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Touched by Jesus

Wendy Ong

As I gaze down at our newborn baby, I can't express enough the love and gratitude I have for God and this blessing He has bestowed upon us. However, reaching this point was a long journey for me and my husband, and thus we would like to share our testimony about how we were "Touched by Jesus".

Back in March 2010, our friends Dinah and Adrian brought me and my husband, Mark, to the Touch Jesus, He Heals! healing service at CVC. At the time, I was still mourning the loss from my second miscarriage and upset about being unable to have a baby like other 'normal' women, after all I was very healthy, didn't smoke, didn't drink and fairly young. My faith in God was slowly fading as I wondered why He allowed this to happen to me. I kept asking Him "Why me? What did I do wrong? Did I not pray hard enough? Am I not worthy to be a mother? Why let me get pregnant and then take away my babies?" Yes, you could say that deep down inside I felt abandoned by God. Yet strangely enough, something in me told me to ask Dinah to bring me to Touch Jesus, He Heals! after hearing her own testimony. Being our first healing service, Mark and I really did not know what to expect and came with some scepticism.

At the service, we heard the testimonies by Rev Francis and a few others, though at the back of my mind I still wondered what God had in store for me here, as I could feel His presence particularly strongly. The turning point came when Rev Francis asked those seeking help to come forward, and again something in me stirred. I recalled that it was very crowded at the altar call, but we were somehow brought forward to the front row and the first thing that Rev Francis said was that he felt that there were some people with problems having children, including those who could not carry. I was completely dumbfounded. Could he be talking about us out of all these people? How could he know so specifically what we were there for? We nervously stepped forward, he listened to our story and told us that God would give us children (note plural!) and prayed for us. By that time, tears were streaming down my face,



as I knew that God was always there listening and now speaking to me directly. That marked the beginning of our journey.

We were deeply moved by our experience at Touch Jesus, He Heals! and believed that God brought us here for a reason. We decided to attend CVCC more regularly, and over time with the support and prayers of the pastors and church, our faith in Him and His promise steadily strengthened. Over the subsequent few months, our attempts to conceive were unsuccessful. However in early July 2010, Rev Francis revealed during a Sunday service that he had a message

for the couple who had problems having children, and that this would happen soon. Could he be talking about us?

We are extremely thankful to all at CVCC who prayed and encouraged us, for I cannot imagine embarking on this journey without that support. Thank you so much and God bless you all.

This was also around the time my gynaecologist took the initiative to call me to see him as he wanted to monitor my ovulation cycle, and by early August, I was pregnant! To me this was not a coincidence; it was simply God's perfect timing. While it was not exactly smooth sailing over the following nine months given the scares arising from the various tests and unexplained bleeding, we continued to pray with the pastoral team praying alongside us. Our fears subsided and we felt peace in our hearts, knowing that God would watch over this baby and fulfill His promise.

I am delighted to say that by God's grace, Rebecca Ong Rui En was born on 10 April 2011 at 10.19pm. Although the labour was very long (21 hours!), God protected Rebecca whose heartbeat remained strong and steady throughout. **TJHH**

Journey of God's Miracle

Lily Tang

In the year of 2006, my gynecologist found cysts in both sides of my ovaries and diagnosed me with endometriosis. As my condition worsened, I went for an operation in Oct 2006, three months before my wedding. Unfortunately, during a review a few months later, my gynae again found two cysts in both my ovaries. The cysts, one 7cm and the other 8cm, grew rapidly and in April 2008, I went for my second operation.

Immediately after the operation, my gynae encouraged me to get pregnant.

She prescribed a fertility drug (clomid) for me to try for three months. Nothing happened so she recommended IVF in October 2008. At first I refused to go for it as my condition was deteriorating. It was even worse than before. Not only did I have menstrual cramps, I also experienced vomiting during my period. I could not go to work at least two days every month due to the vomiting and pains. I could not take any food during that period as well. At its worst, I was sick for up to four days.

In April 2009, I finally agreed to try IVF. The process was very stressful both emotionally and physically. Everyday my husband had to give me hormone injections. My stomach was getting a lot of bruises as well. However, I failed the programme at the embryo-transfer stage. Again, through the programme, a cyst was found in my right ovary.

I was very upset and depressed. I asked God why all these were happening to me. Why me? I continued to suffer the painful periods until the pain spread to my lower back. One night, I woke up from the unbearable pain and I told God to take my life. I told Him that I did not want to go for a 3rd operation. I had already gone through two and they did not help. I had tried all kinds of methods to help me. I came to a realisation that only God could help me and heal me.

One day, while surfing the Internet for healing services, I came to know about the healing service at Covenant Vision. My husband and I attended the service in June 2009. After the service, Rev Francis Khoo called for those who needed God's healing. Initially I struggled for a while but finally I moved forward accompanied by my husband. Rev Francis asked about my

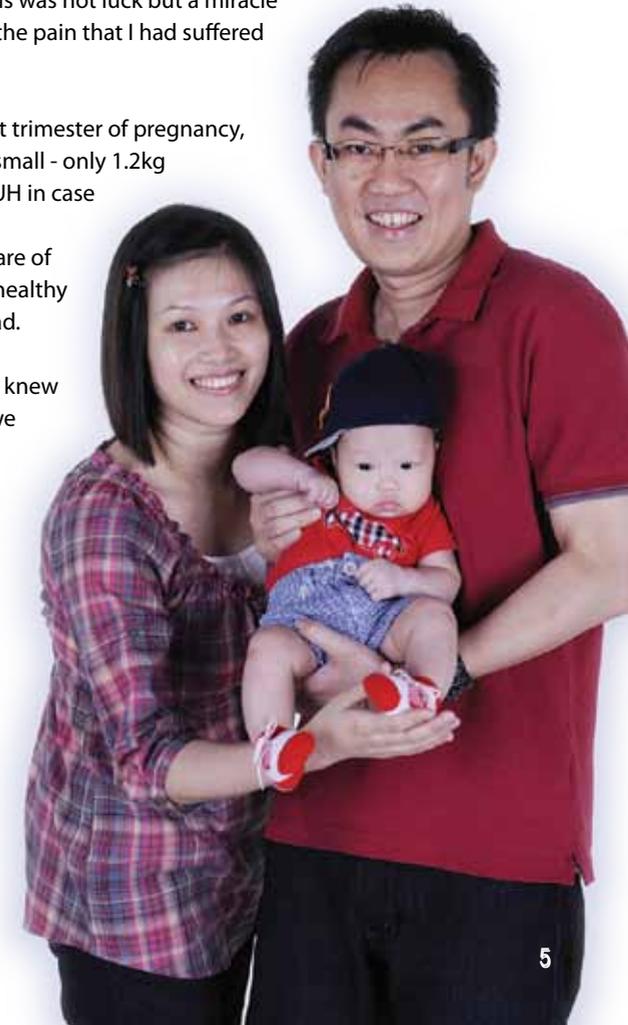
prayer request, I told him and he wanted me to follow him to pray to God. My tears flowed uncontrollably. I kept on crying and repeated what Rev Francis said. He commanded Satan's curse to be broken and for my womb to be opened.

We continued to attend the service though I did not go forward for prayer every time. I believe God is the one who takes control and He will heal me provided I have faith to receive. It was really not easy. I kept on praying until November 2009. I attended the healing service again and went in front to ask for prayer. This time, I collapsed but my mind was conscious. I experienced something different. I knew God was doing something in me and what I needed to do now was to wait.

In February 2010, I found out that I was pregnant. I could not believe it until a gynae confirmed it by a blood test. The gynae said I was lucky because my condition did not allow me to get pregnant naturally. I knew this was not luck but a miracle from God. He answered my prayer. All the pain that I had suffered was all gone in that moment.

My journey did not end there. In my last trimester of pregnancy, my gynae found that my baby was too small - only 1.2kg at 32 weeks. So he transferred me to NUH in case the baby needed to be delivered early. The professor at NUH who was taking care of my case told me that my baby was not healthy because he was small, especially his head. He even told me my baby was retarded. I was devastated but my husband and I knew that God would give the best to us, so we prayed very hard and also sought for a 3rd opinion at another hospital.

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The gynae there said that the baby was perfectly fine and that some babies tend to be small but he said I could not give birth naturally due to the baby's size. So we left happily and waited for delivery to come. NUH had arranged me to go for c-section on 12 Oct 2010. I was 36 weeks pregnant. Early in the morning on 10 Oct 2010, my water bag burst although I had no signs of contractions. We rushed to hospital at 2am in the morning. In the delivery suite, the nurse told me I had to wait half an hour for the A&E gynae to come to do the c-section.

When the A&E gynae came 15 minutes later to check on me, she was shocked to see that I was fully dilated. She wanted me to give birth naturally because there was no time to wait for my gynae. I was so scared as I told her my professor told me I can't give birth naturally because the baby would be in danger. She said everything would be fine as the baby's heartbeat was alright. I just had to follow her instructions. At 3:45am, my baby was born at 2.2kg. Pediatricians checked on him and everything was alright. When my gynae came to the delivery suite, he told me everything was so unusual. He further said we could only enjoy a few days of excitement as the baby still needed to be monitored because his head was small at week 32. I told him this is a miracle God has given to me. We continued to pray very hard.

Today, my son is coming to 11 months old and he is doing well. Everyday I see him, he reminds me that God loves me very much. He is our almighty God. Hallelujah!! All glory to God! **TJHH**



Touch Jesus

He Heals!

Touch Jesus, He Heals! is the healing ministry of Covenant Vision. It all began in 1998 when the Lord began impressing on Rev Francis the burden to read, study and meditate on Mark 16:15-18, 20. It was clear that the Lord Jesus would be working with us to confirm the preaching of the Word with signs following.

After months of sharing the vision of this ministry, the first Touch Jesus, He Heals! healing service was held on April 24, 1999 at Wesley Methodist Church. Since then, hundreds of such services have been held, both locally with various churches and internationally. Thousands have responded to the Lord Jesus Christ and we have received so many testimonies of physical healing, emotional healing, restoration of finances, reconciliation of marriages and people realising the victory they have in Christ and living that out to the glory of God.

Testimony on

Exams

Only God Could Have Done It!

Wendy Lim

I was rather enthusiastic when I heard about CVCC starting Discipleship Groups (DG). However, after learning about the commitment, I was faced with huge dilemma, as it was set within my most crucial period of this year.

As a final year music student, I was already struggling between meeting deadlines of academic work, practicing at least three to six hours a day for my graduation recital, teaching violin part time, and attending church activities. I asked God, how can I add DG to my hectic schedule?!

As I prayed about this, God assured me that He will make a way for me, and that it was important for me to join DG so that I could experience Him in this crucial season. That was enough to convince me to obey Him, so I joined a DG.

As I went through the Experiencing God material with my group, I noticed that I could apply what I learnt to my situation. It was not easy as I had to make extra effort to do the workbook. However, it was most rewarding as it was these quiet times I spent with God that kept me going.

Two weeks into practicing for my recital, I had severe arm injuries due to over-assertion of my arms, injuring my nerves and muscles so badly I could not practice more than two hours a day. I was in desperation as the time drew near, yet I was far from being prepared. However, through my QT with God, I knew that He is constantly at work, and will



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see me through. As I meditated upon the Scriptures, and lessons learned in DG, and through prayers from my DG as well as pastors, family and friends, I experienced something that I knew only God could do.

The usual routine was to practice at least three to six hours a day, covering as much as we could from the recital repertoire. However, we ought to recap what we've practiced at least once in every two days to ensure that all we've worked was still up to standard. As I was in such pain, I could only practice 15 minutes before I needed to stop, and after one to two hours of 15 minute practices, my hands would refuse to move, and would be painful, sore and numb. This injury was caused by my disobedience to rest.

Whilst I was practicing for another exam, I wanted to ensure that it would go well, so I used all my strength and might to practice to the fullest of my ability, ignoring the prompting to stop and relax and rely on God. I thought that it was always safer to practice more. Just 15 minutes before this exam, my hands started to feel pain and numbness, signs of overstraining, and needless to say, my exam didn't go as well as I wanted it to be.

From the exam to my recital, I had two weeks. Because of the overstrain, I was forced to heed the prompting of our Lord to rest in Him and have faith that He will take care of me. However, I still had to do my part in doing mental practice and preparation, fasting and praying. It didn't mean that I should stop everything completely. Spending less time practicing also meant more time for God. Though I had little practice, God was there to help me retain everything and my improvement accelerated by leaps and bounds. This was clearly something only He could do for me!

On 18 May 2011, I was able to give a successful recital at the Lee Foundation Theatre. With the support and prayers of my DG members, friends and all the pastors of CVCC and the love of family and other friends, I am proud to boast to the glory of our Father in Heaven that I have graduated with Second Upper Class Honours in my BA(Hons) in Music. Without prayers and most importantly, my growth in intimacy with Jesus, I would never have been able to achieve this! **TJHH**

Do **YOU** have a testimony?



If you have experienced a breakthrough or have seen God's hand move in your situation after attending one of our services, we would like to invite you to share your testimony with us. We believe that through sharing, you not only affirm what God has done, you continue to overcome the evil one by the word of your testimony (Revelations 12:11).

To share your story, please contact us at cvcentre@covenantvision.org or give us a call at 6391 0027.

Testimonies on

Healing

Supernatural Intervention

Deborah Soh

In mid-December 2010, after a series of tests, I received a diagnosis of lung cancer, stage 4. There were lesions in my brain, nodules on my adrenal glands and my lymph nodes were also swollen. The bones of my right shoulder and arm were also infected. The cancer-marker reading was 422 (normal = 0-5). The prognosis was that I had a few months left, without medical intervention or if I did not respond well to it.

In desperation I cried out to the Lord, declaring "Lord, I have faith that You will heal me; honour my faith. But first, increase my measure of faith!!!"

God, in His mercy and wisdom, healed me emotionally first. During the December Touch Jesus, He Heals! healing service, Rev Francis' word from the Lord for me was "There is no condemnation" and I realised that I had been harbouring thoughts like "Why is this happening to me? Am I out of Your perfect will, Lord? Why me, when I am a non-smoker, with a healthy lifestyle?" I realised that I had taken pride in my good health, with my healthy living, thinking I was in control of my body. I repented and surrendered, acknowledging that I was dependent on the Lord for everything, even every breath that I take.

So began my journey of seeking the Healer, not just the healing. I took comfort in the Word, receiving many "rhema" words to get



me through the day and night. When I cried out to the Lord in the middle of the night, in my loneliness and pain, the Holy Spirit was always there to comfort me, saying to my heart "I know what you are going through; I know your pain; I know your loneliness. Just lean on Me; trust totally in Me."

God also taught me to cultivate a heart of gratitude and to express that gratitude. I am grateful for the friends who visited me and gave me hope and encouragement - my friends Tina and Dorcas who would take turns to accompany me for checkups, my spiritual parents Keith and Sarah-Jane who were upholding me in prayer even though they were half a world away on a mission trip but constantly kept in touch, Dincy, for her practical health tips, Sis Shirley and others at CVC who kept me in prayer.

During the January Touch Jesus, He Heals! service, Rev Francis commanded the tumour to melt and leave and I rested in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Others also witnessed to me (later) that he had pronounced "I see cancer no more!!"

Hallelujah! After about 7 weeks of oral chemo, my CT scan on 17 February 2011 showed that the tumour in my lung had shrunk from a formidable 4.6 x 4.1 cm to 2.1 x 1.6 cm. **TJHH**

Jesus is Our Healer

Ang Su Hsien

Many years ago, my husband Mathew was diagnosed to be suffering from 'Trigeminal neuralgia'. This is a rare medical condition whereby abnormal blood vessels press against the nerves. It causes a stabbing or electric-shock-like pain in parts of the face.

The doctors had recommended that he underwent gamma-knife as a solution to this medical condition. However, by choosing gamma-knife, it would also mean that half his face would be permanently numbed as the nerves would be cut. Another alternative to alleviate the pain was to take oral medication, Tegretol. This was a more viable option. Mathew had been on Tegretol, a life-long anti-seizure drug since then. However, it was obvious that Tegretol could not control nor cease the pain, let alone cure it. More often than not, Tegretol served only as an ineffective placebo.

When he was stricken, the part of his face became very sensitive and the slightest wind from a fan or a breeze would trigger the pain. This had been going on for more than a decade and the root cause of it was unknown.

Each time it happened, the pain lasted for minutes intermittently and it could continue in this manner for days and weeks. It usually became more acute and intense at night. Sleep would also be interrupted throughout the night. The simple action of eating and chewing of food was a struggle. Just to finish a mouthful of food was a challenge.

The last episode occurred on 18 April 2011, the first night of the CVCC Holy Week fast, a Monday. I was still at work at my desk at home late into the night, as usual. Mathew came down with a severe pain on the sides of his face and head. He walked up to me, unable to utter a word, his face was red and contorted. We had to face this together, head on. We prayed together. Mathew knelt down. I laid hands on him. We cast out every spirit of infirmity and the Holy Spirit led Mathew to verbally renounce every spirit that was not of Christ. I used the anointing oil to anoint his head and body with the healing touch from Jesus. At the end of 15 minutes of persistence in that posture, we sensed such a release. My husband's cheerful countenance returned. There was such a relief on his face. The pain was gone! We knew immediately that healing had taken place and it was for good because throughout the night, he slept soundly and the pain has not returned ever since.

In the past, different individuals had prayed for him and laid hands on him but the pain returned and would disturb him sporadically. The difference this time was a revelation from the Holy Spirit to get the afflicted to make a verbal renouncement and rejection of the spirit of infirmity. That proved to be good riddance.

May all glory be unto Jesus and His finished work on the cross. Praise God for He is unto us, our Jehovah Rophe. **TJHH**

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