

# ONE STEP FURTHER

In July 2007 Raphah Ministries turned four: four wonderful years of God's grace and faithful provision in touching hearts and rebuilding hurting and broken lives with the father-heart and love of God.

Even though it was the anniversary month, it was nonetheless ministry as usual at the Centre. Highlights of the month were the one day seminar, "The Father-Heart of God" on Saturday, 7 July, and the 12th edition of the two-part Prayer Counseling Course, "Understanding Christian Healing" and "The Practice of Christian Healing Ministry" which ran from Monday – Saturday, 16-21 July, 2007.

As the Ministry takes one step further into its mission, the prayer of the Leadership and all associates of the Ministry is that God will continue to provide the facilities, funds and

personnel – both full-time and volunteer – which will enable the Ministry to expand its teaching base and platform for ministry to churches, groups, and individuals.

Over the next nine months to June 2008, the Leadership and associates would be committing themselves to pray for the Lord's guidance in identifying a larger place which could be leased for use as a training venue for bigger groups, healing services and related activities.

Readers and supporters who are able to assist in the extension of this work are invited to speak to any of the Leadership, or contact the Ministry's office at 03-78770035. Your partnership in this ministry of healing and discipleship will be greatly appreciated.

# THEY WERE NOT KEPT AWAY!

To the glory of God, neither rain or flood waters, mud or the dank smell of damp books and furniture, prevented a faithful group of believers from attending four consecutive Wednesday evenings of teaching on healing at the Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin, Kuala Lumpur, in June 2007!



On Monday, 11 June, two days before the second session, the Cathedral had suffered extensive damage, the result of some of the worst flooding seen in Kuala Lumpur in recent times. Despite the discouraging

unpleasantness of their immediate surroundings, the small congregation gave themselves wholehearted to key teaching on spiritual foundations; relationship and intimacy with God; the nature of human problems and their roots; and keys to freedom, wholeness and healing in God.

At the end of each session the believers were invited to receive prayer in response to the teaching. One of those who came forward was a man who had not stepped into a church for



the previous nine years out of disappointment with God and with his Christian family; and yet had been compelled by the Spirit of God that evening to go to the Cathedral. That night he was marvelously reconciled to God and to his family. Praise be to God!



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# FREED BY THE POWER OF GOD!

We want to give glory to God for the blessings He has poured in our lives. Truly we have been overtaken by these blessings and we give thanks to the LORD. As David declared in Psalm 103, we also declare "Bless the LORD O my soul and all that is within us, we bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases; Who redeems our lives from destruction; who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth our mouths with good things; so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's." We experienced these words coming alive in our lives. Halleluia.

In 2005, we attended a Prayer Counselling Course at Beit Raphah at the invitation of my wife's colleague. And here started the beginning of a new Christian journey for us. We discovered and learned amazing truths of how our past could affect us and how this hindered our relationship with Christ and others.

Both of us quickly realized that there were many issues in our lives that hindered us from moving forward and we decided to request for ministry to help us deal with these issues. And here I would like to share my testimony of God's healing and grace in my life.



My name is CRUCIO FRANCIS JULIEN and I come all the way from South India. I was born in Bombay to Catholic parents. My name and how I got my name itself starts off with the hand of God on my life. A few days after I was born, I become very sick to the point of death. My mum being a true Catholic clung to her crucifix and kept praying to the crucifix to heal me, and praise God, my life was spared and I become well. My mum believed that the crucifix saved me. (I know it was not the crucifix that saved me). So my mother wanted to name me "crucifixo" but the priest said that such names were not allowed. My mum, being very creative, just took the "fix" out of "crucifixo" and that is how my name Crucio came to being.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my LORD through the sharing of the gospel by my sister and brother-in-law. I stayed with them to help out with their young children. I thought that they were a bunch of crazy people because every night, they would clap hands and sing aloud, read the Bible and pray. I was so scared; in my house we only used to sing mournful but meaningful hymns and here these people were having a gala time. I thought I was in the wrong place and wanted to get back to my house the next day. But that night my brother-in-law asked me to join them; that really made me very scared. I asked a lot of questions, then they asked me to read the Bible and verses like John 3:16, Romans 3:23, 6:23 and Revelations 3:20. They asked me if I wanted to receive Christ as my Saviour. I told them let me think about it (because I was Catholic and I didn't read the

bible). He said OK, but wanted to read just one more verse. The verse was John 3:36. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." This verse really gave me the fear of God. I began to fear God.

I was wondering what I had put myself into; if I didn't believe I wouldn't see life, my goodness. I may not even wake up the next day, and even if I woke up, God would be angry with me. My brother-in-law said, "OK it's up to you to decide. Anyway, let's pray and go to bed." But I said, no, no. What must I do to receive this Jesus and he led me into the sinner's prayer. That night when I went to bed, my spiritual warfare had just begun. I woke up screaming at about 3-4am in the morning. I was terrified. I felt like some very strong forces were pressing me down and trying to choke me.

But I fought back and woke up with a scream. The next few days and weeks were terrible but I eventually joined a Christian church and learned the Word of God, and Psalm 27 and Psalm 91 became my favourites.

I developed a hobby of writing and so decided to write to penpals. I got my photo and address put in a penpal magazine and penpals from all over the world started corresponding with me. One of the girls who used to correspond with me became my wife. In my letter to all my penpals, I used to tell them about Jesus and many stopped corresponding with me. But there was this one special girl who replied regularly and was also interested in Jesus.

I met her face to face in Chennai (the great master plan of God). I took her to the church that I regularly attended and every week she followed me to church. In one of the service she accepted Jesus Christ. We both grew strong in the Word and were involved in many evangelistic work. It was one of the works with Gideon that God spoke to me through Isaiah 61:1-10 (The leading Scripture of Raphah Ministries).

We got married in Malaysia after her studies and God provided me with a good job and life was good. Seven or eight months after our marriage, a traumatic event happened in my life. I used to travel by bus from KL to Kota Raya and Kota Raya to Subang Jaya where I worked. One day, on my way back home from work some policemen stopped me and asked me for my IC. I was carrying a copy of my passport and not the original and I tried explaining to them, but they just did not listen. They asked me to get into a big police van, with a lot of other people in it. (Thank God that day my friend was with me, so he informed my home). I was so terrified and afraid; I was dumb founded, wondering what was going to happen to me.

Was I going to see my wife again? At the time my wife was also pregnant. My mind failed me for sometime. Here I am in a foreign country, fear overtook me. (Psalm 27 was forgotten). Fear, fear, fear engulfed me, but I remembered to call upon the Lord Jesus to be saved, I remember asking Jesus that I needed to be home by the night itself.

I was taken in the van with others to a camp. When the van stopped there, I saw hundreds of other people there. I was more terrified. I could not even remember my wife's name (when they asked me who I needed to contact). I was in a daze, confused and traumatized. But thank God His Word came to me, Romans 8:31. My wife and her father rushed to Cheras. She brought my original passport and after it was verified, I was released. God's hand was in this as the rule is that detainees should be sent to

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Semenyih. But I went back home safe and sound at 11pm that night.

From that day on, I was very scared of police or any personnel with uniform. Whenever I saw a uniformed person, I would be so scared. I would start to sweat; fear always over took me and due to fear, anger set in. You get so angry when you are fearful. I lived in fear wherever I went in Malaysia. I had to carry my original passport everywhere. Fear ruled my life.

In 2005, my wife persuaded me to attend a Christian Counseling Seminar at Raphah. I reluctantly agreed, but when I came to Raphah, God reminded me of Isaiah 61:1. It was like God telling me, this is the place I have chosen for you. There was this wonderful pastor and his wife, such loving people. I felt that I had come home and that I was in the right place that God had prepared for me. I attended the training; I learned all about this healing ministry. And I learned that I was a captive of fear and anger. God worked in wonderous ways. I thank God for Raphah. I can proclaim I am set free by Jesus Christ. I fear no man

anymore. Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in well."

Here I would also like to add that I saw God do a tremendous work in the life of my wife and our son. Both of them were set free from the fear of darkness that had ruled my wife's life for 16 years and our son's for 6 years. My wife always slept with lights on and this fear of darkness affected our son too. He refused to even go to his toy room if it was dark. But today, Praise God, our son goes upstairs on his own even if the area leading to his room is dark. We can only step aside and marvel at the work of God when he for the first time in his life switched off the light, said good night and went to sleep in total darkness.

Glory to God in the highest. We are grateful for His loving kindness and tender mercies towards us. Alleluia.

## HE RESTORED MY SOUL!

I am sharing a very personal aspect of my life to bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ and to encourage believers everywhere that God is good and compassionate and His mercy endures forever.

I was sexually abused from age 5. Under severe traumatic conditions my only coping mechanism was to suppress it deep within and pretend to be normal. I had disconnected myself from this trauma. Today when I look at my child, I wonder how did I ever suffer in silence. Even as an adult, we carry on suffering in silence because of the shame and stigma attached to the victims.

By the time I reached adulthood, I had blissfully forgotten about my past and was actually happy in my career. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in 1992 through the sharing of my husband who back then was my boyfriend. God in His grace found me a husband knowing deep within me I feared man. We fell in love and married but strangely I was detached from him. Yet I knew I loved him and I could never explain this weird feeling. To the outside world I looked normal, happily married with a son and a promising career. But on the inside I knew I feared people. I never allowed anyone into my life. I couldn't emote my feelings and I got angry for the slightest thing that went wrong.

I became depressed after my son was born because of an inexplicable fear that something bad could happen to him. I prayed and prayed but this fear and depression stayed on.

When my son was 4 years old, a friend invited me to attend a Christian Counseling Seminar at Beit Raphah. My husband and I were amazed at the things that were taught and truly our lives were transformed by the teaching and the ministry we received.

Memories of the past began to surface after going through the teaching on Sex and Sexuality. I recalled fear gripping my heart if a man were to be around my son, and it's like a panic attack. The worst is when you have prayed, all the prayers that you know and at the end, the word of God is in the head but not in the heart and peace cannot be found. Its anguish! Nightmares started and memories of the past came in flashes and I begin to wonder what on earth I had gotten myself into! I turned to the Lord and sought

Him with all my heart and soul. I had been a Christian for the last 15 years but that year in 2005 the Lord said, "Seek me and you shall find me". And yes I found the answer that I was looking for and it was devastating to deal with it.

The Lord showed me many things and of how he would heal me. In the beginning, I refused to allow God to put my suppressed memories together. I told God, "Lord, you please heal me without dealing with any of those ugly memories." I was not prepared to deal with the pain.

It was by the Lord's gentle persuasion and assurance of His love and promise that He will never leave me or forsake me, and on my part trusting Him and surrendering my will, that my healing came. As I allowed Jesus to bring all the pain to the surface, I felt light, my burden lifted. At last, after 27 years of silence, I could finally cry and share my pain with my wonderful counselors. Being able to talk is freedom and the Lord healed my broken heart. He restored my soul and His deep everlasting love broke all barriers, and when the soul had cried out all its repressed emotions, peace floods in. And I knew I had been set free. A captive had been set free. God healed those memories and what I could vividly remember. Now I have no pain or fear associated with it. The Lord restored my emotions and I felt wonderfully different and the first time in my life, I not only know that I love my husband but I feel that feeling of love and sense the attachment to him. Halleluia. Praise the Lord.

The most important thing that I learned is forgiveness. It is humanly impossible to forgive by my strength and I know I forgave those who hurt me, only by His strength. I experienced compassion and the love of the Lord and this relationship brought me closer to the Lord and transformed my life to live in all that He has will for me. Glory to God.

Rebuilding work is still going on in me and I am thankful for all the wonderful people who walked into my life with their words of encouragement and wisdom predestined and ordained to be a part of God's plan in my healing. Thank you Jesus and thank you to Raphah Ministries.

Raphah ministries' calender of events

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- 02 (Tue) Leadership Meeting
- 06 (Sat) Making Sense of Your Emotions Seminar – Beit Raphah, PJ
- 08 (Mon) Healing Service #53 – Beit Raphah, PJ
- 09-19(Tue-Fri) Healing Seminars – Bilingual Community Church, Taiwan
- 26-28(Fri-Sun) Healing Seminar – Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan
- 29 (Mon) Prayer Support Group – Beit Raphah, PJ
- 30-31 (Tue-Wed) Leadership Retreat

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- 03 (Mon) Leadership Meeting
- 08 (Sat) 5th Celebration of Thanksgiving Evening

Seminars and training

MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING DAY NO. 2 – 1ST MAY 2007

..... Ministry Team members, met on 1st May 2007, at Beit Raphah for the Second Ministry Team Day of the year. The main objectives, other than to get together for fellowship, was to learn from one another.

This time, Ps. Irene Lee gave a most thorough teaching on 'Dissociation'. For many present, this session was invaluable to them as prayer counselors. Ps. Esther, back from China for a month, also shared that in China there were a few occasions when she had to minister to church leaders with dissociation problems. Ps. Esther and another team member also shared their own testimonies and how God had delivered them. Questions pertaining to this subject were answered satisfactorily and all members were fairly confident that with the Lord's help and information gleaned that day, ministering to people with dissociation will be a 'piece of cake'.

And talking of cakes, after a most enjoyable lunch, the highlight of the day was the cutting of a most delicious birthday cake by Dr. Florence Wang. Apparently, you only get this privilege (the cake and the mention at Beit Raphah!!!) when you reach 70 years young.

RAPHAH TEAM IN KUANTAN

Four of our Raphah Team members went to the Wesley Methodist Church in Kuantan from August 24-26. The topic shared was "Comprehensive Approach to Cancer."

About 30 people attended. There was good interest and many responded to call for ministry and they said they were blessed. The team also shared at the Sunday Service on the topic based on Matthew 6:19-24.

Many responded to the alter call.

Please pray there will be fruit that last to the glory of God.

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- 01(Thu) Leadership Retreat
- 09-11(Fri-Sat) Healing Seminar – Wesley Methodist Church, Kuantan
- 24 (Sat) Breaking the Occult Bondage Seminar
- 26 (Mon) Prayer Support Group – Beit Raphah, PJ



12TH PRAYER COUNSELLING COURSE 16-21 July 2007

The 12th edition of Raphah Ministries' Prayer Counseling Course from 16-21 July 2007 saw more than sixteen participants of different ages (physical and spiritual) from eleven churches ploughing long and hard through a mountain of training material that incorporated teaching on the biblical foundations for healing ministry; inner healing; the spiritual realms; generational issues; godly sex and sexuality, as well as practical guidelines and insights into the "dos" and "don'ts" of prayer counseling.

Encouraged by an environment of openness, trust, acceptance and love the participants laughed, cried, worshipped, prayed, ate and fellowshiped together with an easiness that was both assuring and healing.

The broad smiles on their faces as they received their Certificates of Attendance spoke volumes of their relief at lasting the distance and finally crossing the finish line. Even so, each participant was only too aware that what they had begun to learn was only but a small step in a life long journey of encounter with the Lord's compassionate heart and His desire to heal His wounded people.

You are invited to join our 5th Thanksgiving Celebration  
Contact : 03-7877 0035 for more information

Raphah ministries' needs

Ours is a Faith Ministry. We welcome support from Friends of the Ministry. Please pray along with us. The following are some of our needs:

**Staff:** Ministry Staff. Associate Ministry Team Members.

**Equipment:** LCD Projector, Video Camera & Stand, DVD Recorder & Duplicator.

**Facilities:** Larger facilities that can provide accommodation for residential ministry and programmes, as well as accommodation for supporting staff.

**Note:** All payments and donations are to be made to 'Life Rebuilders (M) Sdn Bhd (534687-U)'. Official receipts will be issued in acknowledgement.