MALAYSIA: OUTREACH AMONG INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS

THE NEED

Christian evangelism in Malaysia is permitted, by law, only among non-Malay and non-Muslim peoples.

For more than 60 years, the Lutheran Church in Malaysia has functioned primarily as an ethnic-Chinese church. With Malaysian laws prohibiting proselytism among Malay, who are presumed Muslim, and Muslim people, evangelism within the country is challenging. However, there are many groups to reach, including the Orang Asli indigenous peoples of West Malaysia.

The Orang Asli is a traditionally hunter-gatherer group. They live in isolated communities throughout Malaysia, which have often been left behind in the development of the country.

Through evangelism and outreach, as well as developing faithful leaders in ways that are appropriate for their own culture, we can build the Lutheran church and share the gospel with groups of the Orang Asli.

In addition to broadening and deepening the outreach of the Lutheran Church in Malaysia, the project also seeks to provide social ministry support with and for the Orang Asli people. Projects include education support for children, hostels for children who otherwise are too far from schools to attend, job training, food for those in isolated communities and much more. Through Malaysia: Outreach Among Indigenous Neighbors, we can raise $500,000 to share the love of God with our brothers and sisters in Malaysia.

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The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far. Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion church bodies around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas, and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in Malaysia is one of 14 new Global Ministries introduced as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.

HELP US DO MORE!

Make a gift to Malaysia: Outreach Among Indigenous Neighbors.

ONLINE Make a secure credit card donation by visiting community.ELCA.org/Malaysia.

MAIL Make checks payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with “Malaysia: Outreach Among Indigenous Neighbors — GCS4021” in the check’s memo line. Mail checks to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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