Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: God's World

| A. God, I pray this week for Your world: | | | | |
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| 1. | Where there is conflict & war: | | | |
| 2. | Where there is disaster & need: | | | |
| 3. | Where there is poverty: | | | |
| B. God, I pray this week for your Church in the world: | | | | |
| 1. | Where there is revival & growth: | | | |
| 2. | Where there is oppression & suffering: | | | |
| 3. | Where there is ambivalence & laziness: | | | |
| C. The Cry of my heart this morning for Your church today is: | | | | |
| | 1. 2. 3. God, I 1. 2. 3. | | | |

D. Praying for one another:

Healing & Strength: Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood,

Sylvia Gibson

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Nation we are in prayer for this week

Malaysia - Asia



| Religion | F | Pop % A | nn Gr |
|---------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Christians | 2,632,289 | 9.43 | 1.9 |
| Evangelicals | 1,207,985 | 4.3 | 2.9 |
| Muslim | 17,476,949 | 62.61 | |

Geography

Area: 330,434 sq km

Two distinct parts: Peninsular (West) Malaysia on the Kra peninsula of

mainland Asia (PM), and East Malaysia (EM) consisting of the territories of Sarawak and Sabah on the northern third of the island of Borneo. Well-watered, tropical rainforest.

Population 27,913,990 Annual Growth: 1.72% Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Challenges for Prayer

Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a centre for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. A number of converts find life difficult – pressure comes from family, work and society. Emigration is often seen as an obvious and safe option. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

Ministry opportunities for foreign Christians are under threat, but remain important. A crackdown on Islamist extremism resulted in some Christian ministries being shut down and visas denied. Several agencies are involved in a wide range of activities, usually supporting and enhancing the national Church and meeting humanitarian needs. Jordan also hosts a language school wherein many learn Arabic for their service in the Arab world. Pray that these expatriates' lives may commend the Lord Jesus and gain witness opportunities. Pray that the well-placed Jordanian Church might experience growth in its mission vision.