



Marvin's Ministry Update

July – September 2021

Leadership Transitions

Last May, MentorLink Canada appointed Tim Jacobson as the Associate Director to begin on October 1, 2021. Tim has served with SIM Canada for 40 years primarily in developing leaders and facilitating educational institutions throughout the SIM world. Tim was born in Ethiopia and later returned with his wife, Lorna, to serve during the difficult period of Communist rule. Since 2012, Tim and I have conducted several mentor training seminars in the Greater Toronto Area, and he has served on the ML Canada Board. Through the providential guidance of God, Tim accepted the Board's invitation to become the next leader of ML Canada. We will serve together in a planned succession process until April 2023 when I will become an Associate Mentor. Please welcome Tim to the ML Canada team. I know he will help to expand our ministry opportunities in Canada and internationally.



ML International Updates

Our second Round Table Fellowship (RTF) gathering was held on September 14. These online gatherings are developing relationships that bring encouragement and accelerate ministries worldwide. We discussed two statements from the new video Leader's Covenant. Please check out this new tool (www.mentorlink.org/resources/leaders-covenant/leaders-covenant-video-series/).

On Tuesday, October 19, we will host our second Global Virtual Gathering. Everyone is invited to join this event from 8-10 am Eastern. The presentations and discussion groups will be conducted in Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English. We are praying for hundreds to join us. The registration page is on the ML International website (www.mentorlink.org/resources/events-and-trainings/registration/).

ML Canada Updates

God continues to bless ML Canada through the mentoring ministries of our team members. I continue to mentor approximately 25 men monthly. Other recent ministry advances include:

1. **Centre for Leadership and Change (CLC)** – I have completed two mentor training seminars with 30+ people in India, primarily in the Christian medical community. We are receiving reports of how the Transformational Values of the Heart are changing the leadership practices of doctors and professors. Several mentoring relationships have begun. A follow up gathering for each group is planned before the end of this year.



ML Canada Updates (continued)



2. **CREST Leadership** – I partnered with Dan Reinhardt to create an online course on mentoring to be offered through CREST. The course, called a Deep Dive, has twelve short video conversations and worksheets. We introduced the course with a webinar on September 23. Several people have registered for the course.

3. **Mentoring Church Staff** – I equipped two people, Christy and Jonathan, from a Baptist church in Gastonia, NC, so they could conduct Passing It On seminars with women's and men's ministries in their church. The women's ministry has identified 30 women who want mentor training.

4. **Days with Jesus Lingala** – This project is now finished. Over ten million people speak Lingala in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Days with Jesus, a tool based on the Jesus Film, has now been completed in 46 languages.



Glenn and Mary Taylor

Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Gratitude for my personal mentor and his wife, Glenn and Mary Taylor. He helps me think in new ways and holds me accountable with love and wisdom.
2. Pray for new opportunities for online mentor training seminars: a) The third CLC seminar on five Thursdays, November 11 to December 9; b) The third MAF seminar on November 16-17; c) A first seminar with SEND International (TBD); d) Several local church seminars in development.
3. Pray for our leadership transition. I am excited to support Tim as he develops new initiatives. I intend to continue mentoring leaders as long as God provides strength.
4. Pray for the Next Gen Leaders Conference in the USA (October 10-15) and the FORGE Conference in Togo, West Africa (October 25-29). I am participating in both through online platforms.

Please visit our updated website (www.mentorlink.org/canada) and our Facebook page (MentorLink Canada) which provide more information.

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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)