

## East Malaysia Awareness

Many of us are still ignorant about East Malaysia. We know about Gunung Kinabalu, Mulu Cave, the Ibans, and Kadazans; but further than that, we almost know nothing.

The East Malaysia Awareness: Seminar, Dialogue and Cultural Performances jointly organised by Wawasan Penabur and BM Commission NECF last 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010, proven to be an eye opener for many. The challenges that East Malaysians are facing, ranging from social, economic to politics are something the West Malaysian Christians should be aware and informed of.

A total of 244 participants across denominations, and came as far as Sabah, Johor and Kedah, attended the seminar and dialogue which aimed to raise awareness of the current challenges and issues faced by our Bahasa speaking brethren (especially in Sabah, Sarawak and the Orang Asli).

With the theme, "What does the LORD require of you?" (Micah 6:8), we pray that all of us will not just make aware, but will also be challenged to do something for the BM speaking Christians. Actions have to be taken. We should, as God's people in this land, be doers not just hearers, to the issues affecting the Bahasa speaking churches and Christians.

The speakers and panelists gave very informative information that not only opened our minds, but also our hearts to respond to the needs.

The morning sessions focus on Islamization issue faces by Sabah & Sarawak Christians, and they are not to be taken lightly. Both Alfred and Baru gave a very good bird eye view of the currently politic and religions scenarios in Sabah & Sarawak.

Maklin gave a very comprehensive talk on how Islamization is happening in schools, and how it is incorporated so subtle with the current school curriculum, that our children are being exposed to it even at the age of kindergarten.

The afternoon session focused on our rights as Christians. Heng Seng talked from the judicial and Constitution point of view. Stemmah spoke on the current Allah issue; and Bakar talked about the challenges faced by the Orang Asli community.

Whilst it has lots of topics to cover, we realized that time is just too short. The feedback we received was to have a longer session in future. A two-day seminar will benefit all.



A few words...



Dear friends,

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. And for those who have attended the recent East Malaysia Awareness Seminar & Dialogue, we pray that you will continue to act on what have been shared.

We continue to distribute our OBOR discipleship materials to Sabah & Sarawak.

If you or your church felt challenged, and called to partner with us in this ministry - from funding, praying to distributing - please contact us at [wawasan.penabur@gmail.com](mailto:wawasan.penabur@gmail.com). We love to hear from you.

Enjoy this issue and be challenged.

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We published another 3 books in this Quarter: OBOR Belia Buku 7, 8 & 9. Please log-into our website for more information.



A new book was launched during the East Malaysia Seminar: “**Lakukan Apa Yang Benar**” is the translation of Kairos Research’s Doing What Is Right. It is a practical guide on legal matters for churches in Malaysia. **RM 8** per copy.

Please contact us if you have recently written and published a Christian book in Bahasa Malaysia. As an aggregator, Wawasan Penabur committed to let others know about the book.



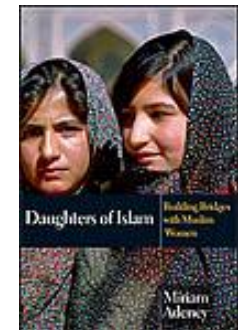
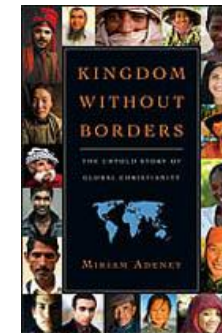
The cultural performance in the evening was a big success. With the theme “Cultural Journey Through Sabah & Sarawak”, we have highlighted various tribes that currently going thru some ‘systematic encroachment’. Many for the first time heard about small tribes like Dusun Kimaragang, Dusun Tabilung, Kadazan Papar, various Orang Ulu tribes etc.

The Lord visited us that night when people start to intercede for the various tribes as they performance their traditional dances. A total of 9 Bahasa speaking churches have participated in the cultural performances and well attended by 380 people.



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