

Upcoming Events

- Christmas Sermon Series through - 11/26 - 12/24
- Sun 12/17 @ 1 PM - Christmas Outreach @ La Cascata
 - Donate: NEW Winter hats, gloves & scarves / ADOPT A FAMILY
 - List of names & ages in needed now available
 - See Ivis Quann or Carmella McMurray
- Wed 12/20 - 6PM @ FBC - "A Family Christmas Celebration Dinner"
- 12/31 New Year's Sermon - Phil. 3:12-4:1
- Recommended Resource - *Church is a Team Sport : A Championship Strategy for Doing Ministry Together* by Jim Putman (\$11.49 @ Amazon)
- 10% of ALL our Giving goes to Global Missions
Designated Offerings can be made to - Local Outreaches, Changemakers, Etc.
- Get CONNECTED with God, His Church & His People via our CONNECT Card
- Pray About Sponsoring Dr. JD Smith's 450 mile 5 Day Bike Ride
that has been completed - 2,222 X \$450 = GOAL of 1 Mil.
- On which MISSIONAL TEAM should I be Serving?
 - Internal / Discipleship - Don & Carm Hickson
 - External/Outreach - Jose & Ivis Quann
 - Bldg. & Grounds - Bill & Laura Dolhansky
 - Technology - Mark & Jillaine Couse

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Middle East

- Joe & Mira Costa

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- MALAYSIA -

COURT INVESTIGATES DISAPPEARANCE OF PASTOR RAYMOND KOH

Feb. 2017, a group of men on motorbikes & in SUVs abducted Pastor Raymond Koh, His wife, Susanna, & their children have not heard from him since, though Susanna has continued to seek information from the police & Malaysia's justice system. Susanna filed a legal case requesting new inquiries into her husband's disappearance, which she believes was connected to a 2011 confrontation with the Islamic religious police. The judge hearing the case visited the scene of the abduction on Nov. 6 & 7 to learn more about the situation. Pray this investigation will reveal the truth of what happened, that justice will be done for Pastor Raymond Koh, & that developments will bring fresh encouragement to Susanna & the Koh family.

Malaysia has three major ethnicities: Malay (60 percent), Chinese (30 percent) & native tribes. The Malays are the most powerful group in the country, & being Muslim is considered an important part of their identity. Most Christians are from the tribal & Chinese people groups, & most churches experience relative freedom as long as they do not evangelize the Malays.

56% of Malaysians are Sunni Muslims, but there is also a significant Buddhist population, 9% are Christians.

The government severely punishes Christian converts & strictly opposes outreach & evangelism among the Malay people.

While Christianity is not illegal, Christians are marginalized by the ruling Muslim ethnic group & have difficulty acquiring building permits for new churches. Many churches work in the languages of Mandarin, Tamil & English, but not in the Malay language. No Malay churches meet openly, & it is illegal for Malays to convert to Christianity. Christian converts who are caught are confined to so-called reeducation camps that use torture & propaganda to force them to return to Islam. Many indigenous people have come to Christ in eastern Malaysia.

It is illegal for Malay people to own a Bible, & Malay-language Bibles are largely unavailable outside Christian-majority areas.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Christian workers trying to return to the country.
- That locals & foreigners will work together to engage the unreached.
- For a media project that will make the gospel available to nearly everyone in the country.
- That new churches will be established & filled with Malay people.
- For church leaders who are forming strategies to engage unreached people.

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