



# RaphahNews

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

We are ONE! Quietly and without fanfare Raphah Ministries turned one at the beginning of July 2004. In twelve exciting and faith-stretching months the Lord has taken the earnest desire of a handful of people and birthed a non-denominational Christian healing and discipleship ministry that is gradually fulfilling its mission of touching people with the Father-heart of God, and rebuilding wounded and damaged lives!

During these twelve months, members of the Leadership and friends of the Ministry have taught and shared at Seminars, Modular Training Courses, Healing Services, Prayer Support Meetings and from church pulpits; receiving warm encouragement and support each time.

On behalf of all at Raphah Ministries, thank you for your prayers, participation, fellowship and partnership in the work of rebuilding people and restoring them to their wholeness in Christ Jesus!

## RAPHAH LEADERSHIP VISITS SOUTH KOREA

Five of the Leadership at Raphah Ministries attended an Asian Church Congress of the Asia Evangelical Fellowship in Seoul, Korea, from 26-29 April 2004. The Congress was hosted by Myungsung Presbyterian Church in partnership with other local Korean churches. Attended by approximately 360 delegates from Asian countries, the Congress revolved around the theme "Renewal and Growth - Our Evangelical Pursuit". The presence of a large number of Japanese pastors and church workers was a powerful sign of God's working in a country once very indifferent to the gospel.

Congress delegates were presented with a very full, challenging and spiritually-provoking Congress programme. But whether it was the morning Bible studies, the afternoon workshops or the evening sessions, delegates were encouraged to allow God to give them "a heart for the lost", "a heart for the broken", and "a heart for the task". It was a confirmation of sorts for the members of the Leadership that God's heart is for the restoration of individuals, families, churches and leaders.

The commitment of the Korean Church to evangelism and prayer in their lives, left an indelible impression on the Leadership of the need to enlarge God's kingdom to embrace and restore the broken.

After the Congress, the Leadership Team was able to "unwind" by embarking on a tour of key South Korean attractions, including the Yoido Full Gospel Church and its prayer mountain.



Yoido Full Gospel Church

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# Partnering Churches In Ministry



The past three months have been a pleasantly busy time for Raphah Ministries. Apart from events held at *Beit Raphah*, Raphah's teaching teams were invited to conduct modular training courses and seminars in a number of local churches.

## KUALA LUMPUR

In May, at the invitation of the leadership of *All Saints' Anglican Church, Kuala Lumpur*, Raphah Ministries began teaching a modular "Basic Course in Christian Healing Ministry" at their church in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur. The Course is aimed at equipping members of the congregation with a biblical framework for the healing ministry, as well as basic prayer counselling and ministry skills. Held weekly on Saturday afternoons, the class of forty-plus trainees include some who were on Raphah Ministries' inaugural Ministry Team Training Course held at *Beit Raphah*. The class is now in Module 2 of the Course.



*All Saints' Church Modular Training Class*

The church leadership hopes that at the conclusion of the Course they would be able to raise a small team of adequately equipped members who could become the core of a Ministry Team for the parish.

## KUANTAN

Moving from Kuala Lumpur to the East Coast, a team from Raphah Ministries taught a seminar on *Restoring Your Wholeness In Christ* at the *Kuantan Wesley Methodist Church* over the weekend of 25-27 June. At this Seminar participants were given biblical teaching and insights on the *Wounded Church*,

*Nature of Wholeness, Vital Ingredients for Wholeness and Health, and Essential Keys to Restoring Wholeness in Christ*. The Seminar was well-received and several people responded to the invitation to receive prayer ministry at the end. Team members were also invited to share ministry and pray for different personal needs at *Rapha House*, a home for children. It was a wonderfully heart-warming sight to see the children respond so openly to the love of the Lord.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Vincent Lau preached at the worship service, following which he invited members of the congregation to step forward, surround their church leadership, and looking outward, stand shoulder to



*Church members and leaders standing together in unity and solidarity*

shoulder in a symbolic declaration into the heavenlies of their support, unity and solidarity with the church leadership. Given the occasion, it was a special moment to see congregation members and leaders come together to make such a powerful statement!



*Team members supporting local fruits industry near Kuantan*



*A section of the Seminar participants at Hope of God Church*

## PETALING JAYA

The weekend at Kuantan was followed immediately by a similar weekend seminar at *Hope of God Church, Petaling Jaya* from 2-3 July. At the invitation of the pastor, Raphah Ministries conducted a *Sex and Sexuality Seminar* for a congregation of young adults and families in excess of one hundred people.

Answering a need for the young adults and families to know about godly and ungodly sexual relationships, participants received teaching on *God's Plan for Sex and Sexuality, Understanding Sex and Sexual Sin, Roots and Consequences of Sexual Sin, and Breaking Free from sexual sin*.

The teaching was well-received, with some commenting that they were surprised that the Bible had so much to teach and warn about sex and sexual relationships. Others, who came forward to receive prayer into some of their struggles in this area, were visibly relieved as they allowed the grace and forgiveness of God to release them from guilt and condemnation. Raphah's ministry team members who were present were equally blessed to be used by God to bring about healing and release.

The church leadership is now looking at the possibility of Raphah Ministries partnering the church in equipping and raising up a Counselling Team that would continue to minister to the needs of the congregation.

## PRAY WITH US!

At Raphah Ministries, we are always thankful for every single opportunity to visit churches and share the Father-heart of God in healing and discipleship. Pray with us that we will always be urgent and faithful in our task.

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

The Ministry is committed 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 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 receive teaching, be trained and equipped to serve the Body of Christ.



*“Beit Raphah”  
(House of Healing)*

Raphah Ministries is also committed to complementing the pastoral role of the local church in bringing healing and restoration to hurting and broken people. The ministry is registered in Malaysia as *Life Builders (M) Sdn. Bhd.* and has its Centre in Jalan SS 2/2, Petaling Jaya.

### OUR 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, conduct and the basis for  
instruction in godly living.*

## Healing Service



*Pastor Irene Lee giving the exhortation  
at a Healing Service*

Every second Monday evening of the month, from 8.00 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 for prayer to receive ministry from the Ministry Team at *Beit Raphah*.

For dates of the Healing Services in July through October, kindly refer to the Calendar on the last page.

### WHO'S WHO IN RAPHAH MINISTRIES?

Raphah Ministries is served by a Leadership Team comprising believers from different congregations and persuasions. They coordinate the various aspects of Raphah's activities.

- ◆ *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

The Leadership Team at Raphah Ministries is in turn advised by a panel of senior Christian leaders of the Malaysian Church community.

## Training Courses

### MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING: INTENSIVE COURSE OCT 2004

In response to enquiries from people interested to do the Ministry Team Training Course, but find it hard to fit their schedule into the present 13-week format, Raphah Ministries will be conducting the same equipping course in a revised but intensive format over four full Saturdays in October. The curriculum will include, among others, the following topics:

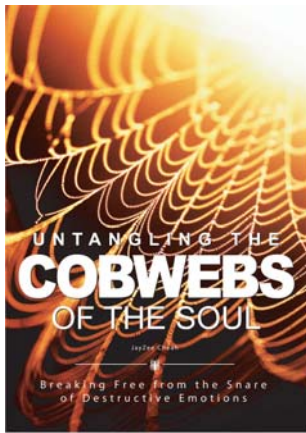
- ◆ *Biblical Overview*
- ◆ *Battle for the Soul*
- ◆ *Healing through Deliverance*
- ◆ *Godly Sex and Sexuality*
- ◆ *Claiming the Ground*
- ◆ *Qualities and Role of a Prayer Minister*
- ◆ *Diagnostic Tools for Ministry*
- ◆ *Practical Ministry Skills*
- ◆ *Ministry After-Care*

This training course is particularly helpful for those who want a basic biblical framework and overview of the key areas involved in healing ministry, and the practical skills needed to pray for people in need of spiritual, emotional and physical healing. Registration fee is RM160.00 for the whole course, inclusive of all materials, lunch and refreshments. For further information and registration forms, kindly contact Raphah Ministries at 603-78770035 and ask for Michelle.

### SEX AND SEXUALITY SEMINAR SAT, 18 SEP 2004

It is a fact of this generation that standards of morality and sexual practice have undergone tremendous and radical change, departing significantly from God's creation ordinances. All this poses a growing challenge to believers to know and understand God's truths about godly sex and sexual issues: *What is God's plan for sex and sexuality? What is sexual sin? What factors result in sexual sin and what are their consequences? How can someone break free from habitual sexual sin?* These issues and more are dealt with in this upcoming Raphah Ministries seminar to be held on Saturday, 18 September, from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. at *Beit Raphah*. For details and registration forms, please call and ask for Michelle.

## New Books



*Untangling The Cobwebs Of The Soul: Breaking Free from the Snare of Destructive Emotions*  
 Author: JayZee Cheah  
 Publisher: Flagship, 216 pages

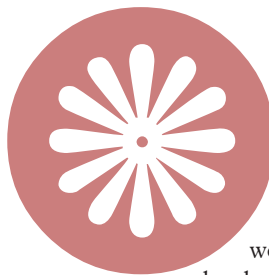
Cobwebs are deadly traps spun by the spider to snare unsuspecting insects. Victims unable to break free of their sticky grasp face slow and certain destruction.

In a similar way, unresolved personal and spiritual conflicts can slowly turn the normal feelings of a person into a tangled "web" of destructive emotions - deeply rooted within the fabric of a person's soul. Unresolved and unhealed, these negative emotions can destroy relationships; rob a person of mental health, physical wellness, the joy of living; and greatly reduce the potential for an abundant life in God. The good news is that unsuspecting "victims" can break free from their snare! The key is in knowing the roots of these harmful emotions, and then countering them with the truths of God's Word, effectively neutralizing their power.

*Untangling The Cobwebs Of The Soul* by JayZee, a member of the Leadership, identifies six major destructive emotions commonly experienced: *Guilt,*

*Rejection, Anger, Unforgiveness, Depression and Fear.* The book explores how these emotions develop from small hurts to full-blown, destructive mental strongholds, and the adverse effects they have on people and relationships. Key biblical truths, and sample prayers at the end of each chapter offer practical help for entangled persons to break free from specific snares to embrace wholeness again.

Written in an easy, highly readable style this book is particularly helpful for those seeking an understanding or explanation for their emotional struggles, and a way out of them. Limited copies of the book are available from Raphah Ministries at a discounted price of RM20.00 each. Orders by mail are also welcome. However, for orders *within Malaysia*, please add RM3.00 for postage and packing. Orders by mail must be accompanied by payment in cheque or money order made out in favour of *LIFE REBUILDERS (M) SDN. BHD.* and sent to its address in Petaling Jaya. Kindly allow two weeks for processing and delivery.



### THANK YOU!

Raphah Ministries and its Leadership would like to thank all readers and friends who have given gifts in cash and kind towards the work of the Ministry. Funds received in recent months have enabled us to secure some of the hardware and software necessary for the greater effectiveness of the Ministry. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Calendar Of Events

### JULY

- 2-3 Seminar at Hope Of God Church, PJ
- 3 Modular Training at All Saints' Church (ASC), KL
- 5 Leadership Meeting
- 10 Modular Training at ASC, KL
- 12 Healing Service #18
- 24 Modular Training at ASC, KL
- 26 Prayer Support Meeting
- 31 Modular Training at ASC, KL

### AUGUST

- 5 Ministry Team Training at Beit Raphah : Module #3/1
- 9 Healing Service #19
- 12 Ministry Team Training at Beit Raphah : Module #3/2
- 19 Ministry Team Training at Beit Raphah : Module #3/3
- 26 Ministry Team Training at Beit Raphah : Module #3/4
- 30 Prayer Support Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Leadership Team Retreat
- 13 Healing Service #20
- 18 SEX AND SEXUALITY SEMINAR at Beit Raphah
- 24-26 Seminar at St. Peter's Church, Ipoh
- 27 Prayer Support Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 2 Ministry Team Training : Intensive Course Part 1/4 (one-day course)
- 4 Leadership 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

*These dates AND events are correct as of 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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### RESPONSE

- 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.