



Stories of Renewal

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Love Transformed Me!

Thank you so much for being Pastors and Counselors to me. You have been used by God to change my life. My time at MRI began my lifelong journey of healing and discovering God's love. I do not know where I would be without those months with you all.

I read the yellow note you wrote me every single day. It is hanging by my bed. And I constantly remind myself of the moment you looked me in the eye in your office and said, "God loves you." The simplest words- but so life-changing. You loved me with no expectations and no strings attached.

I have never been able to accept that kind of love until I met you all at MRI. My worth has been wrapped up in pleasing people.

And then I met you all, and you were a part of the messiest, darkest parts of my life, and you still showed me God's love...and I think you even liked me! With ALL my dirty laundry and hidden pain. That is the kind of love that transforms people. That love began to transform me.

The battle with condemnation is constant in my life, but when it comes, I fight back with the experience and knowledge of the unconditional love and care I experienced at MRI. The love of God I experienced through you all is something I had never known before. Thank you for showing me that I am worth investing in, that I am valuable even with all my brokenness, that I am not hopeless, that life is not hopeless, that I can live with fullness of joy, and that I am going to be ok.

I could go on and on and on. But here is just a glimpse of my heart overwhelmed with gratitude for you and everyone at MRI.

Missionary to Eurasia

Blessings Too Numerous to Count

Words cannot express my gratitude to the entire MRI team for the overwhelming love and care that they have shown me during my time here. I am deeply grateful for your many, many prayers and for your Spirit-led guidance. The blessings I received here are truly too numerous to count! May God continue to overflow His amazing love upon you so that you may continue to pour out on many more needy souls. It has been a deep joy and honor to be here!

God bless you all!

Missionary to a sensitive country

God's Healing Love

Our time at MRI this summer was a beautiful opportunity to allow God's love to begin healing us. We are grateful to each one of you for the part you played in our journey. While we still have some work to do, we are so much better. God is working great things in our family.

Thank you for giving of yourselves and loving us so well.

Pastors

Coming to MRI for two weeks was a great blessing. Over the two weeks I found that there is

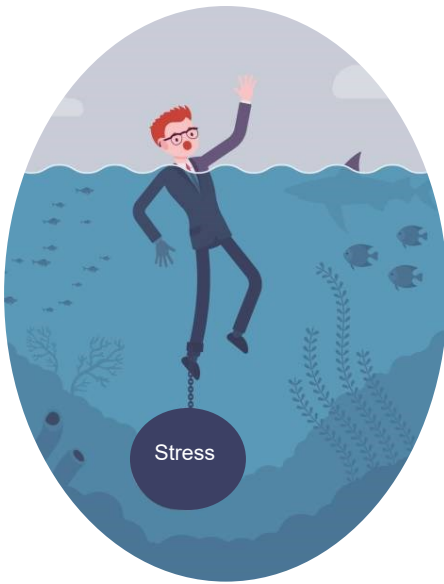
HOPE IN THE DARKNESS

and that God's agape grace is more than enough.
Pastor from Montana

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Freed from the Weights Holding Me Under



When my wife and I scheduled our time at MRI we were experiencing the affects of 20+ years of trying really hard to be good pastors, spouses and parents. I was at one of the lowest points of my life, full of frustration and anger over the perceived lack of accomplishment and years of personal disappointments. I felt as if the weight of these things was drowning me as I struggled to be free. Praise God who is full of grace and mercy as He prepared a team of people to honestly and gracefully extend the tools I could not seem to find. The MRI team came along side of my wife and I to see me to the surface where I could take a deep breath. Not only was I enabled to begin to be freed from the weights that were holding me under but I was equipped with scriptural truth based swimming lessons to keep me on top and moving towards a thriving life. I could sense God's hands in the lives of this team as they prayed daily for God's plan and His wisdom for my wife and myself.

Words cannot express what God has done in my heart over the past 2 weeks. All I can say is I have a God given anticipation for the future and a renewed vitality in my relationship with my wife as we walk into the future hand in hand drawing our strength from God through a set of renewed hearts.

Pastor from Montana

New Freedom in Christ

MRI eased my burden of exhaustion and misunderstandings. You helped me see past the 'right now' pain to past problems that were fueling the current fire. I will always be grateful for the professional and compassionate help you gave me in working through past as well as current problems. I am back on the mission field now full force and enjoying new freedom in Christ and a deeper understanding of my identity in Him. That identity is increasingly showing itself in my everyday life.

Thank you so much for all you have done to serve missionaries who have temporarily had their wings clipped. I am so grateful to be flying free again.

YWAM missionary

Eternal Results

I'll always be thankful for the time and love and prayers that you invested in my life. I believe we'll see the results in Eternity. God is being faithful to remind me of the skills that I learned at MRI. You and the guys are a great team. God bless you all.

Missionary to Mexico

Slice of Heaven

Words just seem to fail in moments like these when trying to express our gratitude for such a wonderful ministry that you have lavished on us. We are forever grateful for the time, energy, attention and care that you gave in ministering to us these past two weeks. THANK YOU! You have been a slice of heaven to us and because of the agape love we have experienced from each of you, we are leaving here changed. From the bottom of our hearts we are eternally grateful for all of you and we pray many blessings on each of you here at MRI. THANK YOU.

Pastors from California

Like a Surgeon's Tool

We want to express our deep gratitude for the love and care each one of you pour out as a team. The Lord is using each one of you like surgeon tools in His hands. We believe you have given us years back to continue serving Jesus in ministry whereas that might have been cut short if we had burnt out in our own strength.

You have been instrumental in just a short amount of time in leading us back to truth.

Pastors from the Northwest

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