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Faithful To Our Calling And Destiny

TOWARDS the end of last year, a word from the Lord was given to Raphah's leaders that 2019 would be a "year of great fruitfulness." And true to that word, 2019 has indeed been a year of much fruitfulness and blessing spiritually and materially.

Over the course of the year new seminars were written and introduced, including 2 in the Chinese language; attendances at seminars and events recorded increases, especially of first time participants; a fresh batch of prayer counsellor trainees was recruited while requests for prayer counselling multiplied, with a corresponding increase in number of ministry sessions given.

In terms of partnership and support for the ministry, an apartment in a newly built condominium was made available to and dedicated for Raphah's use; donations from churches and individuals increased, enabling Raphah teams to undertake 2 teaching missions to the Philippines even as new opportunities to partner local churches in training and equipping continued to come in.

The year of fruitfulness, however, has been darkened by the increasingly thick spiritual and moral decay slowly enveloping and gripping the world: in particular the rejection of God and biblical truth; the breakdown of the traditional family and parental authority

God's Vision for Us Reflects the Real Us

AS the leaders of Raphah Ministries purposefully seek to review and re-new God's vision for the ministry, we are reminded always that His vision for the work is reflected in the unique characteristics, giftings and yearnings He has placed within the members of the Raphah community.

Our personalities, our ties, our past experiences and our context for ministry will converge to result in a work that is uniquely us, and that is important in the overall growth of God's work on earth.

As we have come to learn over the years, God is not so much interested in organization or administration—although those skills are necessary in ministry—as in changing people's lives.

When we serve people, we serve God; and His deepest desire is that we love Him by loving His people! ♥



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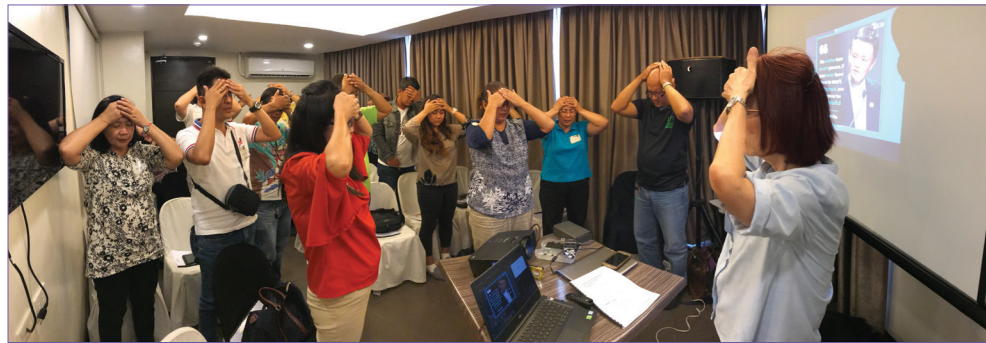
structures; the redefinition of marriage and human sexuality; the in-the-face promotion of spiritual darkness, idolatry and the occult.

This deliberate abandonment of God and His ways—which were given in the first place for man’s protection and safety—inevitably comes at a great price.

A letter received from a Filipino pastor requesting help from Raphah Ministries paints an alarming picture of the impact that a breakdown in relationships and security within the family has caused.

In his letter the pastor wrote:

“In the weeks past we have seen disturbing cases of suicide in our community, sometimes on a weekly basis. A pastor’s son went up to the roof deck of a building and threw himself down after his girlfriend broke up with him. The previous week alone three youth, aged fourteen, thirteen and ten, took their own lives. The thirteen year old took her own life just because the parents did not celebrate her birthday!”



The pastor added:

“As the suicide cases pile up, psychiatrists and medical professionals in our city government continue to debate and brainstorm about the most effective ways to stem the tide of destruction; behavioural specialists have trained social workers and health workers on counselling techniques but still the suicides continue; the roots of the issue not resolved. It has also been frustrating to know that many churches, instead of seeing in this crisis a missional oppor-

tunity, have only shown apathy and a lack of wisdom in confronting the predicament we are facing now.”

The situation described by the pastor is not an isolated one: many individuals, families, churches and communities are battling similar challenges and desperately reaching out for real hope and change in their circumstances.

But for there to be any real hope of change, of healing and restoration, there has to be a determined and purposeful “*return to basics*”; a return to the ancient paths of God where the good way is, for only then will we find rest for our souls (Jeremiah 6:16).

A “*return to basics*” is also the word given to Raphah Ministries for 2020; a word that was echoed by Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung of the Methodist Church when he addressed the Raphah community and leaders at their retreat and Planning Meeting.

For hope to be a blessing; there has to be an intentional shift away from building structures and institutions to building people and reconnecting with God; a shift away from the many distractions that cry out

for our obedience to being single-minded, focused and faithful to the calling for which He appointed us to this earth.

We are to be instruments of God to reclaim, heal and restore that which the devil had been allowed to steal, kill and destroy from among God’s people. And for Raphah Ministries, this work of healing hearts and rebuilding lives is not finished until the Lord returns for His Bride.

It is our prayer that the Lord will help keep us focused on His will for this ministry, and faithful to the end in the discharge of our calling. To Him be glory always! Amen. ♥



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Flagship School of Prayer Counselling & Healing

THE 2019 modular Flagship School—held back to back over 2 weeks in June—welcomed several participants from the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, England and Sabah, besides those from the Klang and Kinta Valleys. While some attended as returning students or alumni the majority of participants were first-timers.

Designed specifically to give participants a comprehensive, wholistic, integrated and in-depth biblical framework for understanding and resolving issues and root causes in the practice of prayer counselling and healing ministry, Raphah’s Flagship School continued to make a significant difference in the lives and ministries of participants.

“*In my twenty years of conventional ministry, I have never learned anything like what I learned in Raphah School of Prayer Counselling 2018.*”

At the School, besides gaining valuable insights and understanding into the roots and causes of human pain and dysfunction, and spiritual keys and tools for their resolution, the shared learning experience drew participants together into a tight spiritual community even as they built new bonds and friendship ties.

The testimonies by participants at the close of the School have yet again affirmed the benefits and need for such a training and equipping programme as provided by Raphah Ministries’ flagship School.

As the participants departed the School, the prayer that sent them on the way was that they will become trees of great blessing wherever they may be planted. ♥

A Testimony

“ IN 2014, I found myself experiencing severe panic attacks and was prescribed medication to treat my symptoms. It was during this difficult time that I was introduced to Raphah Ministries and its work and ministry.

I started attending their monthly topical seminars and even signed up to receive personal prayer and healing ministry.

The seminars and ministry sessions helped me to understand my personal history better; especially to identify the specific roots and causes of my many fears and panic attacks. As a result of this self-realization and healing ministry, I was able to wean off my medication within 18 months.

Today I am able to live a victorious and abundant life with the help of God’s Word and teaching from Raphah. I am grateful to the Raphah family for their love and support and also to all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

All glory be to God! ”



Seminars in Chinese

With little fanfare but much anticipation and bated breath Raphah Ministries relaunched its seminars in the Chinese language on Saturday, 13 July after a hiatus of some ten or more years!

First off the block was the seminar *“Understanding and Overcoming Rejection”* which was taught by two of Raphah’s own Chinese speaking teachers: Ms Lydia Eng and Ms Lydia Tan Bee Eng.

Following on the first seminar, a second Chinese seminar, *“Reclaiming Families and Generations”* was held on Saturday, 9 November.

Despite the little fanfare and modest promotion of the relaunch, word of mouth

publicity saw both seminars attended by encouraging crowds of elderly as well as young adult participants.

Interestingly, one particular family consisting of 3 generations turned up to attend the second seminar, drawn to it by the title of the seminar!

Encouraged by the positive response and feedback given, Raphah Ministries will be offering several other Chinese seminars in 2020, to be conducted at both PJ and Ipoh Centres.

It has always been on the hearts of the Raphah leadership to see the teaching resources of the ministry made available in Chinese, and glory to God, in 2019 it has come to pass.

Our heartiest congratulations to the two teachers on their successful “teaching in Chinese” debut! ♥



Chinese Beliefs and Practices

In keeping with the momentum of 2019, Raphah also introduced a new seminar, *“Chinese Beliefs and Practices: from a Biblical Perspective,”* with a view towards helping believers—especially those seeking help from Raphah—understand and appreciate the reasons why embracing some of the Chinese beliefs and practices is harmful and strongly discouraged.

As is the case in many instances, on becoming a Christian, the Chinese believer is presented with a different and contrasting worldview—a biblical worldview—that is in many parts incompatible with and opposed to the Chinese worldview.

Given such a predicament, the seminar examined the many layers of spiritual influences that had shaped the Chinese belief system over millenia, and argued for a Christian response that is consistent with the Word of God, without at the same time rejecting the believer’s Chinese roots and distinctiveness. ♥



Dedication of Raphah@Seventeen

On Sunday, 24 March, a condominium unit at the Seventeen Mall and Residences, Petaling Jaya—Raphah@Seventeen—was dedicated to God and set apart for Raphah’s use.

At the dedication, the amazing story was shared of the special connection between the condominium and Raphah Ministries, and the extraordinary circumstances that led to the apartment being made available to Raphah.

With a panoramic view of the city skyline and Genting Highlands in the distance —

clearly visible on a cloudless day—it was the owner’s hope that the apartment could be like a spiritual lighthouse casting its influence over the building, its occupants, its neighbourhood and the city.

As if in response to the owner’s desire, and a sign of His favour, the Lord caused a magnificent rainbow to appear over the building exactly 7 days after the formal dedication of the building by its Christian developer in December 2018!

Praise and glory be to God for this blessing extended to Raphah Ministries! ♥





Reclaiming a City's Destiny

ON Friday evening, 24 May, we believe a shift occurred in the spiritual realms above Iloilo City, Philippines, when at the end of 7 loud shouts of “Jesus reigns” a flag emblazoned with the same words was planted by Dr. A Listano, Chairman of Raphah Philippines Council, in the official spot marking the exact centre of the Philippines.

This symbolic act came at the end of a stirring and challenging *Reclaiming the Ground* seminar held at Central Philippines University (CPU). Participants had adjourned from the auditorium to the University field with the intention of publicly declaring their desire to see Jesus enthroned and reigning over the Philippines and her peoples again.

Recognizing the significance of the symbolic act, select individuals had been identified and invited to stand in the gap on behalf of the University, the Pastors in the City, the Fathers of Families, and the Local Government.

Dr. Bogacia, a Vice-President of CPU; Pastor Normandy of Ikthus NextGen church; Pastor Tony of the Iloilo Unified Ministers' Fellowship; and the Honorable Jeffrey Ganzon, Vice-Mayor of Iloilo City, respectively, took to the microphone to confess, repent and ask God's forgiveness for all the sins and vices of the University, of the Pastors in the City, of the Fathers in their families, and of the Public Servants in the local Government that had compromised righteousness and justice and opened the door to unleash darkness and all manners of abuse, vice, corruption, injustice, unrighteousness and sinful action and activity upon the people, the institutions, and public offices of Iloilo City.

For the Raphah team that facilitated and witnessed this powerful symbolic act, it was a fitting highlight and memorable climax to a week of teaching mission in Iloilo in partnership with Raphah Life Rebuilders Philippines, and Central Philippines University.

Jesus indeed shall reign, with His sovereign rule from Iloilo City—the City of Love—to the rest of the nation of the Philippines. Glory to God always! Amen! ♥



How Should We Then Live?

THIS was the theme of Raphah's 2019 Retreat and Planning Meeting held in Bangi, Negri Sembilan, in September.

Over the course of 2018, Raphah's prayer counsellors had been studying the biography of John Sung, one of China's greatest evangelists. His radical lifestyle and discipleship had prompted the searching question of how believers today ought to be living in the light of present challenges to Christianity.

Speaking into the theme over 2 sessions, Bishop Emeritus Hwa Yung of the Methodist Church challenged the audience to seek and understand the nature of true revival, which is God centred and evidenced by lasting fruit, as opposed to man centred revivals whose fruit seldom last.

To be able to discern between the two, believers need to get back to the fundamentals of our Christian faith; to a systematic teaching of the Scriptures even though it



may be unpopular.

Bishop Hwa Yung further suggested that we should take the singing of hymns more seriously because hymns has a way of shaping the life of people and so is an effective way of teaching the Scriptures.

Compared to the hymns of old, many contemporary songs and compositions sorely lack spiritual depth and good theology.

For the many present at the Retreat, these insights were a timely reminder and call to re-examine our own walk in God going forward. ♥



Life Harvest Assembly Camp

IN July Raphah Ministries was privileged to be invited by Life Harvest Assembly, Cheras to be Camp speakers at their 2019 Family Camp held at Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson.

The theme of the Camp was "Freedom In Christ", with bilingual sessions teaching into the healing of emotional and inner wounds.

A Raphah team comprising Timothy Chui

and Kwai Me, David Eng, Lydia Eng and Bee Eng accepted the invitation on behalf of Raphah.

The teaching sessions and personal ministry that followed were well received, with the leaders inviting the team to return to minister at a future time.

For the team, it was an enriching experience and a precursor to Raphah's future Chinese ministry! ♥

My Healing Journey

“ I grew up in a very broken family. Finding life meaningless I searched for God and finally was born again as a Christian; the first in my family.

Years later, while attending a course in Healing and Deliverance, I realized that there were many areas in my life that still needed to be dealt with. Each time I entered the presence of God, I would start manifesting and making a lot of noise.

I had received help before, but there came a time when it seemed like my problem was beyond help. I then met a pastor who helped me to connect with Raphah Ministries PJ for counselling.

At Raphah, my counsellors did all they could to help but it was not God's time for my healing. So we paused our ministry sessions for the time being. Then I heard that Raphah Ministries was conducting seminars in Ipoh, too.

The first time I attended a seminar in Ipoh I could feel the anointing of God in the teaching. And when the speaker prayed, I was able to experience some measure of healing.

Back home I spent time praying through the things that God had revealed during the seminar; convinced that one day I would be healed fully if I do not give up.

I am in a much better state today than when I first started attending seminars. Friends have even commented that these days I have stopped coughing and making noises during worship. I really thank God for the healing He has brought in my life.

Glory be to God! ”



The Final Hour: End Times Seminar

FROM the time of its founding in 2003, the driving motivation for Raphah Ministries has been the desire to prepare believers for the Return of Jesus, through healing and restoring them to wholeness in Christ.

It was this “eye on eternity” that prompted Raphah in 2015 to offer its first end-times seminar, “*End Times and Bible Prophecy*” followed respectively with update seminars in 2017, “*Nearing Midnight: Our Blessed Hope*” and in 2019, “*The Final Hour: How Should We Then Live?*”

We praise God for the very affirming, encouraging and positive responses to the seminars whenever they had been held; especially for the “eye-opening”, “quickening of the spirit” and “sense of urgency” that fell on many participants as they walked through the rapidly unfolding events of the final hour leading up to the promised Return of the Lord.

Given the heady pace of unfolding events in the global arena, the next update in the series is expected to be held in 2020 on a date to be confirmed.

To encourage as many as possible to be informed and prepared concerning the end-times, Raphah Ministries can be invited to conduct the above seminar in churches

To know more about what is involved in hosting any Raphah seminar in your local church, kindly can contact Raphah Ministries for further details. ♥

Reclaiming the Ground: Sitiawan

IN keeping with its commitment to assist local churches in training and equipping its members for healing and restoration ministry, a Raphah team visited Sitiawan in September to conduct their strategic “*Reclaiming the Ground*” seminar at the Christian Life Centre Church.

Held over a weekend with 3 sessions on Saturday and a final session on Sunday morning, the seminar explored the biblical principles undergirding the concept of “holy ground” and the consequences that

the flagship School of Prayer Counselling and Healing Ministry in Manila for their key pastors and leaders. Ministry friends and associates of CCT-TDI were also invited to attend the School.

The School in Manila was made particularly significant because of the presence of a male participant who had flown in all the way from America just to attend the School.

The success of the co-teachers from Raphah Philippines in their assignments is an encouraging indication of their growing maturity and readiness to take on the mantle from Raphah Malaysia. ♥



can arise when such principles are violated through the disobedience of God’s people leading to defilement.

On the final day of the seminar, members of the congregation were led in a corporate act of confession and repentance for the known and unknown sins of past leaders and church members.

This was then followed by prayers for the current leaders of the church before the whole congregation was invited to walk the perimeters of the church in a symbolic act of reclaiming the ground and spiritual destiny of the church. ♥

Modular School with CCT-TDI

At the invitation of the Training and Development Institute of the Center for Community Transformation (CCT-TDI), Philippines, a Raphah Team of 4 together with 3 other trainers from Raphah Philippines came together in October to conduct



Calendar 2020

PJ CENTRE

January		
04	Sat	CTT / PSG
11	Sat	Breaking the Occult Bondage Seminar
18	Sat	Morning Watch
February		
08	Sat	CTT / PSG
22	Sat	Morning Watch
29	Sat	Embracing Your Identity & Destiny Seminar
March		
07	Sat	CTT / PSG
21	Sat	Defeating Anxieties, Fears & Phobias Seminar
28	Sat	Morning Watch
April		
04	Sat	CTT / PSG
11	Sat	Life in the Spirit Seminar
18	Sat	Understanding & Overcoming Rejection Seminar (Chinese)
25	Sat	Morning Watch
May		
02	Sat	CTT / PSG
16	Sat	Reclaiming the Ground Seminar
23	Sat	Morning Watch
25-29	Mon-Fri	School of Prayer Counselling & Healing Ministry: Module 1
June		
06	Sat	CTT / PSG
20	Sat	Out of the Black Hole of Depression Seminar
27	Sat	Morning Watch / 2021 Planning Meeting
July		
04	Sat	CTT / PSG
18	Sat	Trauma on the Brain Seminar
25	Sat	Morning Watch
August		
01	Sat	CTT / PSG
15	Sat	Control, Domination & Manipulation Seminar
17-21	Mon-Fri	School of Prayer Counselling & Healing Ministry: Module 2
22	Sat	Morning Watch
29	Sat	Reclaiming Families & Generations Seminar (Chinese)
September		
05	Sat	CTT / PSG
19	Sat	Honouring Godly Sex & Sexuality Seminar
26	Sat	Morning Watch
27-30	Sun-Wed	Council-Management Teams Retreat & Planning Meeting
October		
03	Sat	CTT / PSG
17	Sat	Freedom from Generational Iniquity Seminar
24	Sat	Morning Watch
31	Sat	Making Sense of Your Emotions Seminar (Chinese)
November		
07	Sat	CTT / PSG
21	Sat	Understanding & Overcoming Rejection Seminar
28	Sat	Morning Watch / Gotong Royong

December

06 Sun 18th Evening of Celebration & Thanksgiving

IPOH CENTRE

January		
03	Fri	Morning Watch #1
08	Wed	Coffee Corner
10	Fri	CTT / PSG
February		
05	Wed	Coffee Corner
07	Fri	CTT / PSG
08	Sat	Reclaiming the Ground Seminar
27	Thu	Healthy Recreation #1
March		
04	Wed	Coffee Corner
13	Fri	CTT / PSG
14	Sat	Honouring Godly Sex & Sexuality Seminar
27	Fri	Morning Watch #2
April		
01	Wed	Coffee Corner
17	Fri	CTT / PSG
18	Sat	Reclaiming Families & Generations Seminar
24	Fri	Spiritual Retreat #1
May		
06	Wed	Coffee Corner
08	Fri	CTT / PSG
09	Sat	Healing through Deliverance Seminar
Jun		
03	Wed	Coffee Corner
12	Fri	CTT / PSG
13	Sat	Restoring Your Wholeness in Christ Seminar
25	Thu	Healthy Recreation #2
Jul		
01	Wed	Coffee Corner
10	Fri	CTT / PSG
11	Sat	Breaking the Occult Bondage Seminar
24	Fri	Morning Watch #3
Aug		
05	Wed	Coffee Corner
07	Fri	CTT / PSG
08	Sat	Freedom from Generational Iniquity Seminar
28	Fri	Spiritual Retreat #2
September		
02	Wed	Coffee Corner
12	Sat	Understanding & Overcoming Rejection Seminar (Chinese)
18	Fri	CTT / PSG
19	Sat	Defeating Anxieties, Fears & Phobias Seminar
October		
07	Wed	Coffee Corner
16	Fri	CTT / PSG
17	Sat	Unmasking the Enemy's Deception Seminar
30	Fri	Morning Watch #4
November		
04	Wed	Coffee Corner
13	Fri	CTT / PSG
14	Sat	Out of the Black Hole of Depression Seminar
December		
13	Sun	12th Evening of Celebration & Thanksgiving

- CTT Counselling Team Training
- PSG Prayer Support Group

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