



A 'Vision' Takes Shape

"Beit Raphah"—Ministry & Training Centre

Ten years may not seem like a long time in the economy of God, but that is how long it has taken for a group of alumni of the Ellel Ministries International Schools of Evangelism, Healing and Discipleship to see their vision come to fruition.

Since July 1993 when the first Ellel Ministries Training Course was conducted in a local church, and the work of Ellel Ministries introduced to Malaysian Christians, it has been the desire of these alumni to see a similar prayer counselling and training ministry established in Malaysia.

Ten years on, in August 2003, *Raphah Ministries*, a non-denominational Christian healing and discipleship ministry—operating under the registered name of *Life Rebuilders (M) Sdn. Bhd.*—began work at its Training and Ministry Centre in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

The fruition of this vision became possible through the love and generosity of a Christian couple who made available a home to be used as a training and ministry centre. At the same time, the Rev. Vincent Lau, an Anglican minister who had been doing similar work together with his wife, JayZee, since 1993, became available to serve as the first staff member, with responsibility for training and counselling.

Located in an established residential suburb of Petaling Jaya in Selangor, *Beit Raphah*, as the Centre is called, has a beautiful, landscaped garden and basic facilities for small group retreats, training seminars and meetings. The main house itself provides a warm, welcoming, and secure environment for personal prayer ministry.

As a Christian healing and discipleship ministry, *Raphah Ministries* is committed to touch hearts and rebuild lives—ministering to the unsaved and unreached, the oppressed and broken-hearted, the suffering and sick, with the Father-Heart of God. It is also committed to equip and resource believers in the local church to carry out this task. 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 bring up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners." (NASV)

Since August 2003 *Raphah Ministries* has conducted a number of seminars, training programmes, and events at the Centre, in line with its commitment and mission. Apart from training seminars, equipping events, and prayer ministry appointments, Beit Raphah also hosts a monthly *Healing Service*, as well as a monthly *Prayer Support* meeting for the Ministry which are open to the Christian public.

Details of upcoming events, training programmes, church visits, or general information about *Raphah Ministries* are available on request from the Ministry's office at the address given. Visitors to the Centre are also welcome during office hours.

Raphah Ministries is served by a Leadership Team comprising individuals from different church backgrounds, and the Team is in turn advised by a panel of senior Christians of the Malaysian Church Community.♥



Touching Hearts,
Rebuilding Lives



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Thanksgiving Celebration

The night skies above *Beit Raphah* on Monday, 15 December were brilliantly clear; scattered stars

peeking through the heavens at the happenings on the ground at 35 Jalan SS 2/2. The air was fresh and cool, washed in rain showers that had tumbled down hours earlier. Christmas lights chased one another on artificial trees, while under white canvass canopies, noisy and animated yet joyful conversations wafted through the air. It was a night the leadership, friends

and guests of *Raphah Ministries* had been looking forward to: a night to celebrate the goodness of the Lord, and to give thanks to Him for the encouraging start He had given to the Ministry.

2003 being its first year of ministry, the leadership of *Raphah Ministries* had wanted to thank God for granting their vision, and to celebrate the occasion with friends and supporters who had so enthusiastically made it happen. What better occasion to do this than at the remembrance of the birth of God's Son, Jesus!

Shortly after 8.00 p.m., with words of welcome and an introduction to the purpose of the evening, about 100-odd friends and guests were invited to a sumptuous and tasty buffet meal. Special guests for the evening included the Rev. Peter Young (Dignity & Services), Elder Koh and Mrs. Koh (FGA), and several pastors and church workers. A pleasant, surprise guest at the celebrations was Ms. Chew Mei Fun, MP for PJ Utara, and her assistant, who came by to share briefly in the thanksgiving event.

After a hearty meal it was on to a hearty

round of Christmas carols led by Pastor Steven Tang of FGA Sungai Buluh. As the voices died down after the singing, Rev. Vincent Lau took the floor to give a quick review of the first five months of *Raphah Ministries'* activities

A special highlight of the evening was when one of those present, a young lady, stood up to bear testimony to the healing and restoration to wholeness she had received through prayer counselling at *Beit Raphah*.

With face radiant from the joy within, she shared how her life until recently had been a long, daily struggle against mental strongholds of guilt, shame, condemnation, rejection, and bondage to a bad habit. The daily struggle had exhausted her emotionally to such an extent that she despaired of ever finding healing for her problems, and had resigned herself to her lot in life. But God had better things for her! Over seven months, and after several sessions of prayer counselling by a ministry team at the Centre, she

broke through her struggles and found her healing, freedom from bondage, and wholeness again! As the young lady took her seat after that testimony, the round of applause that spontaneously broke out was as much a praise and thanksgiving to God for His great love and healing, as it was a rejoicing with her at her new-found freedom in

Christ. (Note: Since finding her freedom and healing in Christ, this young lady has gone on to complete a course of training to be a Ministry Team member, and has begun internship with a Ministry Team at *Beit Raphah*!)

With the evening quickly drawing to a close, friends and guests were treated to surprise door gifts even as they made their way out of the Centre under a starlit sky. 🍷



After food for the soul, delicious food for the body!



Friends Of Raphah Ministries

At *Raphah Ministries* we believe that the healing ministry, patterned after the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, belongs to His Body: the Church. For this reason, we encourage and welcome believers to become *Friends of Raphah Ministries*.

Friends of Raphah Ministries help build, encourage and support the work of the Ministry through:

- **PRAYER** : Prayer is vital in this work. Without prayer nothing that the Ministry sets out to fulfill will be accomplished. Friends of the Ministry will receive

regular information about the work at *Beit Raphah*.

- **ENCOURAGEMENT** : This is another essential ingredient necessary for the effectiveness of this Ministry. Encouragement is necessary for both the Ministry and those keen on coming on the different activities, programmes and events.

- **GIVING** : Like all families and organizations, regular bills and staff salaries have to be paid. Sharing this load among many enables the Ministry and Leadership to focus all attention on the work God had called them to do.

For information on how to be a *Friend of Raphah Ministries*, please call, fax or email the Ministry Office. 🍷

Ministry Team Training Course

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Role-playing during Ministry Team Training



Trainees and Teachers at Completion of Inaugural Ministry Team Training Course

Restoring Your Wholeness In Christ Seminar - 15 May 2004 at Beit Raphah

Despite what they know to be the truth, many Christians today do not consistently live or experience the abundant life they can have in Jesus Christ. Why is this so? The reasons are many: Rejection; a poor self-image; false guilt; self-condemnation; chronic depression; trauma and abuse; anger and unforgiveness; fear and anxiety; grief and the loss of a loved one; an addictive problem; a chronic illness or disease; negative inner vows and pronouncements. These are some of the deep-rooted causes of personal and spiritual conflicts that can hinder a Christian from living out the abundant life in Jesus.

The *Restoring Your Wholeness In Christ Seminar* explores these issues and provides insights and understanding for a biblical yet practical response to these debilitating issues.

The Seminar begins by looking at God's Creation Order, i.e. God's desire for mankind at creation and the origins of man's personal and spiritual conflicts which have resulted in a wounded church of God. It then presents biblical teaching on the nature of man and wholeness, and how man can be sick physically and spiritually. Against this background, the remaining sessions examine in detail the vital ingredients necessary for wholeness and health, and the essential keys to help believers who are broken in one or more areas to find healing and wholeness again. The Seminar concludes with an opportunity to receive prayer into some commonly experienced problems.

This one-day Seminar will be on Saturday, 15 May from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at Beit Raphah. Registration fee is RM40.00, inclusive of workbook, refreshments and lunch. To register, please call or fax the Ministry's Office at (Tel) 03-78770035 / (Fax) 03-78771781. ☺



Lunch break for Seminar participants

"I know I have started on my journey from brokenness to wholeness. I also know that I would not be completely whole in Christ overnight. Nevertheless, I have confidence that I will be released more and more each day as I tap into God's strength and power for my healing and restoration." - A Testimony

Basis Of Faith

*God is a Trinity.
God the Father loves all people.
God the Son, Jesus Christ, is Saviour, Lord, Healer and King.
God the Holy Spirit indwells Christians and imparts the dynamic power by which they are enabled to continue Christ's ministry.
The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God and the final authority in matters of faith, doctrine, and conduct, and the basis for teaching.*

Can You Help?

Raphah Ministries partners individuals and churches who are in agreement with its mission and emphases to facilitate and support its ministry. It does not charge for personal ministry to individuals, and the fees for training, seminars, and conferences are deliberately kept low so that the teaching can be made available to as many people as possible. For the year 2004, as the Ministry expands, it is looking to acquire the following items to facilitate its work.

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| 1. Desktop Personal Computer | RM3,000.00 |
| 2. HP LaserJet Printer | 1,500.00 |
| 3. "Ibico" Comb Binding Machine | 1,200.00 |
| 4. "Shure" Microphone | 300.00 |
| 5. Digital Answering Machine | 400.00 |

If you are able to help with these acquisition — either in the form of prayer, gifts in kind or earmarked gift — we would be pleased to hear from you. Earmarked gifts can be made out to Life Rebuilders (M) Sdn. Bhd. and sent to the Ministry's office at the address given. ☺

Calendar 2004

APRIL

- 5 Leadership Meeting
- 6 Ministry Team Training Module #2/1
- 12 Healing Service #15
- 13 Ministry Team Training Module #2/2
- 18 All Saints' Church, KL
- 20 Ministry Team Training Module #2/3
- 26 Prayer Support Meeting
- 27 Ministry Team Training Module #2/4

MAY

- 10 Healing Service #16
- 11 Ministry Team Training Module #3/1
- 15 RESTORING YOUR WHOLENESS IN CHRIST SEMINAR
- 17 Leadership Meeting
- 18 Ministry Team Training Module #3/2
- 23 Faith Covenant Tabernacle, PJ
- 25 Ministry Team Training Module #3/3
- 31 Prayer Support Meeting

JUNE

- 1 Ministry Team Training Module #3/4
- 14 Healing Service #17
- 25-27 Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan
- 28 Prayer Support Meeting

JULY

- 6 Ministry Team Training Module #1/1
- 12 Healing Service #18
- 13 Ministry Team Training Module #1/2
- 17 HEALING THROUGH DELIVERANCE SEMINAR
- 20 Ministry Team Training Module #1/3
- 26 Prayer Support Meeting
- 27 Ministry Team Training Module #1/4