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HEARTWARMING: Fundraising effort for a community clinic spreads message through a movie and live performances

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ACTS Church recently raised about RM10,000 for the SS15/8 Subang Jaya community clinic via the screening of a short film entitled *Life is Heart*.

The short film was produced by the church's members from all age groups.

About 2,100 people attended screenings during two Christmas Day morning services at the Grand Ballroom of the Sunway Hotel Resort and Spa here.

Life is Heart is based on the true story of a dejected man who was able to go back on track to becoming a doctor after deferring his studies.

It touches on the theme of hope, family ties, friendship and sorrow.

The story started with Adam, a child who dreamed of being a cardiologist to treat his grandmother, Ah Ma, who was suffering from heart failure.

He lost all inspiration when the grandmother died while he was still in medical school.

Adam then met his childhood friend's grandfather during a performance session for Christmas.

The wise man encouraged Adam to go back to pursuing his dream as the former had known the grandmother personally during frequent visits to the clinic.

During the movie, a group of Acts Church members were also on stage to perform dances that complemented what was up on the screen.

Acts Community Bhd healthcare coordinator, Dr Vinod Laxmikanth, said his own experiences made him want to give back to the community.

"We aim to provide quality healthcare services for the urban poor, senior citizens, refugees as well as the marginalised including those who are HIV-positive and AIDS sufferers," he said.

Dr Vinod is presently the only doctor attached to the clinic, which opens this month.

He said the clinic is working closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Subang Jaya member of parliament Hannah Yeoh, and is looking to partner with PT Foundation, formerly known as Pink Triangle.

He hopes the short film could bring about a glimpse of hope to the viewers.

Joel Vijay, a member of the production team, said the crucial

thing was to spread awareness on the importance of healthcare and reviving hope.

The senior minister of Acts Church, Reverend Kenneth Chin, said he was happy to see members of the church utilise their talent for a good cause.

Sylvia Khoo, 40, brought her children Teng Zhen, 8, and Teng Liang, 5, for the screening and to listen on messages.

"I brought my children along to let them know the story behind Christmas and for them to learn good values," she said.

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Acts Church members presenting a live dance during the screening of the short film 'Life is Heart'. Pic by Nurul Shafina Jemenon