



Stories of Renewal

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Cry for Help

It's been three years since I sent out that cry for help. "Please can I come?" my desperate heart pleaded. The reply was a quick 'Yes. Come.'

I was a mess! The crisis I was facing on the field was just more than I could bear – larger than any giant I had ever faced. I felt flattened by its power. I feared it would destroy me. And I knew that I just couldn't tackle this one alone!



So travel plans were quickly arranged and the long flights brought me to Seattle to a safe haven. I had no idea then what God wanted to do in me. My only concern was 'Fix that problem back there in the islands and get me back to my all-important work as a missionary.' I didn't know it then but God had so much more planned for me.

My mentors met me with such grace and love – tough love at times, agapē love. And patience. I saw only the problems I left behind on the field. They saw much, much more. And as we talked and shared, they loved and cared and listened, and I found that the hurts that I had buried in the deepest places of my heart, were coming out of hiding and were approaching the surface.

This was by far the most productive time of my entire Christian walk. I didn't leave there the same. And because I have been changed, now the way I touch every life I encounter is not the same, either.

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Pastors Find Healing

We can't thank you enough.

My wife and I thank you so much for what you did for us in the most fragile, seemingly hopeless season of our lives. You will forever be a wonderful memory in our hearts. Never have I seen a more real example of Jesus in my life....I mean that!

I was so unsure what to expect when I got to MRI. I was feelings so guilty and unworthy of care, forgiveness and understanding. But I was blown away by the tender, wise counsel I received.

We are doing so great. God has been amazing! Our marriage is healing more every day. Our children are seeing God's hand and our church is growing.

Thank you all so much. You will never know all of what you meant to us!

MISSION STATEMENT

*The purpose of
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enhance the life
quality, effectiveness
and longevity of
vocational ministry
personnel.*

Can't Find the Words to Thank You

Missionary Says Thank You

Dear Jack and Team,

I could never even begin to find the words to thank you for the impact our time at MRAP has had on our lives. We are not the same people as we were a year ago when we walked into your office for the first time. Thank you for your kind, but direct words of love. Thank you for your listening ears. Thank you for your patience in our process. But, most of all, thank you for your hearts of obedience to be a channel of God's healing to our souls.

I do pray for you often. I believe there needs to be many more such "hospitals" for missionaries and pastors. I pray along with you for those miracles to happen.

We just want to thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to come to MRAP. We are so thankful for the tools that we've learned/been given and for the immense inner healing that's occurred in our lives through our time here. I thank God continually for the opportunity we've had being at MRAP. Thank you for your compassion, understanding and agape love you have poured into us over these last 9 months. I believe we will be able to finish strong as a direct result of this ministry. I can't put into words how much I believe in this ministry because of how it has changed my life personally. I'm a completely different person. Thank you so much. I pray God's blessings abundantly pour out on you and your family!

Restored

We cannot begin to convey our gratitude. We owe our restoration to your compassionate care.

Our marriage has been enriched, and we have been renewed.

Missionary Growing in the Lord

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! Thank you for being a channel of God's blessings!

Our mentoring relationship has been rewarding. I am mindful of making balanced living choices and to care for my spiritual, physical, mental and emotional areas of life amid our busy schedules.

I will continue my personal spiritual disciplines, good lifestyle choices, Biblical meditation, coping skills, boundaries, and a host of other things learned from you.

I will continue growing in my Lord and with my wife as we go onwards where the Lord will lead us.

Cry for Help—Continued from front

I can't say enough about the MRAP/MRI team. They are true servants of the Living God! They gave and gave and gave some more and they never gave up on me. They prayed for me, and with me and held my hand as I faced wounds that had haunted me for years. They helped me to see how the enemy has lied to me again and again and again. They offered me tools and taught me skills – powerful and necessary life skills – to face my past and to look with hope at my future. Mostly, they taught me how to apply God's Word to real needs and to every life situation. You think that every missionary would just know how to do that... but it's surprising how many of us don't.

My relationship with God is exciting and real! I am growing and flourishing because I'm living in real LIFE! Ministry still has its challenges but God is directing my steps and this time I'm hearing and I'm listening. His life is flowing out of me. Needs around me are clearer. Direction flows from God's Spirit. My faith is alive and I am real and I no longer run from things that look risky... following Him is a sure thing! My life is no longer shadowed by a cloud of fear and failure.

I have great expectations, greater than ever before, that God will use my life for greater things. Much fruit, that's what He has promised me... fruit that will last!
