

Newsletter July - August 2012

May mercy, peace and love be increased to you in Jesus name.

The Kingdom of our God is an everlasting Kingdom! The Church of Jesus Christ is marching forward and nothing can hold her back (Matthew 16:18).

Thanks for standing with me in your prayers for my recent mission to Brunei. It was a fruitful mission in every sense of the word.

I still here some of you say "where is Brunei?" I hope the following info can help you.

The official name of Brunei is Negara Brunei Darussalam. Being translated it means: State of Brunei, the Abode of Peace. Its capital and largest city is Bandar Seri Begawan. The official and national languages are Bahasa Melayu (Malay) and Melayu Brunei (Brunei Malay)

Brunei, officially the Nation of Brunei, the Abode of Peace is a sovereign state located on the north coast of the island of Borneo, in Southeast Asia. Apart from its coastline with the South China Sea, it is completely surrounded by the state of Sarawak, Malaysia, and it is separated into two parts by the Sarawak district of Limbang. It is the only sovereign state completely on the island of Borneo, with the remainder of the island belonging to Malaysia and Indonesia. Brunei's population was 401,890 in July 2011.

Brunei became a British protectorate in 1888 and regained its independence from the United Kingdom on 1 January 1984.

Brunei has the second highest Human Development Index among the South East Asia nations after Singapore, and is classified as a developed country.

Her national Motto: "Sentiasa membuat kebajikan dengan petunjuk Allah" ("Always in service with God's guidance" (translation))

Though under the Sharia Law, Brunei maintains a pretentious freedom of religion. Other faiths are more tolerated than the Christian faith. Overt expression of the Christian faith is not welcomed. Some churches can meet under licence.

The few mission schools in the country are not allowed to teach Christianity, but are mandated to teach Islam.

Recently the state ministry of education has made the study of Arabic in schools also mandatory.

I spent three very hectic weeks in May conducting our Children's/Youth Ministry Course in the capital city, Bandar Seri Begawan, and in Kuala Belait. The main concentration was in Kuala Belait where we had 34 participants. The course was hosted by BTN Brunei.

Pray that all the participants will be found faithful in their service to God (1Corinthians 4:2).

Your earnest prayer is coveted for the expansion of our ParentingPoint Club and Training services. Pray for the timely completion of the ongoing whole scale review of our Children's/Youth Ministry Course in the UK.

Remain richly blessed.

Your co-labourer,

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