

P1 / SEIZING THE MOMENTS

The time is short, but the needs of the hurt, wounded and in pain remain plentiful and cry out to be helped. As His instruments, we are called to bring God's means of healing and restoration to those longing for relief.

P2 / DONKEY BUSINESS AT RETREAT

What do donkeys have in common with the ministers of the Lord? Plenty. Pastor Wilson Ng helps make the humorous yet poignant connection.

P5 / 2016 OCT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

First it was Port Dickson; then it was Tagaytay in Luzon, Philippines. Raphah's flagship School brings deep healing and restoration to key pastors and leaders in Christian ministry.

P6 / OUT OF DEPRESSION'S BONDAGE

Years of keeping her pain and wounding to herself spirals pastor's wife into depression. In a moment's encounter with God, the bondage is broken and she is set free!

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Raphah Team with "graduates" from the first Modular School held at Central Philippines University (CPU), Iloilo City, Philippines from 11-16 April 2016



Seizing the Moments of Opportunity

In Matthew 9:35-38 we find the account of Jesus visiting the cities and villages teaching, preaching and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Those who came to Him were in their multitudes, and they were weary and scattered like sheep without a shepherd.

The sorry state of the people prompted Jesus to declare, *"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."*

As it was in the days of Jesus, so it is

still today: the needs of people to be healed of every sickness and every disease far exceed the human resources available to respond to these needs

Whether it is north in Alor Setar, or south in Johor Bahru, west in Sitiawan or east in Kuantan, every place to which Raphah Ministries has been invited to teach and minister, the needs of people to be healed of their broken-hearts, set

free from spiritual bondages, released from fears and anxieties, and delivered from sexual sins, ungodly soul-ties and addictions, etc., have been just overwhelming.

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At Raphah Ministries we are singly grateful and thankful to God: *grateful* for the opportunities to flesh out our mission of healing hearts and rebuilding lives; and *thankful* for the associates and supporters whose sacrifices and contributions enable the ministry to make a difference for the better, whether for an individual, a community or a nation.

The year 2016 saw Raphah teams literally traversing the length and breadth of the peninsula—and beyond—to bring God's means of healing and restoration to people in need.

In late July, a Raphah team made their first ever visit to Johor state; preaching at 2 church services and conducting a first seminar at a local Methodist church.

Given the encouraging feedback from the people, our prayer is that there may be other future opportunities to bless and serve the believers in Johor.

In November, another Raphah team travelled to Alor Setar—at the invitation of a Baptist church there—to teach a



seminar on Homosexuality and the LGBT movement.

This visit to Alor Setar was significant in that it has been more than 4 years since Raphah Ministries last had a seminar in the city!

We praise God for this timely re-connection, and pray that it will be followed before long with other similar events.

Further afield, Raphah Ministries was blessed to partner Raphah Philippines in conducting a Modular School in Iloilo city (the City of Love), and then partnering the Training and Development Institute (TDI) of the CCT Group of Ministries in teaching a 2-week Residential School

for a select group of their pastors and leaders. This event was held at CCT's beautiful Retreat and Training Centre in Tagaytay, Philippines.

Yet another door that opened to Raphah is the Global Filipino Movement Foundation (GFM); an NGO that ministers to the needs of Overseas Filipino Workers and their dependants.

The needs for healing and restoration are indeed truly plentiful.

Pray with us that Raphah Ministries will always be close to the heartbeat of God; willing and ready to answer His call! 🍎

Donkey Business at Raphah Annual Retreat!



2016 will be remembered as the year the word "donkey" became a special reference word in Raphah's vocabulary!

From 27-29 March, a motley crowd of about 30 plus persons from PJ and Ipoh Centres gathered in Cherengin Hills Resort, Janda Baik, Pahang for Raphah's 2016 Annual Retreat. To address the gathering on the theme "*Called For Such A Time As This*" was Pastor Wilson NG, who came ready to share from his vast experiences of his walk with God.

Emphasizing the need to be "donkeys" for Jesus, Pastor Wilson challenged his listeners to serve the Lord like donkeys, i.e. humbly and faithfully, laying down pride and being ever ready to do their utmost for the Lord Jesus in every situation. So powerful was the allegory of the donkey that the imagery is now firmly embedded in every participant's mind!

Apart from the spiritual food, participants also had an afternoon of aerobic exercises set to the cha cha dance beat. Bones creaked, muscles strained and ached but the exercises went on! Then it was off to Bukit Tinggi Village to pick up bargains of the renowned Bentong Ginger and other local vegetable and fruit products.

All in all, it was a meaningful, fun Retreat where fellowship and joy abounded! 🍎

Modular Training School Reset

After a hiatus of some 3 years, during which time different models of modular training were explored, PJ Centre finally—in the second half of 2016—reverted back to a 5-day Modular School of Prayer Counselling and Healing Ministry.

Taking advantage of this “reset” was a small group of “new faces” at Raphah Ministries, all of whom were keen to get inducted into the training to be equipped as prayer counsellors and potential trainers.

One of those who attended shared how *“for many years I had been hoping for (a healing ministry) to start in Ipoh so that I can be equipped in the basics of prayer counselling and healing ministry.”*

Imagine his delight when he “discovered” Raphah Centre Ipoh in 2015, even though Ipoh Centre had been operational since 2009!

“I am so excited and so blessed that Raphah Ministries is not only in PJ but also in Ipoh where I stay!”

This gentleman and his spouse attended both Module 1 (6-10 June) and Module 2 (8-12 August) of Raphah’s flagship training course, and after training, have been recruited into Ipoh Centre’s training programme for prayer counsellors and trainers.



SCHOOL of PRAYER COUNSELLING and HEALING

Module 1: 26 – 30 June 2017
Understanding the Issues and Roots

Module 2: 29 Aug. – 2 Sept. 2017
Prayer Counselling Skills, Principles and Tools

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Raphah’s flagship course, the *Modular School of Prayer Counselling and Healing Ministry* is a 10-day course in 2 Modules of 5-days each.

Module 1: Understanding Issues and their Root Causes, addresses some major areas of problem and conflict faced by believers today—especially unresolved spiritual and psychological issues that can render a believer ineffective in discipleship, leading to struggle and lack of fruit in ministry.

Module 2: Prayer Counselling Principles, Skills and Tools, provides further biblical teaching, practical insights, diagnostic tools and guidelines for effectual prayer counselling into different issues, situations and problems of believers.

Both Modules are deliberately designed to be practical, ministry-oriented and gives priority to learning how to listen to God; how to identify root problems and consequences; and how to develop

appropriate responses specific to a particular individual’s needs and situations.

Besides the Modular School, both PJ and Ipoh Centres in 2016 also hosted a full programme of seminars and training courses, some of which were newly introduced while others were updated offerings.

Among others, these included the seminars:

- *Reclaiming the Ground Seminar*
- *Reclaiming Families & Generations Seminar*
- *Freedom from Generational Iniquity Seminar*
- *Healing the Troubled Mind Seminar*
- *Understanding Homosexuality & the LGBT Movement Seminar*
- *Out of the Blackhole of Depression Seminar*
- *Kingdom Keys to Healing & Wholeness Seminar.* 🍎




Understanding & Overcoming Rejection

25th June 2016 @ 9am – 5pm RM 50

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Blessed to Have Served!

At a recent party in Raphah Centre PJ to celebrate his 70th birthday, a sister asked PASTOR PETER WONG, “Do you feel seventy?” Not surprisingly, he said no.

“I will continue to serve the Lord despite the fact that parts of me, like an old car, will break down eventually. How can I not serve Him who had given me life abundantly?”

Pastor Peter began his association with Raphah Ministries speaking at monthly healing meetings, leading in worship and attending seminars. Before long he found himself involved in prayer counselling, teaching, and was briefly a staff member and member of the Management Team at PJ Centre.

More than a dozen years have passed since those early beginnings. During those dozen years, he had often been tempted to step back and enjoy his golden years.

But as he puts it in his own words, “how can I, when during prayer counselling



sessions, I see lives that were bound by the enemy set free, healed, liberated and transformed? It gives me such joy to witness His goodness and mercy. So while I still have the strength and ability, I will share with others this wonderful truth that Jesus has come to give life, and life more abundantly.”

Sadly, due to his failing eyesight and consequent constraint on his mobility, Pastor Peter has had to call it a day at Raphah Ministries.

With effect from January 2017, Pastor Peter will step down from active ministry with Raphah PJ Centre.

Both the Raphah Council and PJ Centre Management Team are deeply grateful to Pastor Peter for his past contributions and selfless service, especially in the early days of the ministry.

Thank you, Pastor Peter, from all of us at Raphah Ministries! 🍷



Other Movements

Raphah Ministries also bids grateful thanks and appreciation to Ms. JENNIFER RCHEAH—a member of the Management Team of Ipoh Centre—as she steps down from leadership with effect from 1 January 2017, after 8 years with the ministry.

Jennifer had been seeking the Lord and believes the time had come to move on to other areas of helping and facilitating the socially and functionally challenged.

Ipoh Centre will most certainly miss her quiet, unassuming presence, dedication and selfless contribution in so many ways.

Thank you, Jennifer, from all of us at Raphah Ministries. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper your service to Him in the coming days!

Even as Jennifer steps down, we are thankful to the Lord for speaking to Ms. LINDA CHONG, to step up and into the role vacated by Jennifer!

Linda, a retired primary school headmistress, has been associated with Ipoh Centre and its events for many years.

Since retiring from school teaching, she has volunteered much of her free time to assisting in the mundane, down-to-earth workings of the Ipoh Centre.

We welcome “rookie” Linda to the Ipoh Centre Team! 🍷

2016 October School of Prayer Counselling & Healing Ministry



Graduating Class of 2016 October School

“
At first I was reluctant to come because of my doctrinal beliefs, but as they taught us, I became so blessed. It is a great privilege to be a part of this School.”

October 2014 was a highpoint in the annals of the ministry when Raphah organized its first *Residential School of Prayer Counseling and Healing Ministry* at the Methodist Centre, Port Dickson.

Exactly two years later, from 17-28 October 2016, history was repeated when Raphah Ministries held its second Residential School, this time in Tagaytay, on the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

Held in partnership with CCT (Centre for Community Transformation) and Raphah Philippines, the School saw some 50 participants and trainers gather together for 2-weeks of learning, soul-searching, healing and rebuilding.

Among the participants were a missionary couple from Thailand (Malaysian+Thai) and a missionary in Cambodia (Malaysian).

Although many of the participants had come to the School not really knowing what to expect—since Raphah is still a relatively unknown entity in the Philippines—they were not disappointed.

In a feedback form given out at the end of the School, one leading pastor wrote:

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taught us, I became so blessed. It is a great privilege to be a part of this School.”

As the School came to a close with the awarding of Certificates of Attendance, several other participants testified to the healing and release from deep, personal wounds and hurts from their past which they had carried into their present lives and ministries; some of which they were unaware were actively working against them and their relationships.

Present at the awards session was the Founder and President of CCT, Madam Ruth Callanta.

Hearing their testimonies and seeing how the School had deeply impacted and changed her pastors, Madam Callanta expressed the hope that the Raphah Modular School could become an annual event in CCT’s training calendar.

Raphah Ministries is deeply honoured indeed by this endorsement of the Modular School, and give all praise to Almighty God for using Raphah Ministries to play a small part in the transformation of individuals, communities, and even a whole nation! 🍷



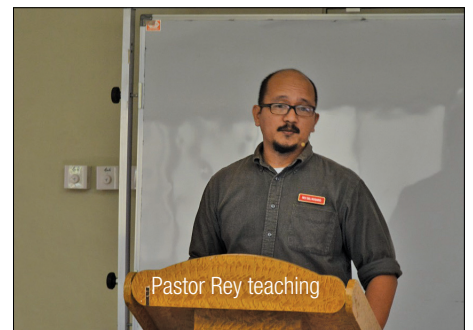
Reporting for School



Outside School Room



'Ate' Ruth Callanta



Pastor Rey teaching



All eyes and all ears



Finally ...

Out of Bondage to Depression!

MY name is R. I am a pastor's wife. I was born into a very dysfunctional family. My father was a military man and he implemented a similar style of discipline in our home. A little failure in obeying household rules and doing chores would result in heavy spanking and public humiliation, often with negative pronouncements.

I recall an incident from childhood, when I went with a friend to look for old books at a dump site. I was keen to have a book to read but forgot to ask permission from my father to go out. When he found out later, he was so angry that he scolded me in front of many people. Not only that, he took a branch that he always used for spanking to beat me severely. I never forgot that incident throughout my life.

We were ten siblings in a poor family, and my mother sold cooked bananas, vegetables and dry goods to have money to meet our daily basic needs. Because of the pressures she faced every day, we children often suffered from her bouts of anger and frustration. Each time, after being scolded or beaten by my parents, I would isolate myself in a room and wished my parents dead.

Growing up in such an environment deeply shaped and affected the way I saw myself. I was also confused, because my father would, on the one



Exhilaration, Freedom, Release

hand, tell us that he loved us and then, on the other, beat us as if we were not human beings.

My feelings of rejection were so deep that it caused me to suffer a long lasting inferiority complex.

One time, an older sister told me "secretly" that I was an adopted child because I looked differently from all my other siblings. They all had high, nice looking noses while I did not. I believed her, and that "secret" further reinforced my sense of rejection.

One day, my mother found me crying and when she asked me why, I reluctantly told her all that my sister had said, whereupon she reassured me and affirmed that I was indeed her biological child.

These experiences and many others deeply hurt, pained and wounded me.

Although I had accepted Jesus Christ and knew for certain that I was saved, I nevertheless struggled with these hurts and pains of deep rejection and self-rejection.

That was until I attended the one-day "Out of the Black Hole of Depression" seminar taught by Raphah Ministries Malaysia at the Central Philippines University in April 2016.

The Lord worked so mightily and deeply within me that immediately after the seminar I found the courage to finally open my heart to my husband.

For almost the whole 30 years of our

married life I had kept these hurts and pains secret from him. That Saturday, we talked from 9.00 pm until 3.00 am the following Sunday morning!

I had been struggling very much prior to the seminar.

I was hurting within, and consequently, hurting my husband and our children. I had even asked permission from my husband to see a psychiatrist for medications to treat my anguish. He had consented, but because we lacked the money, I was not able to do so.

Thankfully, through applying the biblical truths learned from the seminar, I found the inner healing and deliverance I had so desperately wanted.

Knowing, understanding and acknowledging the truth about myself and my pain helped me break free from the bondage to depression.

Because my husband and I had been so blessed through the seminar, we immediately signed up to attend the Raphah Ministries' *Modular School of Prayer Counselling and Healing Ministry* held in the week after the seminar.

Today, months later, we still feel free, liberated, and happy serving the Lord!

Though far from being perfect, we are progressively pursuing the plans and purposes God has for us, knowing that in Him we indeed have a unique "identity and destiny."

To Him be ALL the glory! 🍷



Tears and Joy



When the Spirit moves

Healed Heart Rebuilt Life!

Peter Scazero, pastor and author of the book 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality' wrote that *"it is impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature."*

Many believers desire to have a spiritual revolution in their lives.

Unfortunately, unhealed and unresolved personal and spiritual conflicts and issues often prove to be their Achilles heel and the stumbling block in their efforts to unleash such a revolution.

For one person who came to Raphah Ministries, being healed of her inner wounds and pains was the key to such a revolution being unleashed in her life; a new heart towards God and a rebuilt life for herself.

"I was not aware of the significance of staying emotionally and spiritually healthy until I came to Raphah Ministries.

Being emotionally unhealthy, I was not able to experience much joy and freedom in living my life and serving in the church. I struggled in certain areas without knowing what the real underlying issues were.

Thankfully, in the process of prayer counselling, I was led to realize that I was emotionally broken and unstable.



To find my healing, I needed to revisit my past; to resolve open issues before I could move forward again.

Through prayer counselling I was helped to discover things I had not known about myself; to let go of past hurts and pains, and to let God rule and reign again in all areas of my life.

Alongside the personal ministry, I found that the seminars I attended taught me precious biblical truths besides giving me invaluable insights into understanding emotional and spiritual issues and their roots.

This understanding helped me to go through my personal ministry much more effectively, in the process making my healing happen much quicker.

Looking back, I am very thankful for the help and teaching I received from Raphah Ministries.

The sessions of prayer counselling, and the seminars, worked together to change my life, to help me move on confidently, and to maintain an emotionally and spiritually healthy lifestyle."

To God be the glory for all the wonderful things He has done and continues to do in healing hearts and rebuilding the lives of His people! 🍀

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Calendar 2017

PJ CENTRE

January

07 Sat CTT/PSG

February

04 Sat CTT/PSG

08 Wed Night Watch #1

18 Sat **Touching Heaven, Changing Earth Seminar**
 25 Sat **Reclaiming Families & Generations Seminar**

March

04 Sat CTT/PSG

18 Sat **Healing from Trauma of Childhood Abuse Seminar**

25 Sat **Half-Day Seminar**

26-28 Sun-Tue **Raphah Annual Retreat**

April

01 Sat CTT/PSG

08 Sat **Healing Through Deliverance Seminar**

May

06 Sat CTT/PSG

10 Wed **Embracing Your Identity and Destiny Seminar**
 20 Sat **Freedom from Addiction Seminar**

27 Sat **Rightly Handling Loss & Grief Seminar**

June

03 Sat CTT/PSG

11 Sun Night Watch #2

17 Sat **Life In The Spirit Seminar**

26-30 Mon-Fri **Module 1: School of Prayer Counselling & Healing Ministry**

July

08 Sat CTT/PSG

15 Sat **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Seminar**

29 Sat **Born This Way?: Understanding Homosexuality & The LGBT Movement**

August

05 Sat CTT/PSG

19 Sat **Understanding and Overcoming Rejection Seminar**

29 Aug-02 Sep Tue-Sat **Module 2: School of Prayer Counselling & Healing Ministry**

September

09 Sat CTT/PSG

17-20 Sun-Wed **Council-Management Retreat & Planning Meeting**



23 Sat **Anger, Control & Domination Seminar**
 30 Sat **Free Seminar**

October

07 Sat CTT/PSG

14 Sat **Reclaiming the Ground Seminar**

November

04 Sat CTT/PSG

18 Sat **Out of the Blackhole of Depression Seminar**

24 Sat Night Watch #3

December

03 Sun **15th Evening of Celebration & Thanksgiving**

IPOH CENTRE

January

04 Wed Coffee Corner #69

13 Fri CTT/PSG #89

14 Sat **"Inside Out" Event**

February

08 Wed Coffee Corner #70

10 Fri CTT/PSG #90

11 Sat **Making Sense of Your Emotions Seminar**

March

01 Wed Coffee Corner #71

10 Fri CTT/PSG #91

11 Sat **Reclaiming the Ground Seminar**

24 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #1**

25 Sat **"Almost Mid-Night": Talk on End-Times**

26-28 Sun-Tue **Raphah Annual Retreat**

April

05 Wed Coffee Corner #72

07 Fri CTT/PSG #92

08 Sat **Unmasking the Enemy & Deception Seminar**

28 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #2**

30 Sun Night Watch #1

May

03 Wed Coffee Corner #73

12 Fri CTT/PSG #93

13 Sat **Rightly Handling Loss & Grief Seminar**

26 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #3**

June

07 Wed Coffee Corner #74

09 Fri CTT/PSG #94

10 Sat **Healing from Trauma of Childhood Abuse Seminar**

23 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #4**

July

05 Wed Coffee Corner #75

14 Fri CTT/PSG #95

15 Sat **Breaking the Occult Bondage Seminar**

28 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #5**

August

02 Wed Coffee Corner #76

11 Fri CTT/PSG #96

19 Sat **Freedom from Addiction Seminar**

25 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #6**

30 Wed Night Watch #2

September

06 Wed Coffee Corner #77

08 Fri CTT/PSG #97

09 Sat **Understanding and Overcoming Rejection Seminar**

17-20 Sun-Wed **Council-Management Retreat & Planning Meeting**

22 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #7**

October

04 Wed Coffee Corner #78

13 Fri CTT/PSG #98

14 Sat **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Seminar**

27 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #8**

November

01 Wed Coffee Corner #79

02 Thu Night Watch #3

10 Fri CTT/PSG #99

11 Sat **Anger, Control & Domination Seminar**

17 Fri **Truth About Cancer Video Session #9**

26 Sun **9th Evening of Celebration and Thanksgiving**