

## Resource Global Kuala Lumpur Spring 2020 Update

### Networking as CV19 lockdown in Malaysia continues

The current Malaysian government has announced a Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) as of May 1 until May 12. This means that even small outdoor activities such as taking a walk or jogging in your neighborhood have been illegal. It will likely be extended in some way until the end of May, after Ramadan and Eid travel time is finished. We held various group meet ups, hosted speakers, met individuals all over Zoom.

Here are some of the highlights:

- \* **April 15 “Wisdom Based Leadership”** : at 7:30pm we hosted Dr Hannah Stolze as she shared on the topic of Wisdom-Based Business. We had about 35 participants mostly from Malaysia, but also a few joining in from Singapore and Jakarta. It was a lively teaching and discussion afterwards. Here’s a quote from Hannah, ““As Christians in business, sometimes it is easy to feel like second class citizens in the global church. However, Scripture has a lot to say about how wisdom is engaged in business! In fact, throughout the wisdom literature of the Old Testament and the Gospels, the wise and the foolish are contrasted to demonstrate how we handle money, customers, and product development as we profitably conduct business with a higher purpose – to see God’s kingdom come and His will done on earth!”
- \* **April 18 “The Just Church” Bookclub**: I met with a group of young adult female industry leaders who have a heart for justice and how we as the church can be involved. There are 6 of us in this group and we will take turns facilitating discussing the chapters in Jim Martin’s book *The Just Church*.
- \* **April 20 Authority vs Leadership** Zoom. about 15 from Malaysia joined a call of over 150 who came together to listen to RZIM President Michael Ramsden share about Authority vs Leadership.
- \* April 22, met with Pastor Massimo Gei, Gospel City Network and discussed further collaboration, especially in the area of females in the marketplace. <https://christianitymalaysia.com/wp/concrete-suddenly-slipped/>
- \* April 28th met with Melissa Theng (Director - Alpha Asia Pacific) over Zoom. We discussed board member selection and development. She gave some good feedback on working together in the marketplace arena here in KL.
- \* We met with Alvin Ung a few times during these past months and discussed a variety of things. We talked about the meaning of mentoring versus coaching here in this local context. We also brainstormed about what true change looks



like and how the learning in our cohort times could be designed purposefully so that it's not just head knowledge but also leads to true heart change and action. Alvin has written a number of books. He co-authored *Taking Your Soul to Work* with R. Paul Stevens from Regent College in Vancouver. We are going through this with a couple we mentor to see if it could be a good resource to use for future cohorts since he's coming from a Malaysian work and faith context. Alvin Ung is also the author of *Together: Finding Purpose at the Crossroads of ME and WE* and *Barefoot Leadership*.

### Resource Global KL Pre-cohort/Pilot program

On March 28 and April 25 we met over Zoom again with three other couples as part of our KL pre-cohort mentoring group. Each couple comes from unique work backgrounds including McKinsey, family construction business, social enterprise, and consulting company to Malaysian faith-based non-profits. Each of the couples are involved in work and/or ministry to a high level. This group so far has expressed that it feels like a "rest" for them to receive and be built into, rather than continually giving out. Our purpose right now is to use the Resource Global articles in addition to other related resources.

On March 28, we discussed the first Resource Global curriculum article by Andrew Jung (Gospel-centered Story) with some additional questions relating to our city Kuala Lumpur and context here. We involved everyone on the call having them read and give input. We grappled with the four elements of the Gospel story - Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. They shared about their own testimony of faith in Christ thus far. We ended discussing the conclusion regarding Vanderstelt's book *Gospel Fluency* and is it possible to speak the truths of Christ into everything? Time for personal sharing was also given and a round of prayer for each other. Our intention is to also bring in spiritual formation exercises (Lectio divina, prayer of Examen, etc) to help slow down and provide a focused time to connect with God.

ON April 25, we had everyone share something unique about themselves that others wouldn't normally know about (i.e. famous relative, habit, etc). We then discussed Resource Global's Month 2 article by Deb Gorton (Gospel-Centered Identity). We also discussed Tim Keller's video "Our Identity: The Christian Alternative to Late Modernity's Story" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ehw87PqTwwKw> which they watched ahead of time. There was time for personal sharing and then we closed by having each husband pray for their wife, and then vice versa. We asked them to pray that their spouse would grow deeper in knowing their core identity is in



Christ. We look forward to the opportunity to resume meeting in person with one another.

### Upcoming Activities

\* Alvin Ung will hopefully be co-hosting a zoom call in MAY with Kathryn Leary Alsdorf. More details to follow soon.

\*May will be a transitional time as people come out from being home bound and return to work and a new “normal.”

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