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Our younger son, Kit, is now 2 years 7 months. At 2 years, he was diagnosed of being in the autistic spectrum. Our world shattered and we really cannot understand why.... My husband even thought that it must be some sins in our lives that resulted in God's punishment. Ultimately, we realized that we may never know why Kit is autistic, but we pray that our lives may bring glory to our Lord. We started our search for the best that we can give to Kit. Everything in Singapore, and I guess everywhere else, is about waiting. We gave up waiting at the government hospitals because just to see a language therapist will be a year wait. So, we called every private therapists we heard of, and managed to start him on speech and occupational therapies 3 months later. Being a single income family, it was financially not easy. To make matter worst, he has been crying during these sessions, often leaving without doing anything. He was so obsessed with the left outside the OT's clinic that he spent many weeks just pressing the lift buttons. We were totally helpless, praying before each session and just hoping for the best.

After 7 months, we find that we are progressing very slowly. Some parents shared this ABA techniques with us. I asked if I can do this myself, the professionals think that it is hard to do it right and I may be burn out. I was frustrated. We really cannot afford having these therapists come for 20 hours a week and I felt that I am depriving my son the best. We kept praying for wisdom, and the strength to deal with Kit... who is now showing more temper tantrums. That's when my sister called telling me about this Louis Programme. I felt that this is God's answer to my cry. I was not sure what the programme was about, but I felt that I need to go to find my focus in God. We made the necessary arrangements and came, knowing that God is going to reveal Himself through you. The 1st day, I was deeply touched. I was not asking for a miracle but just some hope and directions to bring up my son. Through your testimony, I found hope. What you have done and the strength and determination you showed reinforces the fact that we can do all things through Christ that strengthens us. Thank you.

Cannot say that my child is already able to do those games that you've taught. He is already back in S'pore. Also, I know that it won't be so easy for him, what has yet to learn to point at objects. However, I have learnt so many exercises and ideas from you that I can't wait to do with him when I get back to Singapore.

On the Sunday after the 1st lesson, the Lord woke me up at 6 a.m. with the tune from your song (). Being very weak in Cantonese, I frankly already cannot remember the song and the tune when I left the class. But that Sunday morning, the Lord caused the song to ring in my ears and said "I am inviting you to follow as I lead in the bringing up of your son." It was such a clear direction. I know that our sovereign Lord is in control of every situation. Amen.

Thank you, Yolanda, for your life testimony that brought hope to many, and for the lesson and experiences that teaches us how to do it with love.

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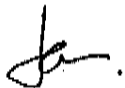
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