry, marriage, and family life.



Paul, Rachel, and Jack Van Kesteren



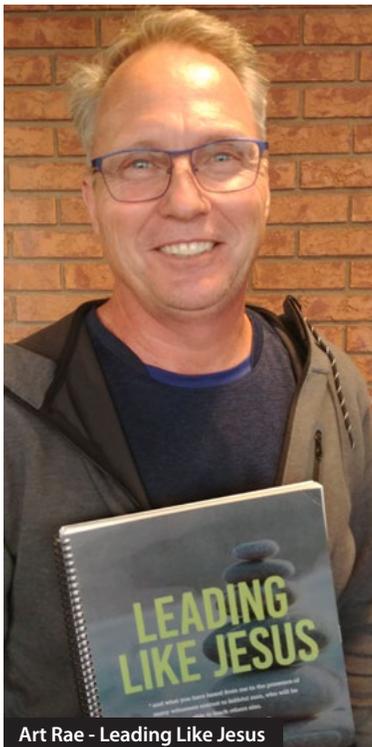
Pastor Chris Hutchison and family

**Chris Hutchison:** About sixteen months ago, I met Marvin at a church conference. His message on the “Five Transformational Values” resonated deeply with me. As a result, we began a mentoring relationship which the Lord has used to deepen my walk with Him and strengthen my life as a father and leader in my church. He has challenged some ungodly ways of thinking. Marvin made it clear he would mentor me so that I could mentor others. I enjoy applying what I’m learning with the two younger men.

## New Online Training and Tools

Our ML Canada team has been developing new opportunities to equip church leaders online, using our new website and Facebook. For those who desire further training, we will conduct several brief introductory webinars and then offer a version of Passing It On (PIO). Our team members will offer personal coaching for those who take the PIO seminar. Please view our new website ([www.mentorlink.org/canada](http://www.mentorlink.org/canada)) and like and follow us on Facebook (MentorLink Canada) for more information.

A new tool for mentoring small peer groups of leaders is called Leading Like Jesus. You can download a copy from our website under Resources > Leader's Covenant or contact me at 519-240-5257. Presently, the tool is used with about 15 groups under Barnabas Ministries in Southeast Michigan and five primarily Portuguese groups directed by Art Rae, a missionary in Brazil. We are working on translating the tool into Spanish soon.



## Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise God for the September online Next Gen Leaders Conference (NGLC). Approximately 60 young leaders from around the world participated. I led one of the mentoring groups. The topic, "Prayer and the Word," encouraged participants to make life-changing decisions. I have two follow-up gatherings planned with my mentoring group.
2. Prayer for our international partners who are suffering health and financial hardships from the pandemic.
3. Prayer for the online gathering on November 10 (GVG) and the ML Canada mentor training opportunities this fall.
4. Prayer for me as I continue to mentor leaders. Praise God for various technologies that make ongoing ministry possible.

*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)*