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Dear Rakan Penabur,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

We trust that all of us are still faithfully sowing (our time, resources and talents) especially where Bahasa Malaysia publishing ministry is concerned. Remember what Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seeds on the ground. He sleeps at night and is awake during the day. The seeds sprout and grow, although the man doesn't know how. The ground produces grain by itself. First the green blade appears then the head, then the head full of grain. As soon as the grain is ready, he cuts it with a sickle, because harvest time has come." "How can we show what the kingdom of God is like? To what can we compare it? It's like a mustard seed planted in the ground. The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds on earth. However, when planted, it comes up and becomes taller than all the garden plants. It grows such large branches that birds can nest in its shade." (Mark 4:26-32)

Here are some updates from Wawasan Penabur:

Wawasan Penabur Sdn Bhd was finally registered as a legal entity mid-March 2009. We would like to thank the elders and leaders of Pusat Injil Kelana Jaya (PIKJ), for allowing us usage of the church premises as our temporary office space.

The root of the tree in our logo is the nib of the pen representing the work of the writers, editors and publishers who are sowing the seed through the word. The tree of course represents the new community that grows and flourishes out of this work.



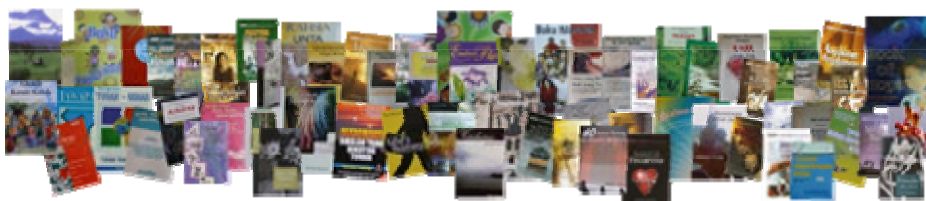
Our vision is *"To publish and disseminate Christian resources in Bahasa Malaysia in response to the acute shortage of Christian publications for the two-thirds Bahasa speaking indigenous Christians in Malaysia"*.

And to these, we have 3 main goals:

- To identify, develop, publish, aggregate existing titles from other publishers and distribute Christian resources in Bahasa Malaysia
- To mobilise and network with Bahasa Malaysia Christian writers, translators, editors and publishers
- To equip indigenous people groups in Malaysia as disciples in Christ through the use of Christian media resources

Currently, our website is being developed by a volunteer

Wawasan Penabur Resource Center (WPRC) has been set-up to serve as a library for Bahasa Malaysia Christian publications and resources. We would like to thank the Sabah Theological Seminary in KK, BM Resource Center of Malaysian Baptist Theological seminary in Penang, RBC Ministries in Johor Bahru, Pristine World and Scripture Union in Selangor, Book of Hope Malaysia, and individuals who have contributed books to WPRC. Please inform and introduce us if you know of writer(s) who are doing some Bahasa Malaysia works somewhere. We believe it is like a hidden treasure which one day will come to surface.



Project updates

- Young Teen Aflame(YTA) & Youth Aflame (YA) Translation is now being translated to Bahasa Malaysia. This is a 5-Year Integrated curriculum for Youths between the ages of 13-18. YTA & YA are developed to systematically teach our young people to know their faith and to challenge them to live their lives faithfully as God's young people in this nation. They are designed to incorporate creative and practical ways to make the gospel relevant to the needs of our young people. The Bahasa Malaysia version will be published by Wawasan Penabur, but sponsored by Issachar Sdn. Bhd.



- The first draft of the **Apologetic** book, *Tetap Teguh*, is done and currently being edited by a few *Rakan* before we take them to different groups of people (from school students, university Christian fellowship group, youth group to young adults) to test the contents before we start printing and distributing. Apologetics and Doctrine go hand in hand. Doctrine describes WHAT we believe, and Apologetics confirm WHY we believe. This apologetic book project in Bahasa Malaysia covers a vast amount of subjects—from God, Jesus, Bible to suffering and redemption of sin. It is hoped that this project will help obedient Bahasa speaking Christians to bolster his faith, AND to prepare to answer questions about his faith.



- Partnership with organization and churches to develop **Children Church Materials in Bahasa Malaysia**. Pray for Pristine World and SIB KL as they undertake the pilot project of translating *Children's Bible Explorer Student Activity Workbook Ages 6-7* from *Kejadian Jilid 1: Dari Penciptaan Sehingga Abraham*

Mark Your Calendar: Rakan Penabur Meeting

On 24th May 1738, John Wesley had his Aldersgate Experience when he wrote "I felt my heart strangely warmed". That's what some of our Penabur members (Roshan, Alvin & Huey Fern) felt when they drove up to Penang talking about starting a Bahasa Malaysia publishing initiative towards end of May last year! So, a **Rakan Penabur Meeting** is being planned for end of May 2009 (You will be informed!) and we hope to see more writers, translators, publishers, BM work beneficiaries and those have hearts for Bahasa Malaysia work in Malaysia to come for a time of sharing and fellowship.

Finally...

Wishing you a good Easter... Hallelujah, Christ has risen! And He has risen indeed!!

How Can You Participate?

Be a sower! There are a lot of ways you can participate in this ministry.

- Join the working or/and support team.** Churches, Christian organizations and individuals all over Malaysia are encouraged to help the Bahasa speaking Christians.
- Develop partnerships.** Bahasa Christian writers, translators, editors and publishers.
- Raise funds and capacity building.** Books have to be made available on affordable basis to the Bahasa speaking Christians. Facilitators need to be trained to use Christian media resources.
- Identify strategic beneficiaries.** Adopt Bahasa speaking Christians by area in East Malaysia. Commit a few years with regular trips to help them spiritually. Organise teaching mission trips, run short term equipping courses, engage some long term community development work in the interior, subsidise Bahasa publications and teaching materials for the leaders.
- Involve in some of the translation/writing projects.** From conducting a research to writing... we need you!!
- Volunteering in administration, web development and conducting research.** Making discipleship materials available on the web and CDs means we need volunteers. And research will help us to produce quality resources.
- Wawasan Penabur Resource Centre.** Help us to build a library to house all Bahasa Malaysia Christian books by donating your Christian books (in Bahasa Malaysia only!) for our resource centre.
- Pray intentionally.** "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builder's labor in vain, and unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain". Please be our prayer partners.

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