



PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

Country Spotlight: *Malaysia*



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Malaysia is a tropical, lush land, and a vibrant tapestry of diverse ethnic groups. Though Malaysia has bustling global centers with massive skyscrapers, it also still has a significant rural population. It’s a country where community harmony is highly valued, though there are many contrasting world views. Over half of Malaysians are Muslim, though some follow Buddhist, Hindu, or Animist teachings. Few have chosen to follow Jesus. Pray for church members to reach out to their communities and share the gospel, and pray for Malay people to respond. Pray for pastors and lay church leaders to teach the Word faithfully. Praise God for bringing the nations to the global city of Kuala Lumpur. Pray that the city will be a beacon in a dark world.

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New Connections: Pray for believers across Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia** to have many opportunities to make new connections this month. Pray for new relationships to develop around the truth of the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit will connect seekers with truth tellers. Pray that the Lord will give insight and wisdom about where to focus their time and energy to make the greatest impact for His kingdom.

Day of Fasting

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Joy in Malaysia: Joy* did the first year of her PhD education with a Malaysian university online from her hometown in East Asia. She developed a friendship with a believer, began attending an online group, and soon placed her faith in Christ. Joy has now arrived in **Malaysia** to continue her PhD in person and is able to join her small group at church. Pray that Joy’s time in Malaysia will be a time of growing near to Him.

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Return to the City: Pray for several believers who are returning to Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia**, after an extended time away. Pray that travel, quarantine, housing, schooling, and much more would come together. Pray for peace and joy as they make the transition and help their children walk this road. And most of all, praise God for opening the doors for many to return to the city!

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Praise Him for His Goodness: A young woman in **Malaysia** has recently come to know the Lord. Praise God she has already followed in baptism, as did one other young woman. Although not fully agreeing with their daughter's decision to follow the Lord, the young woman's parents personally attended her baptism! Please pray that her parents' hearts will be softened to believe and that they will soon be baptized as well.

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The Question Guy: Yay* rarely attends church and is known as "the question guy" because of his many skeptical questions. After a recent visit to church, he had new questions. He knows Buddhists must make their own merit but he doesn't know how much is enough to outweigh bad karma. At church, he learned that Christ makes merit for us to pay for our sins. Pray Yay will have faith like a child and believe in Jesus as his Savior.

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Be Bold: "Heavenly Father, I ask you to embolden your followers in the Bamboo Garden area of East Asia. Help them communicate your good news in love and grace. Lord, lift up more leaders to lead your sheep in this place where so few know you. Give the people there a desire to share the good news wherever they may be and empower them with your Holy Spirit to far exceed what they can ask or imagine. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Working for the Lord: Sheri* is a Chinese believer who wants to work for God. She realized her London neighborhood which continually welcomes new Hong Kong immigrants did not have an easily accessible Asian market, so she decided to open one herself! Pray the Lord will grant her favor in building relationships with new customers and for opportunities to share her faith as her new shop is a light for the gospel in her community.



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Lost Daughter: Mrs. Minnie* grew up Catholic but converted to her husband's religion after marriage. When an Eternal Peace Clinic team of believers visited her, she loved praying in Jesus' name. Later she and her husband attended a gospel drama which they greatly enjoyed. But she said she cannot come to church because she feels guilty for being away from God for decades. Like the Prodigal Son, pray the couple will return to the Father.

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New Focus: A new board has been formed in **Malaysia** to focus on planting churches among a major unreached people group. Previously, many believers had not been willing to reach out to this group. Pray for the efforts they are now making to raise up young people to reach this unreached people group, and that it results in many laborers for the harvest and many churches planted.

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Sowing Seeds: The Yokohama Team has been working for months to meet new people through English cafes. The Lord has encouraged the work with an average of 10 people attending each of the last four cafes. The gospel seeds sown have led to meeting separately with some of the attendees to share the gospel more fully with them. Pray the Holy Spirit will protect these newly sown seeds as He draws hearers to saving faith in Jesus.

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Chau and Mai: Desiring to share the gospel, disciple new believers, and start churches where there is no gospel witness, Chau* and Mai* have decided to quit their taxing, long hour jobs to start a small business. This will give them flexibility and allow them to work in the neighborhood where they minister. Pray their business will be successful and God will bring new believers for a new church start.

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Breaching the Walls: The evil one builds physical, emotional, and spiritual walls aiming to keep God out and to block the spread of the gospel. There are times when the walls seem too great to overcome, and we may want to give up. Our confidence is in God's Spirit who is not limited by these walls. Pray with us for God to show His power in breaching the impenetrable walls and boundaries, just as He did when Joshua entered Jericho.

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Education Center: Pray for an unreached people group's education center. Providing educational and spiritual needs, the center is looking to expand its teaching and train believers for ministry. Pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and safety for the workers, partners, and students. Ask the Lord to keep this unique school operational so the unreached people can receive basic education and learn of God's salvation.

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New Believers Struggling: Pray for Lao* and his mother who are new believers and have a hunger for spiritual growth. Lao struggles with bipolar disorder. Pray he will continue seeking medical help and not turn to illicit drugs, and pray he will be a healthy witness to others. Pray for his mother who struggles taking care of him. Pray she will hunger to be part of the church and that she will be safe when her son acts out.

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Drifting Children: A believing couple committed to Jesus have struggled to disciple their children. They did not have access to Christian materials when their children were younger. Now, like many other local Christian families, one of their children is not seeking God or wanting to understand who Christ is. Pray these parents and others like them will receive training on how to love and disciple their children.

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To Win a Husband: Sokngim* is a new Cambodian believer, but her husband has not come to saving faith yet. Sokngim works every day of the week and has very little free time, but she agreed to meet with a mature female believer weekly on her break-time at her workplace. Initially her husband showed high interest, but lately is standoffish. Pray the Father will draw his heart to Himself.

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A Gift from Jesus Followers: Judie* heard Ziya* was quarantined with little rice so she purchased food, but didn't know her address. The shopkeeper "happened" to know Ziya and others along the way that Judie recognized from the Muslim market, but God clearly set the path. When Ziya called later Judie said Jesus's followers had provided the food. Ask God to open the hearts of Ziya's and her Muslim neighbors.

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House Sweeping: Pray for Hakka believers to remove household gods and all ceremonial tools used in activities to worship ancestors and other gods. This "house sweep" is a time of great celebration, but also a time of spiritual challenge and resistance from their families. Pray for their homes to be filled with His love, peace, and joy as they celebrate new spiritual beginnings and cleansing.

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Cross-cultural Missions: Malaysian believers are excited to begin working in partnership with a new cross-cultural mission training initiative that God has orchestrated. New work and partnerships always energize both new and mature believers alike. How exciting to see God work! Pray for the inner workings of the partnership with local churches and believers as they work for the advance of the truth in spiritual darkness.

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Salvation of 2000 Households: Pray for 2,000 households of Atagohama Community in Japan where the Lord has opened outreach opportunities. The leaders of the community's public center invited missionaries to hold a cooking and cultural exchange class. Pray the event goes smoothly and the good news of Jesus Christ will be presented clearly, stirring the hearts of the listeners as the gospel impacts this community.



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Family Becoming the Church: Since 2021, trips to TanLes* have resulted in multiple family members trusting in Jesus and being baptized! This family, stretching across three different homes, meets weekly to hear the Word of God through an audio Bible. Pray they will grow in understanding and boldness to proclaim the gospel to other family members and neighbors. Pray they will covenant together identifying as a new church.

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Zero Counties: In 1990, after 70 years of Soviet control, Mongolia opened its doors to the gospel. Widespread evangelism began in '92 and in 2-3 years, about half the population heard the gospel for the first time, and churches were planted. But of the 331 total counties in Mongolia, there are still about 200 counties with no church ("zero counties"). Ask God for church planters for "zero counties".

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Summer meetings: Summer months in Malaysia are a time of refreshment for believers who take time to attend summer meetings specifically for the encouragement of their walk with Christ. Partnering churches help support these meetings as one facet of gospel advancement amidst the hard soil. Pray this summer will be life-giving time for those attending these meetings, especially after two years without the opportunity to join with others.

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Family and marriage seminar: A 15-week online marriage and family seminar will be held for couples living in one of the Melting Cities. Pray that all couples attending will experience God by learning about the beauty of what a godly Christian family looks like. Pray there will be no technical issues and no safety concerns in this online meeting. Pray God will transform these families for His glory.



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Church at Mat's Home: Praise the Lord with us for Mat*! He came to faith a few months ago through the witness of his wife, who has been a believer for a while. A church has formed at their home and meets weekly. Mat has joined a New Testament theological training class and is excited to grow in his faith. Please pray for Mat, for the group meeting at his home, and for the church's witness in their community.

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Who Will Say "Send Me": After a month-long prayer focus for the Malong people, a challenge was given to women's groups in local churches. Who will support young people going to live and serve among the Malong? Who will go themselves and help show love and teach truth in Malong communities? Who will educate others about how much these people need to hear the message of hope in Jesus? Pray many will answer the call.

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New Brother in the Family: How long does it take to see a Japanese student come to believe in Jesus? One Tokyo Global City Team member shared that he and his pastor had been sharing with a young man for two and a half years! The young man had also been hearing the gospel from his Christian friends while in a university for three years. In January 2022, he finally decided to believe the gospel and follow Jesus!

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Opposition Arises: Pray for Mark* serving in the Northern Maluku Islands. A few young men have believed and stiff opposition has arisen from the majority religion. Threats have been made, and groups of men have come to Mark's house looking for him and his family, though thankfully they had already returned to their home village. Pray for wisdom for those continuing the work there as Mark's family may relocate to a new place.



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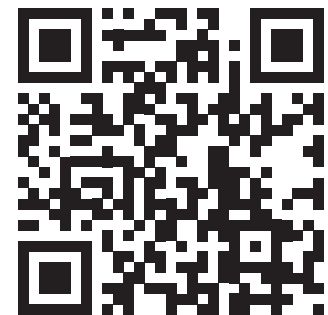
Materialism: As disposable incomes increase across South Korea, the obsession with "more" is plain to see. Satan has blinded many to think they will be content if they just have more of whatever they are chasing. Materialism is the opposite of contentment because human desire is never satisfied. Only God can truly satisfy. Pray Korean people will be released from materialism's grip and set free to hear from God.

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Flood Season: Thousands have been evacuated during this year's "flood season". From October to March flooding is common on **Malaysia's** eastern coast, but unusually heavy rainfall has caused many deaths, displaced persons, and labored emergency services. Pray local believers will be the help that people need during this time by sharing the love of Jesus amidst loss of lives and other hardships the floods can bring.

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