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FACT SHEET

Malaysia



YOUR PARTNERS IN MISSION

The Lutheran Church of Australia has relationships with Lutheran Churches (LWF affiliations) in West Malaysia (Peninsula) and in East Malaysia (Sabah).

In West Malaysia the LCA has existing partnerships and long-standing relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (ELCM) which started as a mission to people of Tamil background people and the Lutheran Church in Malaysia (LCM), which began as a result of ministry and mission to people of Chinese heritage.

In East Malaysia the LCA has an established relationship and long-term partnership with the Basel Christian Church in Malaysia (BCCM). More recently through the establishment of the Lutheran Study Centre at Seminary Theologica Sabah (STS) which has been at the request of the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Malaysia and Singapore (FELCMS) and the support of the LCA, the LCA this has also opened the door 'slightly' to the establishment of a relationship in Sabah with the Protestant Church in Sabah (PCS).

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- STM (Seminary Theology Malaysia)
- LCM Orang Asli
- Support for curriculum development of Early Learning Centre (Kiara)
- Scholarships
- LCA guest lecturers

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Speech/physical therapy, craft skills, music, sport, nursing, Special Ed at Bethany Home

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

You already support mission work in Malaysia through your prayers and weekly offerings. But if you would like to work more closely with the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Malaysia, you could talk to any of these congregations or schools about the blessings of a partnership:

- Immanuel College, SA with Bethany Home
- Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Palmerston NT with Bethany Home
- Manawatu Lutheran Parish, LCNZ with Rumah Chrestus
- SHWALLY (Springhead Woodside and Lobethal Lutheran Youth) with Lutheran Church in Malaysia youth and Orang Asli



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ERIN KERBER *your Malaysia Program Officer*

I'm here to help you and encourage you to join God's mission in Malaysia.

The population shows great ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious diversity. Within this diversity a significant distinction is made for administrative purposes between indigenous peoples (including Malays) and immigrant populations (primarily Chinese and South Asians). Constituting about half of the country's population, the Malays are officially defined in part by their adherence to a specific religion, Islam. I'm meeting people who have hope for God's kingdom to be spread in Malaysia among the majority Muslim community. I'd love to visit your congregation, school or group to discuss ways you can partner with our Lutheran friends in Malaysia.

MISSION EXPERIENCES FOR YOU!

PRAY

Sign up to our e-newsletter to receive updates and prayer points. Simply go to www.lca.org.au/enews, add your email address and select LCA International Mission. Done!

CONNECT

Talk to me about a Malaysian partnership. You can pray for your partners in mission, raise funds for projects, and receive updates about the exciting work God is doing among the people you support. (You'll gain more than you give, you know!)

GIVE

Visit our Donate page and select the Malaysian projects God is nudging you to support. www.lca.org.au/international-mission/donate
If websites are out of your comfort zone, just call me; I'll help you to donate any way you want.



GO

Want the face-to-face experience? Sure! You can join a mission team or create one from your congregation, school or small group, even your family. Or you can volunteer to teach English or computing for short stints, or do the handyman thing. Do you think God might be calling you to serve in Malaysia? Call me (Erin) to talk about it.

ABOUT MALAYSIA

Malaysia is located partly on a peninsula of the Asian mainland and partly on the northern third of the island of Borneo. West (peninsular) Malaysia shares a border with Thailand, is connected by a causeway to Singapore, and has coastlines on the South China Sea and the Straits of Malacca. East Malaysia (Borneo) shares borders with Brunei and Indonesia.

Malaysia is a mix of the modern world and a developing nation. With its investment in the high-technology industries and moderate oil wealth, it has become one of the richer nations in Southeast Asia. Malaysia, for most visitors, presents a happy mix: there is high-tech infrastructure and things generally work well and more or less on schedule, but prices remain more reasonable than some other countries.

	Malaysia	Australia
Population	30,950,000	24,189,000
Religions	Muslim (official) 61%, Buddhist 20%, Christian 9%, Hindu 6%	Christian 55.4%, None 22.3%, Unspecified 9.3%
UN World Ranking	62	2
Below poverty line*	3.8%	N/A
Literacy	94.6%	96%
Infant mortality	12.9 per 1000 births	4.3 per 1000 births
Life expectancy	75 years	82.2 years
Clean Water	98.2%	100%
Proper sanitation	96%	100%

* Definitions of poverty vary but often considered to be US\$2 or less a day.

MORE INFORMATION

You can view videos and read stories about God's mission in Malaysia, on your LCA International Mission website www.lca.org.au/international-mission or call or email me (Erin) erin.kerber@lca.org.au | lcaim@lca.org.au | 08 8267 7300