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PASSING THE TORCH!

Over four full Saturdays in October, sixteen participants - including two seminarians - from nine different congregations, came together for Raphah Ministries' first ever Intensive Course in its ongoing Ministry Team Training programme.

Conducted in response to requests for a shorter training schedule than the regular thirteen week-night programme, the Intensive Course incorporated, for the first time, major portions of teaching material from some of the key one-day equipping courses and seminars run by Raphah Ministries (see inside pages).

At the end of the first Saturday of training, one participant commented, "I never knew that the Bible had so much to teach about the healing ministry, and so much that I was not aware of! I'm glad that I signed up for the Course."

We praise God for this encouraging comment. It confirmed for the Leadership Team at Raphah Ministries the wisdom of their decision in making 2 Timothy 2:2 one of its principal equipping goals.

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (NKJV)

From the very beginning of its mission, it has been a key objective of Raphah Ministries to come alongside the local church to both stimulate awareness of the prayer counselling ministry, and to raise up ministry teams to serve the local church. In this respect the Ministry

has been greatly blessed since August 2003 to have successfully hosted a number of healing services, seminars and training courses both within and outside the Klang



"Restoring Your Wholeness In Christ" evening seminar at St. Peter's Church, Ipoh



Participants at the first Intensive Ministry Team Training Course conducted at Beit Raphah in October 2004

Valley. These activities were in addition to the numerous requests for personal prayer counselling which were filled by ministry team members at Beit Raphah, the base and ministry centre for Raphah Ministries.

It is a firm conviction of all at Raphah Ministries that the greater the number of people equipped to minister and pray healing and restoration into the lives of God's people, the quicker the Church of God will rise to the fullness of its potential and effectiveness in mission and ministry.

The leadership is currently in discussions with several local churches to conduct this equipping course for their leaders and members in the new year 2005.

Meanwhile, other churches or individuals interested to know more about Raphah Ministries' Ministry Team Training Course/Intensive Course, One-Day Courses, Seminars, or other programmes at Beit Raphah are encouraged to phone, fax or email Raphah Ministries for further details. ✨

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Raphah Ministries Courses And Seminars



During the course of the year Raphah Ministries often receives requests for information and details concerning the training courses and seminars offered by the ministry. In this issue, *RaphahNews* presents brief summaries of some of these Courses and Seminars. ✨

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER COUNSELLING (One-Day Seminar)

This seminar introduces participants to biblical teaching and practical insights on the healing activity of God in touching hearts and rebuilding lives. It begins by looking at the spiritual condition of believers in the Kingdom of God and how, like a bird with broken wings, they have been hindered from soaring to great heights, or bearing such abundance of spiritual fruit in God. It then examines how a poor or inadequate understanding and appreciation of the love of God, coupled with wrong beliefs, choices and actions, can become major causes of the many personal and spiritual conflicts that hold people in bondage. Finally, it looks at what is needed for believers to be set free and released to become the people of God, enjoying the abundant life, and making a difference in both natural and spiritual realms.

RESTORING YOUR WHOLENESS IN CHRIST (One-Day Seminar)

Despite what they know to be the truth: that Jesus Christ came to earth so that His people may have life and have it to the full, many Christians today do not consistently experience or live out this abundant life. There are many possible reasons for this: Rejection, A Poor Self-Image, False Guilt, Self-Condernation, Pronouncements, Inner-Vows, Depression, Fear, Anxiety, even Chronic Illness or Disease. Beginning with God's design for mankind at creation, the Fall and its consequences, the seminar traces how man's personal and spiritual problems can result in brokenness in spirit, soul (*mind, emotion,*

will) and body. Looking next at the nature of the human person, participants are shown how the different parts of a person can be sick and dysfunctional. It then discusses how the lack of emotional nurture limits healthy growth and development, and finally the essential keys to help believers who are wounded and broken find restoration and wholeness again in Christ.

HEALING THROUGH DELIVERANCE (One-Day Seminar)

The Bible declares that those who choose to follow Jesus Christ will be subjected to much persecution because of the opposing works of satan and his demons. However, those who know God's Word and the truth about satan and his host, will be in a better position to resist and overcome these spiritual enemies. This seminar looks at how these works of darkness can be exposed, overcome, and the captive people of God released. Participants are introduced to the nature of the spiritual realms, the influence spiritual forces can have on believers, and the consequences resulting from occultic activity. It also addresses the issue of demonization: how demons gain entry and control and their effect on family lines, before concluding with teaching on how to be set free through deliverance ministry.

HONOURING SEX AND SEXUALITY (One-Day Seminar)

In the space of just one generation, standards of sexual morality and practice have undergone such tremendous and radical change - departing significantly from God's creation ordinances - that they threaten to break down godly relationships, marriages, family life and even communities. There is a need to arrest this destructive and deteriorating trend. The challenge is for individual believers and congregations to understand and apply what God and the Bible teach about male and female sexuality, the nature and purpose of sex, the roots and

consequences of sexual sin, and how to flee or recover from sexual wrongdoing. This one-day seminar is a frank and discerning look at the sexual revolution from God's point of view, and the way forward to an appropriate Christian response.

RECLAIMING THE GROUND (One-Day Seminar)

The Fall of Man soon after his creation, resulted in significant, even eternal, consequences - to Man, the Land and Creation itself. Sin entered the world, and separated all mankind from God. Disease, danger, destruction, defeat, disgrace, destitution, poverty and death followed. At the same time, the ground became cursed, and further defiled by subsequent sin and pollution. This seminar addresses the specific issue of defilement and curse on land and buildings, and how they may be restored to their rightful and beneficial use. Participants get to learn the biblical concept of holy ground, causes and consequences of defilement and curse, and how defiled land and buildings can be reclaimed for godly use, before ending the seminar with a challenge to total consecration in God based on a model from Scripture.

MAKING SENSE OF YOUR EMOTIONS (One-Day Seminar)

Positive emotions are good and to be desired, whereas negative emotions must be identified, processed and released in godly ways. This seminar helps participants to better understand the dynamics of their emotional makeup as human persons, and how to have a better handle on managing these emotions for positive benefit. They are shown that an emotionally whole person is one who is in touch with his or her emotions at all times, and who has the ability to maintain a relatively stable emotional state while demonstrating moderate emotional response to the flow of life's events. Insights from Bible characters help to identify key steps that can be taken to develop emotional wholeness.

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Michelle Neoh, as Admin Assistant, is usually the first point of contact for many people calling in to enquire about Raphah Ministries or to register for its various seminars. RaphahNews interviewed her with a view to learn from her the journey that brought her to Beit Raphah.



RN. Tell us what it was that convinced you about the validity of the healing ministry?

MN. One experience that I had in the area of healing was when I attended a healing rally in a church in Sitiawan. I saw with my own eyes a crippled man totally healed physically during the rally. He was carried in by two people and could not walk at all. However, at the end of the rally, he literally got up and walked out! In my case, I was healed of asthma when I went forward for prayer. I guess that was when I became convinced that God heals! That happened quite a long time ago. I had almost completely forgotten about it, until a few years back a sister-in-Christ encouraged me to attend a Healing Conference where I discovered that God wants us to live wholesome lives and to have spiritual breakthroughs instead of 'limping' along in our journey of faith.

RN. Raphah Ministries was less than a year old and only beginning to be established when you came on board as a staff member. So what made you decide to leave years of working in your previous position to join Raphah Ministries full-time?

MN. I resigned from my job last year and went back to Ipoh for a time of recuperation and rest after a crisis in my family which had left me emotionally drained and physically worn out. At the same time, I had this desire to serve the Lord in whatever He had equipped me to do, and I was willing to be of use in whatever area He wanted me to be in. I prayed to God and asked for His will to be done in my life. I did not know if I would get a job soon. Then Linda, one of the Leadership Team, called and offered me a position at Raphah Ministries which I gladly accepted.

RN. In the brief time that you have been with Raphah Ministries, what are some insights you have gained or lessons learned, and how has the experience enriched or impacted your life?

MN. Since joining Raphah Ministries I have become more convinced that God wants me to be in this ministry. Why? It is because I believe with my whole heart that the body of Christ needs this vital and important ministry. I have come across many believers who are hurt, broken and wounded and unable to get a breakthrough in their lives. Through the Ministry Team Training at Beit Raphah, I have learned how to have a right approach towards healing and prayer counselling.

RN. How do you see your role in the bigger picture of Raphah Ministries' mission?

MN. Raphah Ministries is being used by God to equip the local church with the right keys to bind up the broken-hearted and set captives free thus enabling the local church to fulfill the commission of God. I foresee that my role in Raphah Ministries will not only be serving in the admin side but also to be part of the team ministering to people who need help and a listening ear. ✿

Healing Service



Friends and visitors joining in worship at a recent Healing Service

Every second Monday evening of the month (except in the month of December), from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m., Raphah Ministries hosts a Healing Service at its Centre, Beit Raphah, in SS 2/2, Petaling Jaya. This Service is open to the Christian public and all are welcome. A typical Service begins with a time of praise and worship, followed by a short exhortation from Scripture, after which an invitation is usually given for those who have come to receive prayer ministry from members of the Ministry Teams at Beit Raphah.

Dates of the upcoming Healing Services are given in the Calendar of Events on page 4. ✿



Raphah Ministries is a non-denominational Christian healing and discipleship ministry with a vision to touch wounded hearts with the Father-heart of God, and rebuild lives hurt and damaged in the course of living out our God-given destinies.

The Ministry is committed to work alongside the wider body of Christ to equip and resource the local church to carry out this task, and its mission is founded on the Scripture in Isaiah 61:1

"The Spirit of the Lord God ... has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners."

Raphah Ministries had its beginnings in a local prayer support group and grew out of the desire of a number of alumni of the Ellel Ministries International Schools of Evangelism, Healing and Discipleship to establish a local ministry and training centre where believers could come and learn, receive teaching and ministry, be trained and equipped to serve the Body of Christ.

The ministry is registered in Malaysia as Life Rebuilders (M) Sdn. Bhd. and has its Centre in Jalan SS 2/2, Petaling Jaya.

WHO'S WHO IN RAPHAH MINISTRIES?

Raphah Ministries is served by a Leadership Team comprising the following:

- ◆ Rev. Vincent LAU
- Training & Ministry
- ◆ Pastor JayZee LAU
- Resource, Research & Development
- ◆ Pastor Irene LEE
- Personal Ministry
- ◆ Dr. Florence WANG
- Prayer Support
- ◆ Ms. Linda TANG
- Networking & Publicity
- ◆ Ms. Kathryn TAN
- Finance & Administration
- ◆ Ms. Mae LEE
- Hospitality & Facilities

Raphah Courses ...

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"BY MY SPIRIT" : POWER AND PURITY (One-Day Seminar)

Standing as it were between heaven and earth, the believer is well positioned to touch heaven, call upon God for the release of His power and grace, and believe in Him for the transformation of people and situations on earth. The challenge is therefore to become unhindered, open channels for God's anointing to flow through to bring about beneficial change. This seminar introduces biblical and practical teaching on how to become strong, consistent, confident and effective disciples beyond conversion, empowered for service and witness in the world. It also examines how the workings of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life enables the Christian to live a life of power, purity and consecration.



"TOUCHING HEARTS, REBUILDING LIVES" : A MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING COURSE (36 Hour Course)

This course anchors the healing and discipleship ministry in the ordinary life of the local church. It covers both scriptural foundations and principles related to healing ministry, key areas of spiritual and personal conflict, as well as guidelines, ethics and procedures in the practice of prayer counselling. The course provides practical insights and tools to complement other pastoral skills and equipping used in people-oriented ministries. ✨

CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING EVENING SAT., 11 DEC. 2004

You are invited to join the Leadership Team in celebrating and giving thanks to God for yet another year of fruitful ministry. To mark the occasion, a Celebration & Thanksgiving Evening will be held on Saturday, 11 December, from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. at *Beit Raphah*. The evening will feature worship, testimony, a slide presentation, highlights of the year past, and a subscription dinner at RM15.00 per head. Admission is by invitation ticket obtainable from Raphah Ministries' Office. Closing date for purchase of invitation tickets is 30 November 2004. For further details and enquiries, kindly ask for Michelle at 03-78770035. ✨

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS!

Raphah Ministries congratulates and rejoices with LINDA TANG, member of the Leadership Team and Coordinator for Publicity and Networking, on her becoming a grandmother for the first time! Our heartiest congratulations also to Daren (son-in-law) and Tiffany (daughter) on the welcome arrival of their first-born, Nathanael Lee on 22 September 2004. ✨

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

With effect from 1 November 2004, Raphah Ministries' new email address is: raphah@streamyx.com. Kindly send all email correspondence to this address, and note that the previous email addresses will cease to be active at the end of the year. ✨

Calendar Of Events 2004/2005

OCTOBER

- 2 Ministry Team Training: Intensive Course Part 1/4 (one-day course)
- 4 Leadership Team Meeting
- 9 Ministry Team Training: Intensive Course Part 2/4
- 12 Healing Service #21
- 16 Ministry Team Training: Intensive Course Part 3/4
- 23 Ministry Team Training: Intensive Course Part 4/4
- 25 Prayer Support Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Leadership Team Meeting
- 5-7 Seminar at Kuantan Wesley Methodist Church
- 8 Healing Service #22
- 20 RECLAIMING THE GROUND SEMINAR
- 26-28 Seminar at Kuantan Wesley Methodist Church
- 29 Prayer Support Meeting

DECEMBER

- 3-5 Seminar at Kuantan Wesley Methodist Church
- 6 Forum with Bread Of Life Church, Taiwan, team at *Beit Raphah*
- 11 Raphah Ministries Thanksgiving and Celebration
- 13-31 **Beit Raphah closes for the year and Raphah Ministries in recess until January 2005**

JANUARY 2005

- 3 Leadership Team Meeting
- 10 Healing Service #23
- 15 Church Visit: PJ Evangelical Free Church
- 31 Prayer Support Meeting

These dates and events are correct as time of printing, but are subject to change as situations and subsequent developments warrant. ✨

- ◆ Do you wish to be kept informed of events and happenings at Raphah Ministries?
- ◆ Do you wish to make a gift towards its work and ministry?
- ◆ Do you wish to pray regularly for Raphah Ministries?

If your answer is YES! then kindly complete this Response Slip and return it to:

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- Please put me on your Mailing List
- I wish to give MONTHLY, a sum of RM _____ beginning with the month of _____ 2004
- Enclosed is a gift of RM _____ as a one-time gift to the Ministry.
- Please issue a receipt for my gift.