



Marvin's Ministry Update

October – December 2020

MentorLink Update

Last January, I began my report with these positive comments: **"Welcome to 2020 – a new year and the beginning of a new decade.** As I have been reflecting on how MentorLink (ML) has grown since 2010, one key thought continues to encourage me. In the midst of growth, MentorLink has remained faithful to its vision and values; it continues to focus its energies on equipping people to use the tools of mentoring in developing leaders to lead like Jesus. We desire that ML Canada will reach across our nation in the coming decade."

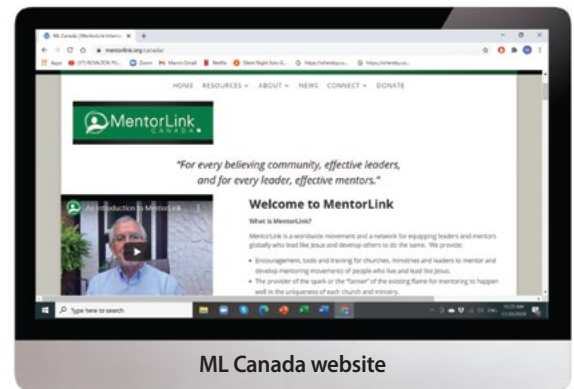
Welcome to 2021! **Little did I know how the past year would actually fulfill the desires expressed in those words.** The worldwide pandemic continues to provide us with new ideas and opportunities to extend the ministries of MentorLink, both in Canada and internationally. We have accelerated our transition to online gatherings and seminars, which are opening new doors for ministry. As you read the rest of this report, I hope you will focus your prayers on our team's efforts to "walk in step with the Spirit" during 2021.

New Online Training and Tools

Our ML Canada team is developing strategies to engage ministry leaders in online equipping. We have now produced a 90-second video to encourage people to consider our offer by participating in an introductory webinar to explain our values, tools, and training. Hopefully, these initial interactions will lead to our conducting a full seminar, tailored to their situation, to equip them and their own leaders in transformational mentoring. One of the ML Canada team members will provide ongoing coaching to ensure the training takes root in the church/organization.

God is opening doors as we explore opportunities with the leaders in several denominations, individual churches, mission organizations such as MAF (see the picture), and Bible colleges. Please view the video and encourage other leaders to watch (<https://we.tl/t-qC6EJ17xmv>).

Our new website (www.mentorlink.org/canada) and our Facebook page (MentorLink Canada) provide more information.

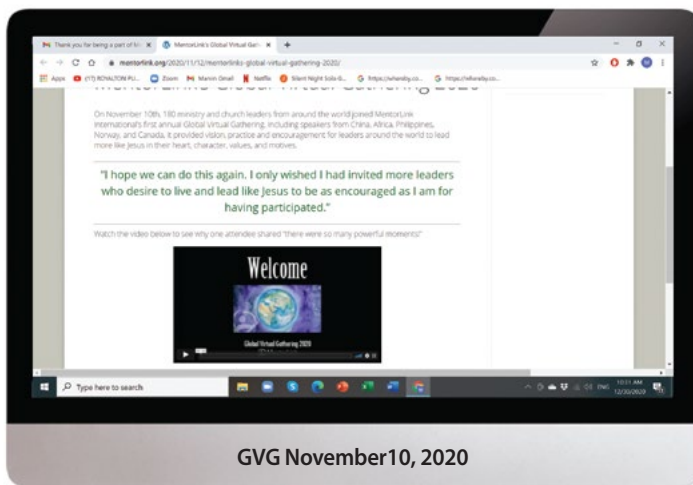


Brief Ministry Updates

1. A variety of people from Canada participated in the first Global Virtual Gathering on November 10, 2020. More than 350 people registered from 49 countries. On average, we had 170 devices connected throughout the three-hour event; one device in Kenya had 30 people watching. We are already planning for several large online gatherings in 2021.

2. The Next Gen Leaders Envision Day on November 17 set in motion the themes and possibilities for our next conference, hopefully in April 2021. These events are soul-refreshing days and provide mentoring connections.

3. We have completed Days with Jesus in Russian and are close to completing the tools in the Lingala and Tigrinya languages. ML Canada has initiated and paid for these projects.



Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise for many new doors opening for online training seminars. Pray for wisdom as we provide the desired training in each situation. Pray for a full day of training with several Associated Gospel Church pastors on January 28, 2021.
2. Pray for our international partners who continue to suffering health and financial hardships from the pandemic and terrorist activities.
3. Pray for future online gatherings to expand the ministry of MentorLink internationally.
4. Pray 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)