



Stories of Renewal

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Missionary Receives Help

Our ministry needed help. We have been missionaries 33 years. Sickness and toil had brought us to great need.

We thank God for MRAP, for it was here that we found agape love, care and concern by the MRAP team.

We found RX, reforms, re-charge, refreshment, repair, rejuvenation, and rededication, just to name a few words to describe what happens at this very needed ministry.

We give all the glory to God. Please partner with us, especially in prayer. Call now to join our prayer chain.



Heart to God, Hand to Man

Missionary Couple is Changed

When my husband found out he had Parkinson's Disease, he began to give up on life. He told me that he only had three years to live. I tried to tell him that was not true, but my words were no comfort, and he began to shut down physically and emotionally.

We came to MRAP because he had basically shut down in his life with me.

I decided that I was ready to go our separate ways. I called our area director's wife and told her so. She referred me to Bro. Jack, who so patiently listened to my despair for about an hour. He told me we both needed to come to

MRAP... so I called the area director's wife back and told her we would go. Since coming to MRAP our lives together have changed drastically. When we arrived, we had almost no communication together, and had not had for many months. My husband had been sleeping a lot during the day-time before we came.... Now he sometimes takes a short nap in the middle of the day, and he goes to bed closer to the time I go to bed. We are communicating in ways that we have never communicated before. He is alive now. He is talking and interacting with me and other people. Before we

came to MRAP he sat with a glassy stare. Now that is all gone. Praise the Lord!

I am working with some hurts from the past and realize how much the Lord really loves me. I am working on new boundaries with myself and with my husband. He is working on boundaries, too.

Thank you for all the invaluable help you have given us! We owe a debt we will never be able to pay back to you! You have been patient and very professional in the way you have dealt with us. Thank you very much for all of your patience, advice and help!

Pastor Expresses Hope and Healing

I am forever indebted and grateful. It was the seasoned and skilled counsel of godly men who patiently and deliberately uncovered the bandages of temporary resolve, only to lovingly dig to the deeper places of my life exposing brokenness, deception and deep pain. It was in these surgical sessions under the counsel of Jack Rozell and Larry Steller that the pathway to future hope and healing was forged with painstaking detail and care. Tears flowed in many of these sessions. Over time, tears of sorrow and remorse turned to tears of hope and healing. To God be the glory!

Eurasia Missionary Expresses Gratitude

I wanted to take a moment and tell you all thank you for my wonderful Christmas present you gave me! And maybe it'll be like one back to you to know how much I appreciate all of you and thank you for the tools you gave me while I was up at MRAP last year. Of course I'm not perfect, still struggling with the whole organizational thing, really had hoped that the pills would be a miracle drug, and of course it all boils down to my choice to stay focused and on track.

But I'm most excited over the ongoing and on-growing healthy relationship choices I'm making that are improving my life! This Christmas I've been (thanks for the word, Sallee) "pro-active" in making plans for myself and not sitting back and waiting for someone to ask me. Wouldn't have done this before, but realized that I couldn't count on the other missionaries and so I asked them if there were times they'd like to be with me and then I planned other times with

the nationals or other friends. This is a first! And I'm having the time of my life.

God is opening doors of ministry to the women—been working on this since I got back. And now I see fruit! I love being with them and I'm seeing them come in with an "I can't" attitude and leaving with the beginning of recognition that they can!

Just trying to say thanks from the whole of my heart for your love, care and tools you gave me!

So with a smile on my face, I can tell you this is the best Christmas season I've had in many years and due in part or in all to you guys! Blessings and thanksgiving from me to you and everyone at MRAP! You're the best!

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Missionary Renewal Asia Pacific and Ministry Resources International is to enhance the life quality, effectiveness and longevity of vocational ministry personnel.

God's Gift to Missionaries

Missionary Renewal is God's gift of missionaries to missionaries. It would be easy to categorize their stateside base as "not really being missions." What a mistake! There is far too much fruit seen on foreign fields because of Missionary Renewal's specific missionary calling. They are missionaries, they understand missionaries, they pour life back into missionaries.

After an extended, devastating illness, I fell into a deep

hole of depression. I did not know a Christian could feel the hopelessness and despondency I experienced.

I will never forget the huge weight lifted from me as team members began to identify with and validate the painful place I was in. They had the patience, contacts and personal experience to let me know I was far from isolated. I know the MRAP Missionaries were God's tool of life and healing to this missionary. Thank you!

Missionary Experiences Meaningful Change

I think often of our time together. I just wanted to let you know how meaningful your life to us has been and continues to be.

How many times you started the sessions with, "How are you?" And I knew you really meant it. You weren't there to impress yourself—you were there to help me find love,

or should I write, "Love," for He is love.

My thoughts are so rich and full—some of the many things I have learned, many of the brightness of our future in Him. Brightness is the right word here, as you first knew me when my life seemed consumed with darkness.

All this to say, "Thank you!" You made a profound difference in our lives. You, as is God's desire for us all, became Jesus to us. You came down to us, where we were, and said, "How are you?" "I love you as you are." We are—I am—eternally grateful.

Missionary Healed

I received a lot of healing at MRAP. I know the Lord wants to do a continued and deeper work in my spirit. I have not forgotten the principles and truths and I intend to make them a regular part of my schedule as I set up my office and schedule. Thanks for keeping us in your thoughts. You and all the folks at MRAP mean a lot to us.