

Resource Global Kuala Lumpur

September/ October 2020 Update

Recruitment for 2021

We've held three info sessions over the past six weeks. These were attended by cohort candidates or other interested church leaders and mentor potentials. We've spoken individually with about 13 to 14 candidates, but only four who are serious or highly enough interested to send in their application so far. We are asking for a soft deadline of November 15 for the applications.

Another woman I spoke with LiAnn, who is from Singapore but married to a Malaysian and now works here, and heads the Alpha in the workplace ministry, said she would think from a consumer point of view if we had some big name people like Anthony Tan of Grab who were verbally promoting or referring the RG cohort, that would be helpful. She had looked at the website itself and wasn't really grasping what RG stood for or about. After she and I spoke for 90 minutes on the phone, she had a much better idea and was very encouraging of us going forward here in KL. She's in the process of referring others to learn more about the cohort and possibly apply.

Other individuals we've met have a high desire for the mentoring aspect of the program. Some of the candidates have studied or lived outside of Malaysia and now returned here. Some are homegrown with a heart to have an effect. One candidate was Pastor Massimo's wife Gloria Gei who works in a high position at PWC and she's very interested but has too many commitments as a pastor's wife and full time worker. One young man Isaac is digital marketing background and quite keen, and has recruited four or five others to come join the info sessions. He is from our local church SIBKL here.



Update us on life in your city in light of COVID and the Future

Our city has recently gone into another lockdown because of rising cases of Covid. This means that we can't meet in gatherings of more than two or three. Larger gatherings and a lot of our time is restricted to online or phone calls. We don't know when the lockdown will end (maybe end of 2020).

It is definitely our hope that by January we will be able to carry on the new cohort with in person meetings along with online teaching sessions. Unfortunately at this point, it is very unlikely that it would be possible for any of our cohort members to attend the GCG in California in June. At this point it doesn't look like Malaysia will be opening up very soon, especially to travel from the US. Personally as a family we are grateful we can stay and continue our work. We don't have any intentions to travel outside of Malaysia until next late summer or until Malaysia opens up.

One issue we are concerned about and want to have some input about is peoples Zoom fatigue with meetings and sessions after spending much of the day online for work.

Past Activities

We were grateful to host Jonathan Dodson online on October 14th at 8pm on the topic of "Our Good Crisis: Overcoming Moral Chaos with the Beatitudes". Here is the link that Loren put together of the video RG Malaysia: <https://youtu.be/jNx10qoBK5w>

It was a helpful time of sharing and a good way for Jonathan and ACL to start their interactions with Kuala Lumpur and its people. We had a variety of people who attended including those from backgrounds/experience of corporate consulting, own consulting company, social enterprise, also one who owns the main Christian bookstore here in KL.

(NOTE to Tommy, the owner of the Christian Bookstore would like to partner with us on more events that have authors for the books they are carrying!)



Upcoming Activities

Nov 2-13 We are both participating in a full time intensive training program with City to City Asia Pacific, along with 60 other leaders from around this part of the world. It's full of great speakers, trainers and networking opportunities for us. We look forward to how God will use this. We were invited by Massimo to be Observers for this training, which is primarily for Church Planters. Much good heart truth and invigorating to our faith and journey.

Nov 7 we will host Alvin Ung for his session on the Global Church Forum.

Nov 10 we will host another Zoom Info Session.

Nov 15 soft deadline for 2020 applications.

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