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## Becky's Update

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## A Change of Scenery

I've just returned from a two week visit to Malaysia. Above is the scene outside the apartment I stayed in the Kuala Lumpur area. Talk about city, it stretched high and wide in so many directions. Quite the contrast to here, for sure. Modern, clean, busy, to name a few differences. The whole trip was full of newness for me and it was really interesting to observe and learn. The biggest thing for me was the amazing multi-cultural aspect of the country, with both the long settled Malay, Chinese, and Indian descent people, but also with the myriad of different nations represented with migrant workers and

refugees. Fascinating to see how it all melds together, as well as how each group often holds to their own different foods, traditions and religions.



Mosques, Churches, Hindu Temples, and Chinese Taoist Temples - often all in the same areas or close-by each other.

Officially registered people from my country are close to 450,000 in Malaysia. There are also a large amount that are no longer registered or illegal. Most are migrant workers in factories, garment industries, and security guards. They usually work long hours 6 or even 7 days/week. Families aren't allowed, and many live in company hostels with limited access where they must stay. However, there are many small bodies in different areas of the country, usually supported to some degree by local bodies. Trained leadership and discipleship that can speak the language can be hard to come by though, as only a few have any real training and locals don't know the language.

I traveled by train to Penang and then across to the island on a ferry. Nice to have efficient transportation that is actually quite easy to use. With more contacts in Penang, I had some good opportunities to meet with people already working in my area of interest and get a good feel for what the current situation is. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to meet with two different fellowships and share three times- all within 24 hours from Saturday-Sunday evenings. I was blessed by their open welcome and encouraged by the response to the Word.



I definitely see the need and possibilities in this harvest field. Much more could be done. But there are some very real challenges to considering this as a part-time serving situation. Ask for our Father to make it clear for what to do.



I don't think I've ever been grabbed for more pictures and selfies than in the last few weeks. Just before going to Malaysia, I attended a three-day alumni seminar for women that have taken the Women's Leadership Training that I helped start and worked with for many years. For a many years now, this has continued with complete national leadership. Although not as many of "my" students were there because of the longer time frame, it was still great to touch base with those that did come. As well as to interact with many of the others, and share in a teaching session. There were close to 200 ladies; and a very diverse group indeed. This was a chance to encourage them in their work, as well as give some spiritual refreshment and challenge from the Word. It brought back many sweet memories of those years. As far as pictures, I think it is the language that is the draw, somehow it just opens the doors very quickly.





## And here we go again

It's a quick turnover again. We had a day-long meeting with my org partners here. Then I touched base with the body I am a part of, including a bit of extra tea chat and nailing down some future planning dates. Now I am feeling a bit frantic trying to prepare for my next trip in a couple days.

You may remember the BiG Mission that I talked about in previous letters. They are getting ready to start the first training. So I'll be going out to spend several days with planning, developing curriculum, and helping to orient and prepare potential teachers. Then next week I jump in with the first week of classes. Lots of prep work to try to fit into a very short time. The training will be modular, one week of classes/month and hopefully application within their own body during the off weeks

This is quite a new approach, and everyone's desire is for a training that will really transform and prepare some new workers in very practical ways. We need a lot of wisdom and help getting things clarified and preparing, getting the right kind of students (I know its quick- but this is the way things work....), for each teacher, and especially for Laxman, who will be coordinating all this as well as teaching.

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