



## Marvin's Ministry Update

April – June 2021

MentorLink's vision of *developing leaders to lead like Jesus* continues to expand globally with new online opportunities. ML Canada is taking strategic steps to strengthen its present and future ministries. I am asking you again to pray for both the ML Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the ML Canada Team to "walk in step with the Spirit" and to remain faithful to our vision and values.

### ML International Updates

Regular online Round Table Fellowship (RTF) gatherings are developing stronger interpersonal relationships that accelerate ministries worldwide. On June 22, more than thirty people gathered on Zoom for two hours to share "what the Lord is doing in our day." Two people gave ten-minute presentations on the topic. Then we met in breakout groups for forty minutes to discuss our observations. My group included people from Cameroon, India, and the USA; what a blessing to share rich times of spiritual encouragement and practical ideas! Our first RTF prayer gathering on July 13 will continue building these relationships.



### ML Canada Updates

God continues to open a variety of opportunities in which ML Canada can add kingdom value. All of our team members continue to mentor leaders, mostly on Zoom. Here are some of the situations where I have worked online with groups:

1. Heritage College – I taught a class of first-year college students on April 1 about how to find a mentor and peer mentors. This may become a regular invitation.



Heritage Class April 1

## ML Canada Updates (continued)

2. Missionary Aviation Fellowship – I conducted two mentor training seminars on April 13-14 and April 28-29 for four hours each day. About 35 people participated from around the world. I have received several emails telling of new mentoring relationships as a result of the training. MAF is planning more of this training.

3. Christ Almighty Baptist Church – I led a major portion of their planning day on April 24. Over fifty people met to rejoice in the advances they had made in 2020 and to develop their 2022 planning document. I also spoke on May 16 during their Missions Conference.

4. Canadian Christian Business Federation – I spoke online to their monthly noon gathering on May 19 on the requested topic of “Obedience.” I have engaged in two new mentoring relationships as a result.

5. Center for Leadership and Change (CLC) – One result from the MAF seminars was a connection to a new leadership training network in India, primarily in the Christian hospitals and medical community. I was invited to join about 25 other people as the leaders reported on their first-year activities. I have been invited to provide three mentor training seminars (see #1 below)

At our ML Canada AGM in June, the Board elected three new members: Diane Fietje, Craig Pilkington, and Daniel Ramlogan. They approved Tim Jacobson to become the Associate Director for ML Canada starting on October 1, 2021. These are important steps to ensure a strong future for ML Canada. A more extensive report will be provided in October.

## Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise for new opportunities for online training seminars. Pray for the first CLC seminar to be conducted on five consecutive Thursday mornings beginning on July 22.
2. Pray for ML Canada as we plan for an orderly leadership transition. I intend to continue mentoring leaders as long as God gives me physical strength and a sound mind, but we must transition to younger leadership to sustain the present momentum.
3. Pray for me as I work with CREST Leadership in Alberta developing an online video course based on Passing It On to be offered this fall.

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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)*

