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Awake, East Malaysia!

A total of 365 participants attended the "Awake, East Malaysia" Seminar on 5th July 2011. The theme song, "Bangkit dan Bersinarlah!" was written by several youths from Telupid, Sabah - a call for Christians to rise up, shine and be counted for Christ in this land for such a time as this.

After a short introduction on Wawasan Penabur, **Alfred Tais** spoke with much conviction and passion. The concern is urgent. The encroachment using state agencies is real. "We have to arise and awaken. If not, we will sleep forever," he added.

Dr. Colin Nicholas spoke on land issues and Islamisation among the Orang Asli. Being an activist, Colin also pointed out that the Orang Asli are not just being Islamised, but also Christianised and Bahai-sed! Land issues are also faced by the Orang Asal of Sabah and Sarawak. **Baru Bian** spoke on rights for Native Customary Land, and the Bible's perspective on land rights.



Lim Heng Seng spoke on the rights of Sarawak and Sabah, particularly on the 18 Points and 20 Points Agreements, which East Malaysian Christians are not even aware of! We were alerted on the alarming encroachment of the 'major faith' in Sabah (and Sarawak) with the inroad through KEMAS nurseries and kindies. There are 33 nurseries and 1,064 kindergartens spread over a huge area in Sabah. "More will be started through the NKRA and the increase is beyond our imagination," **Maklin Masiau** said. We were also awakened to the inaccuracy of the secondary school history textbooks and the danger that poses.



PATI (Pendatang Tanpa Izin) is a major concern. From 1970 to 2001, the "Malay" population of Sabah increased by 1,552% compared to 162% for KadazanDusun and Murut and 344% for Bajau/Iranun. "Illegal immigrants were given ICs upon condition that they convert to Isl*m. Once converted, they are considered as Malay," **Jubilee Apin** said. "Current data shows that 11 people convert to Isl*m daily in Sabah, and we are facing a great danger because it is all done so subtly," he added.

Ranie Entan from PIKJ shared her experience in Universiti Malaya. She was saved from that path because she met a Christian senior who brought her to church, where she was welcomed and embraced. The morning session was wrapped up by **Simon Petrus** (SIB Semenanjung) and the afternoon session by **Oh Bee Leng** (DUMC).

Approximately 380 people came for the "Cultural Journey Thru Sabah & Sarawak" Night Celebration. Ten churches participated in worship and cultural performances from various East Malaysian tribes. **Bishop Melter Tais** brought to a close the 2011 "Awake, East Malaysia" event at about 11:15 pm, challenging the people to rise up, shine and be counted for Christ in Malaysia.



A few words...



Greetings!

We thank God for the "Awake, East Malaysia" - Seminar, Dialogue & Cultural Event on the 7th May, 2011 at Dream Center, PJ.

We also thank God for the 16,000 copies of "101 Cerita-Cerita Dari Alkitab" that have been distributed widely and swiftly since February 2011.

We are now asking you to prayerfully consider supporting the first printing (and many more subsequent printings) of our 408-page, coloured illustrated Children Bible, **Alkitab Kanak-Kanak**, for the future generations and leaders of our BM-speaking churches.

Indeed, "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10).

God bless you and your ministry!

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Alkitab Kanak-Kanak

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
(Proverbs 22:6)

We continue to hear lots of stories and reports about the indigenous Bahasa-speaking churches in Sabah & Sarawak losing their children to the ‘major faith’ daily. The systematic strategies begin at a very young age in KEMAS-run nurseries and kindergartens; leading up to the offer of school, college or university scholarships upon religious conversion. “...Time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” (Romans 13:11)

The lack of Bahasa resources to build up the faith of the children and youth is a pressing issue. The shortage of Alkitab has now reached a crisis. Many of our Bahasa-speaking children and youths have no access to them since birth. We are totally relying upon the Alkitab imported from a neighboring country, but would our children be able to fully understand the language?

Our conscience simply does not permit us to close an eye to the needs of the 1.7 million (approximate 65%) of Bahasa-speaking Christians in this land. What are the practical steps we can take? How about GIVING?

This year, Wawasan Penabur is concentrating on publishing materials for families and children. We have published and distributed widely the “101 Cerita-Cerita Dari Alkitab” since February 2011, targeting to distribute 30,000 copies this year. To date, we have distributed 16,000 copies.

We are currently working on producing a 408-page “Alkitab Kanak-Kanak”, scheduled to be printed in August/September, and distributed in preparation for our “Satu Anak, Satu Alkitab” campaign in October/November 2011.

Wawasan Penabur therefore needs your financial support to get the first 10,000 copies printed. We aim to distribute at least 60,000 copies by the end of 2012.

If you believe and are convinced that we should train up Bahasa-speaking Christian children and youths, build up their faith and strengthen their walk with Christ, we urge you to consider giving today!



Some features:

- 408 full-coloured pages
- Major stories and events from Genesis to Revelation
- God’s Message made simple for all
- Text taken from the Alkitab rather than re-telling of stories to ensure that children familiarise themselves with the actual Scriptures

Announcement

◆ 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!

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