

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

MALAYSIA

General Information

- Population: 30 million
- The Malaysian constitution guarantees freedom of religion while making Islam the state religion.
- All ethnic Malays are considered Muslim by law of the Constitution.
- Approximately 61.3% of the population practice Islam, 19.8% practice Buddhism, 9.2% Christianity, 6.3% Hinduism and 1.3% practice Confucianism.

Challenges

- It has been the practice of the church in Malaysia to not actively proselytize to the Muslim community. Christian literature is required by law to carry a caption "for non-Muslims only". Article 11(4) of the Federal Constitution of Malaysia allows the states to prohibit the propagation of other religions to Muslims, and most (with the exception of Penang, Sabah, Sarawak and the Federal Territories) have done so.
- Muslims will adopt the Christian faith without declaring his/her apostasy openly. In effect, they are practicing Christians, but legally Muslims.
- Those showing interest in the Christian faith are usually sent either by the police or their family members to state funded Faith Rehabilitation Centers where they are counseled.

Pray For

- Reformed churches through Malaysia.

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