

A quarterly newsletter linking Christian Bahasa writers, publishers, Bahasa churches and ministry workers around Malaysia

## 2011 Easter Campaign: "Satu Keluarga, Satu Buku Cerita Alkitab"

Recently Wawasan Penabur launched the "Satu Keluarga, Satu Buku Cerita Alkitab" (One Family, One Bible Story Book) on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011, at St Paul's Church PJ. Alfred Tais in his opening speech mentioned that we are not able to import Christian books from Indonesia since 1980s, due to restriction from the Government especially where 'Allah' issue is concerned.

Our future generations (children & youth) will grow up without much Christian materials to help them grow spiritually. They probably know Islam better than their own religion as that's what they have been exposed to every day in school and thru mass-media. That's why there is a need to create awareness among Christian parents of their role and responsibilities in bringing up

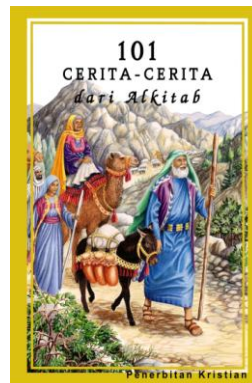


The campaign was launched by Pr. Sam Ang, NECF Secretary General. He stressed that Malaysian churches, particularly the BM-speaking churches, in dire need of more resources, especially when the church is facing tremendous challenge with the latest stamping of 35,100 Alkitab, and other restrictions.

He then launched the "101 Cerita-Cerita Dari Alkitab" family book that was published specifically for this campaign. The gathering ended with approx. 1 hour of intercessions for the nation lead by various church leaders across denominations.

To make this campaign a success, you could play your role by:

- (1) Explain the purpose of the campaign each time you give away "101 Cerita-Cerita dari Alkitab" to the stakeholders. Explain to your congregation of their responsibilities in bringing up the next generation of children & youth that will know and love God.
- (2) Encourage the parents in your church to use the book in setting up their family altar, to build up the faith of their children right from the early years. This will prevent them from being attracted to other religion particularly Islam, and begin to be rooted in the Word of God thru the Bible stories.
- (3) You and your church could also sponsor the books so that they can be disseminate to the kindergartens, children homes, long houses and churches in the interior of Sabah & Sarawak, and the Orang Asli Ministry.
- (4) Take time to pray for the campaign this Easter. Ask the Lord to use this family book as a seed of revival in Bahasa-speaking Christian families.



May the Lord bless your ministry among the Bahasa-speaking Christians and families.

A few words...



Greetings!

There is a Malay saying, "when others give, we tasted". And the Bible tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. We hope that more churches and individuals will give towards the sowing, growing and spreading Christian resources in BM especially to the interior of Sabah & Sarawak.

We need more funding to print "101 Cerita-Cerita Dari Alkitab" so that we could distribute them cheaply, widely and swiftly.

We are also in the process of writing/translating a 408 pages, coloured illustration children Bible, **Alkitab Kanak-Kanak**, for the future generations and leaders of our BM-speaking churches.

You and your church definitely can play a role in this ministry!

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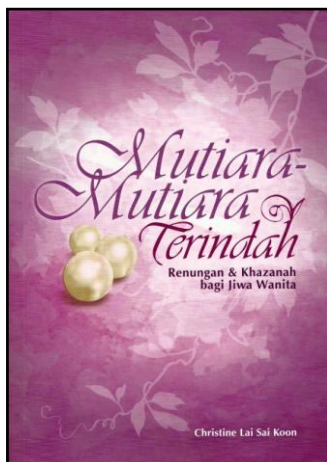
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## Resources

Praise God that how we have a complete set of OBOR Belia (Buku 1-25), a 5-year youth discipleship curriculum.



Log-in to our website to find out more about other Christian resources in Bahasa Malaysia.



New book from Sword Publishing. "Mutiara-Mutiara Terindah" by Christine Lai. (RM 21.00)

## Awake, East Malaysia!

"Awake, East Malaysia" seminar is the follow-up of last year's "East Malaysia Awareness" seminar, moving on from being aware of what's going on in Sabah & Sarawak, to doing something practical in addressing the issues facing by the BM-speaking churches of Sabah, Sarawak and Orang Asli. With the theme, "**Bangkit dan Bersinarlah**" based on Isaiah 60:1, we are calling the BM-speaking churches to rise up and shine for Christ, especially in facing the encroachment of Islamization in pre-schools, schools, colleges and even among our working youth.

The seminar will also touch on the special points for Sabah & Sarawak. Our speakers (hand-on practitioners) will also open our eyes to see what are the issues we are currently facing, not just Sabah & Sarawak, but also our Orang Asli brethren in Semenanjung.

Speakers for "Awake, East Malaysia!" Seminar:

- ❖ **Alfred Tais** - NECF BM Commisison Executive Sec. His passion is to see a strong BM and OA church in Malaysia.
- ❖ **Bishop Melter Tais** - ordained as the first Bumiputera Assistant Bishop of Anglican Diocese of Sabah.
- ❖ **Dr. Andrew Areia** - Lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.
- ❖ **Dr. Colin Nicholas** - Coordinator, Center for Orang Asli Concerns.
- ❖ **Jubilie Apin** - Mission & student pastor, SIB Likas.
- ❖ **Lim Heng Seng** - 30 years of constitutional experience. He is helping the church thru his writing, research and talks especially on Federal Constitutional.
- ❖ **Maklin Masiau** - Chairman of the Sabah Christian Teachers Association and Pitas Council of Churches.

*Check our website for more info on our speakers!*

**AWAKE**  
*East Malaysia*  
**BANGKIT & BERSINARLAH!**  
*Seminar, Dialogue & Cultural Performances*  
7th May 2011 (Saturday), Dream Center DUMC, PJ

More than 67% of the Christian population in Malaysia are the Bahasa-speaking Christian, and majority of them are the Bumiputeras of Sabah and Sarawak. Yet we are endanger of losing the next generation of Christians and leaders as the church is facing the aggressive encroachment of other major faith. What actions are we taking to combat these? We can be a help to catalysts the revivals among the BM-speaking Christians! Let's **Arise and Shine** for Him!

**Seminar Speakers & Dialogue Panelists:**  
Alfred R. Tais (Executive Secretary, BM Commission NECF)  
Bishop Melter J. Tais (Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Sabah)  
Dr. Andrew Aeria (Lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak)  
Dr. Colin Nicholas (Coordinator, Center for Orang Asli Concerns)  
Jubilie Apin (Mission & Student Pastor, Sidang Injil Borneo Likas)  
Lim Heng Seng (Lawyer, Writer and Editor)  
Maklin Masiau (Chairman, Sabah Christian Teachers Association)

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.  
(Isaiah 60:1)*

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## Announcements

### ◆ Register Now!!

Don't miss the "Awake, East Malaysia" 2011 seminar. Visit our website for more information.

### ◆ Office Space Needed

We are running out of space, with currently more than 28 titles of books and thousands of Children Bibles! If you have an empty house or office space that you would like to be used for ministry, please contact us!