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Thank God for the conception of our child

Lina Tan & Andrew Lee

Three years ago, my husband and I knew from our church bulletin that Rev Francis Khoo from Covenant Vision was conducting a healing service in our sister church in Acts Centre. We felt convicted by the Holy Spirit to attend the service for healing of our infertility as we had been waiting and praying for a baby for nearly four years without any breakthrough nor answer from God.

During the healing service, Rev Francis requested for those who needed prayer to step out. Immediately, my husband and I went forward without any hesitation. An amazing thing happened when Rev Francis came to us and asked us a few questions. It was as if he already knew what we wanted to be prayed for, even before we could tell him our prayer and healing needs.

Standing in front of him, I knew immediately that God had used this mighty servant of His to speak words of healing and blessings upon us. We knew God had also used Rev Francis to further affirm in our hearts that we will have our own children from God.

After the service, we were further blessed by Covenant Vision staff Sis Marianne, who not only sent us words of encouragement but also sent us Covenant Vision's Testimony Newsletter. That issue, called the "Baby Edition", was filled



with testimonies of couples who had gone through the same trials we were going through in trying to have a baby.

Since that day of the healing service, our faith in God had risen to new levels. Though we went by each year for the next three years without an answer from God, it was not the same for us. I no longer question God as to why I am still barren. My husband also firmly held on to the promise that God had given to us through Rev Francis.

On 28 December 2009, just 3 days after Christmas, I tested positive and was pregnant! You can imagine the incredible joy and excitement that my husband and I felt at that moment. We marvel at the wonders of God's provision, blessings and His answer to our prayers after nearly 7 years of our waiting for a child. It is no coincidence that 7 in the bible means the completion of God's works. Indeed, we firmly believe that our waiting was not without reasons and God's timing is always perfect. The waiting was purposeful as God drew us closer to Him and to one another. We learnt many precious spiritual lessons. One of the lessons is that God is always faithful and true to His words – He always does what He says. When He says something, we can have the complete assurance that it will be done.

We want to give all thanks and praise to our faithful and everlasting God and to Rev Francis and Sis Marianne for making a difference in our spiritual journey in waiting for a child.



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Fearfully & wonderfully made

Fidelis & Cecilia Kong

Our first and long-awaited grandson, Ethan Kong, was born on 1st October, 2010 to our children Ernest and Noeline. It was the most beautiful result of persevering and continuous prayer for over a period of two years, trusting that God would grant us the desire of our hearts.

Needless to say, we were all overjoyed when we first heard the good news, and throughout Ethan's 9-month development in Noeline's womb, we continually declared that he is 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139:14). During this time there were a few hiccups, but each

time we turned to the Lord in prayer – and fighting the good fight of faith, knowing that He would keep her and baby well. AND GOD WAS ALWAYS FAITHFUL to deliver! Amen!

Baby Ethan continued to grow well at each monthly visit to the doctor's. And we never stopped giving glory to God, and marveling at His most wonderful creation of life in Ethan as he continued to grow to full term.

Soon, the end of September came and it was almost time for Ethan to be birthed out. The doctor intended to induce labour on Saturday October 1st, if there were no signs of impending delivery, because of the high level of bile reading in Noeline's liver test, although the blood test was fine. However, thanks to God, her water bag burst on Friday and she was admitted to hospital. When we heard this, the first thing we did was to pray and fast for the safety of mother and child in every respect.

As the day wore on, and Noeline's contractions got somewhat closer; and as the hours went by, with still very little signs of actual labour starting, I began to get more and more anxious. I had prayed general prayers, but something prompted me that more specific prayers were



"I was able to experience a natural birth which we had wanted so badly; but most amazing of all, I did not need any pain relaxants or epidural throughout the time of my labour. And even though I am of small built, God graciously granted me the experience of a supernatural painless delivery. All I can say is – THANK YOU LORD and ALL PRAISE AND GLORY TO YOU for this most wondrous gift of life in baby Ethan!" Noelin

"Yes, all glory belongs to our God, and as we had put our trust in Him for this supernatural delivery, God had been faithful every step of the way. Amen! We trust Him to continue to give us the strength and the wisdom we need, as parents to our beautiful 3.5kg baby Ethan! Thanks be to God, and to all who had supported us in prayer throughout our beautiful journey, a big thank you too." Ernest

I will praise You,
for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows
very well.

Psalms 139:14 (NKJV)

needed, remembering Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (NKJV)

As I asked the Holy Spirit to guide me as to how I now ought to pray, I was led to Rev Henson's wife, Serene's blog in which they had detailed the home delivery of their 7th child, Anna Joy. Soon I began praying very specifically – for Noeline's body to be

fully prepared for delivery, baby's cooperation in the birth process, the necessary full dilation of the cervix, the timely turning of the baby's head and so on. Indeed, I was truly blessed by all that was written in the blog. So I continued praying all through the last four hours of Noeline's actual labour till the good news of Ethan's arrival came through. That was the best news ever, the moment we had all been waiting for. All that I had been praying for helped to speed up Noeline's delivery process! ALL GLORY TO GOD!



No Pelvic Kidney & No Operation

Annafel P. Norcio



When I was 5 months pregnant, our baby was diagnosed as possibly having a pelvic kidney. In the initial scans, doctors could not locate her right kidney where they were supposed to be and believed that her right kidney was growing near her pelvic area. They also informed us that once the baby was born, an operation had to be performed to remove this non-functional kidney.

When I heard that, I thought "not again!" Our first child had to go through a heart operation when he was only 2 months old and I didn't want my second child to have to go through the same ordeal. I could not imagine having to see her get wheeled into the operating theatre and the feeling of being helpless.

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Both my husband and I were extremely emotional and we couldn't bring ourselves to even talk about our baby's condition.

My colleague Jasmine encouraged me to pray and believe that my child would be a healthy, happy child. She brought us to the Touch Jesus, He Heals! Healing service and Rev Francis, Rev Henson and the sisters there prayed for us. We continued to come for the services month after month.

In the months leading up to the birth, I braced myself for the impending operation. When our daughter Amira was born, the doctors told us that Amira had one healthy, functional kidney! Not only did she not have a pelvic kidney, Amira did not have to go through an operation at all! To us, it was a miracle!

Through this, our lives have been tremendously changed. I cannot explain how blessed and happy we feel. Every time we go through a situation, God brings godly friends and prayer warriors to rally around us. Not only were there people praying for us here in Singapore, my mother also got her church in Philippines to pray. The prayers really gave us the confidence and strength to overcome the odds. Praise the Lord!



TESTIMONY ON

Healing



Power of the Word

Elsie Teo

For a very long time since I was young, I would have diarrhoea whenever I was scared or going through something new. Like a physical reaction to my nervousness, I would have diarrhoea 2 to 3 times a day before and on the very day of the event. It could be seeing my regular doctor, dentist, having a test, exam or an interview. Once the appointment or event was over, it stopped. Only my family knew about my condition.



One example was during the SARS period in the year 2003. I went to the National Dental Centre (NDC) for an appointment. I had been going to NDC since Nov 2000 and it was a very familiar place. Not only did I have diarrhoea 2 to 3 times the day before the appointment, but also twice on that day itself. The whole procedure of queuing up and going through the thermal scans for a temperature check made me more nervous. First scan for temperature – high. I was told to sit down, drink some water and waited for about 5 to 10 minutes. They took my temperature again – still high. I had to wait for yet another 5 or 10 minutes. They took my temperature yet again – still high. I had to tell them it was no use. The temperature was not going to come down. I was not having a fever. I was just nervous!

He said, “If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, obeying His commands and keeping all His decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you.”

Exodus 15:26

During one of the Sunday Services in mid 2009, Rev Francis suggested that I read the Bible as a storybook. I took his advice. Gradually, I began obeying the instructions in the Bible. I signed up for CVSOM's Certificate in Practical Christian Ministry in 2010 and was doing my assignment for the module 'The Power of The Word' on 5 May 2010 – Healing Power of the Word. I came across Exodus 15:26 and it dawned on me that I didn't have any symptoms of diarrhoea when I was taking the exams, working on course assignments and even during a practicum test for

a course in Pre-School Teaching in 2009/2010 I was attending. I no longer had any physical reaction to the nervousness and without me knowing, I was healed! I thank and praise God!

On another assignment for the module 'Heal the Sick', I was reminded again of what Jesus had done for me. 1 Peter 2:24 tells us that He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Indeed, there is POWER in His Word and I give all glory to God!

TESTIMONIES ON

EXAMS



Studying Smart in God

Eunice Foo

I am aware that to score an A1 for the Chinese 'O' levels would be extremely difficult and it requires studying VERY VERY VERY hard. That is if I were to attempt the paper on my own accord and with my own wisdom. However, in God, I can study smart. Truly, my God is not only proficient in English but His Chinese is also of A1 standard; He is indeed omnipotent and omniscient.

During preparation time, God impressed on my heart that I should study the format of an informal letter, rather than a formal letter. God told me that He arranged for my Chinese teacher to teach my class 说明文. Most students would avoid these because the trend of the 'O' level paper is that the informal letter would be more difficult. The composition type is unfamiliar to students since teachers typically



don't teach the format for this type of questions. Before I started on the paper, I also prayed for God's guidance and presence.

I did score an A1 for my Chinese 'O' level paper and I want to praise the Lord for His unfailing love and mercy. I also want to thank all my brothers and sisters in Covenant Vision Christian Church for upholding me in prayer during this time. All glory to God.

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PSLE Turnaround

Jason Lim



My daughter Grace sat for her Primary School Leaving Examinations last year (PSLE). Her results were good and we would like to give thanks to God for that.

Actually, her prelim results were not so good. Her T-score was 190, which was worrying. Sally and myself did what we could as parents and guided her and taught her as best we could. We didn't expect she would do so much better in the actual PSLE.

When Grace called her mother after receiving her results, she was crying. We thought she didn't do well and were ready to console her. When she revealed that she got 248 for her PSLE, we were thrilled and believed it was a miracle. When we asked her why she was crying, she said she missed the mark to get into her secondary school of choice by a mere 2 points.

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After that, Sally and I appealed to the secondary school and by God's grace and with His favour, we managed to secure her a space there. Praise the Lord!

We want to thank God for the Pastors and the church, who were praying for her and the rest of the children going through the PSLE. The church kept them in prayer week after week during corporate prayer. Indeed, our God is a prayer-answering God!

Jobs



God's Divine Appointment

Doris Ang

I was with my last job for 4 years. I really loved my job and worked hard to upgrade myself. During the course of my job there, I was promoted various times. Unfortunately, the company had to close down and they had to let me go.

Looking for a job proved to be very difficult. I am single with only a secondary 2 education and the job market was very competitive. I was jobless for 16 months. During this time, I lost faith in God and I had given up hope and confidence in Him. But He was constantly reaching out to me.



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I attended a service at Covenant Vision and when I went up to pray, Rev Francis gave me a word, "You are not alone and He is with you." I remembered that a couple of years back, when I went for a Touch Jesus, He Heals! Service at Acts Centre, Rev Francis had given me the exact same word that I was not alone and He was with me. That really uplifted me.

One Sunday when I was in Orchard, something dropped into my mind and I was reminded that there is a church at Marriot Hotel and I went to attend. Throughout the service, I felt

God speaking to me and after the service, the Pastor laid hands and prayed for me and for my job situation.

The next day, I received an SMS from a well-known International Hotel & Resort chain about a job convention with many vacancies. To be honest, I didn't have high hopes because I had gone for such job conventions and had prepared many resumes, but it was like I was not even given a decent chance. The interviews were only about 5 minutes long and competition at these conventions was very great.

But since I had been prayed for, I decided to go for this convention. It was indeed God's divine appointment. When I was there the HR Director just happened to be sitting near me. I spoke to him and he gave me his name card and asked me to send my resume directly to him. Then he called me for an interview, during which he told me of a secretary post that had come up. I didn't ask for the secretary post because the competition was very great and I didn't expect I would be selected, so I told him I could do housekeeping or be a telephone operator. Following that, I got a call from the engineering department head that needed the secretary. I went for the interview with him and it went smoothly. They then called me to tell me that I got the secretary job. Praise God!

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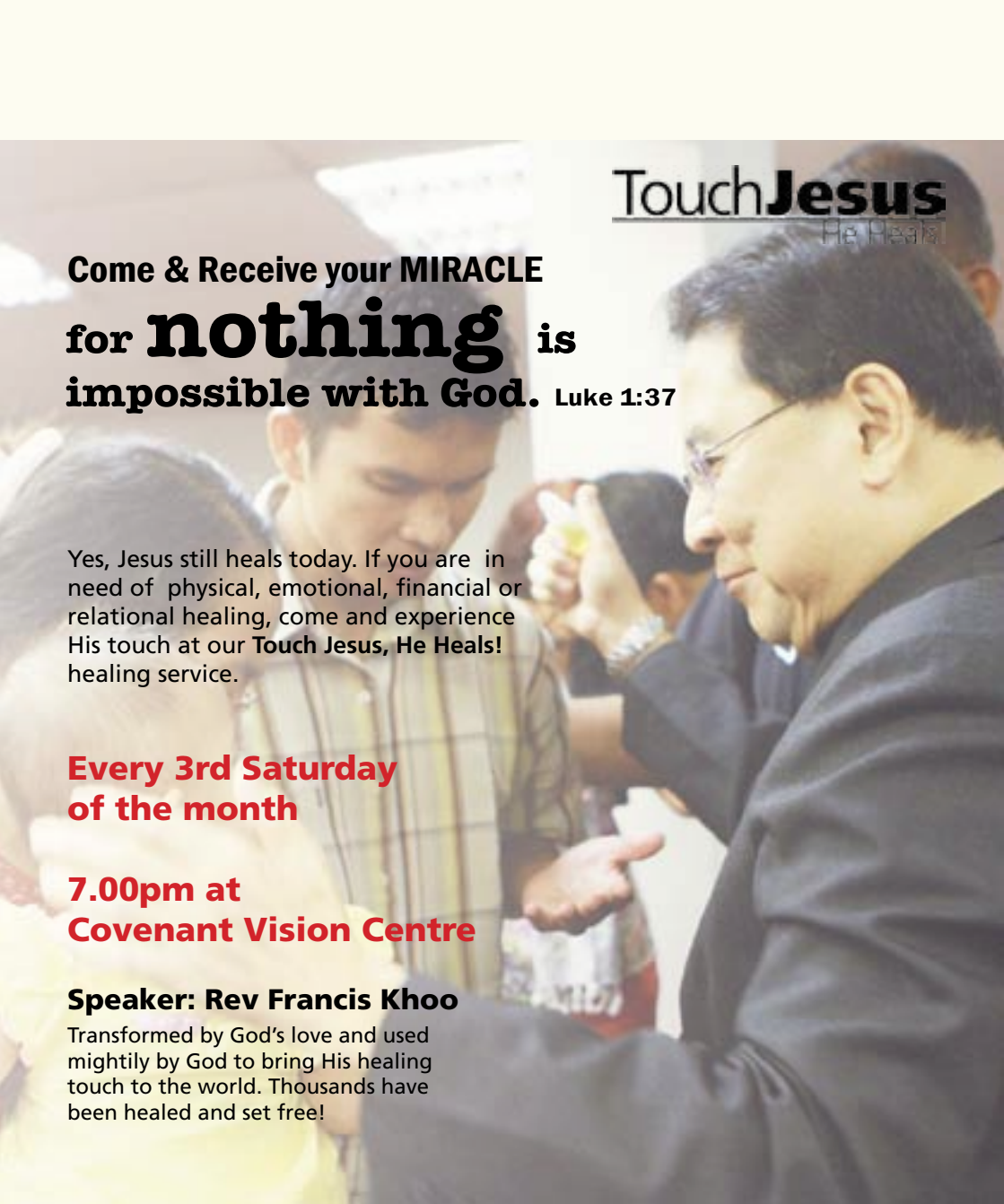
Ultimately, God knows everything and He gives us the best. I want to thank God for His favour and His love.

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.

We would love to hear from you!



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He Heals

Come & Receive your **MIRACLE**
for **nothing** is
impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Yes, Jesus still heals today. If you are in need of physical, emotional, financial or relational healing, come and experience His touch at our **Touch Jesus, He Heals!** healing service.

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