

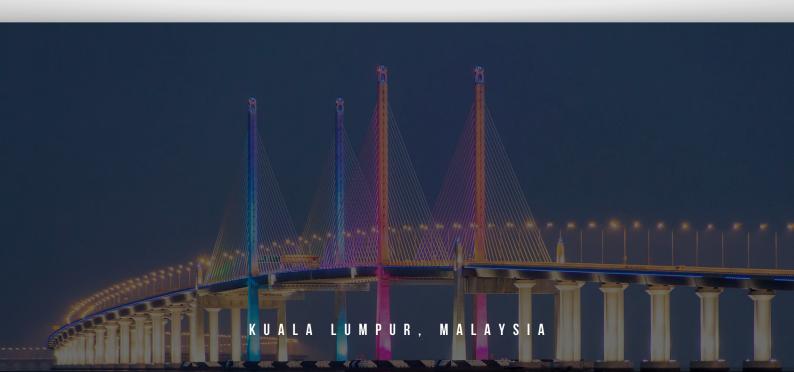
GOSPELCITY NETWORK

SIX-MONTH REPORT JULY TO DECEMBER 2024

JAN 2025

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216
LEADERS
TRAINED
2024 Total: 451

2372
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED

2024 Total: 4007

6128 BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

2024 Total: 9593

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- 1 Mandarin Mini Intensive
- 1 Mandarin Preaching Seminar
- 1 Gospel DNA in JB
- 3 ReVision Workshops
- 1 Cross-Culture Mission Seminar in Penang
- 2 Seminars on Prayer
- 1 Gospel Dimsum Webinar
- 1 Taste of Parakaleo Seminar
- 1 Parakaleo Gospel Tools Intensive
- 3 Parakaleo Small Groups

CITY ENGAGEMENT

- 1 Conference on Faith and Work
- 1 Gospel at Work Cohort
- 1 Faith and Work Dialogue
- 1 Faith and Work Survey
- 1 Worship Workshop

COLLABORATION OF LEADERS

4 Praxis Groups in 3 Cities

RESOURCING

3636 Books Sold 890 Books Giveaway 6 Free Ebooks Titles

1602 Free Ebook Downloads



CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

INCUBATOR [JAN-NOV]



We successfully concluded another Incubator cohort with six participants. We praise God for bringing Tamil-speaking leaders into the program and are excited to witness the beginnings of a gospel movement within their community. Although one participant had to drop out due to scheduling conflicts, we are grateful that the remaining participants successfully completed their Philosophy of Ministry (POM) projects.



MINI INTENSIVE PART 2 [OCT 14-17]

Following part one of Mini Intensive, we carried out part two in October with 22 participants, including 2 church planters, 13 pastors, and 4 ministry leaders. The focus of this intensive was on ministry design and church planting strategies.



Highlights at the Intensive

Training Team

We introduced five new Mandarin trainers. Prior to the Mini Intensive, our Mandarin Director and Training Coordinator conducted two peer-review training sessions to prepare the new trainers.

Regional Collaboration

Participants were grouped by the geographical location of their churches, fostering discussions on collaboration and support beyond denominational and church boundaries. These sessions surfaced questions, challenges, and potential strategies to navigate tensions in one particular group. Churches with collaboration experience shared how humility and gospel-centred love were crucial, offering valuable encouragement to the group.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

One participant shared, "During the session, I realised my heart was motivated by 'serving to leave a legacy.' This is something I must address with the gospel." Another participant reflected, "We were repeatedly invited back to the core of the gospel. It deepened my appreciation for its beauty and power to transform."



PRAYER FOR CHURCH PLANTS

Bukit Damansara Church Plant

- Guidance in core team formation to have the right people with the right giftings who will gel together well.
- For the Holy Spirit to work as evangelism begins.
- For insight into the people of Bukit Damansara and how best to reach them.
- For the raising of financial and prayer support enough to cover church planter's salary for 2–3 days/week, outreach events and eventual service launch.

Redemption Church Kuching

- Baptism and Membership We praise God for the growth that we have seen in the last few months, both numerically and spiritually. Please pray for our baptism and membership happening on the 18th and 19th of January 2025, that people will see the value of committing their faith formally.
- Funding As we head into 2025, we still have some funding needs.
 We're thankful that we are seeing more regular attendees give,
 but we still have quite a bit to grow (currently our giving match
 about 30% of our expenses). Pray that people will see the wealth
 that they have been given in Christ and give sacrificially in
 response to the gospel.
- Evangelism, Mercy, and Justice Ministries Pray that in 2025, RCK will have a strong presence in Kuching through outreach activities (sports and board games). Also that RCK members will see different needs in the city that we can tap into and serve those who need the gospel.



New Covenant City Church

- Youth Ministry Growth and Impact Pray that God would guide church leaders, providing wisdom, creativity, and compassion as they engage with young people.
- Teaching and Discipleship Opportunities Ask for God's blessing over the development of discipleship work, that people may experience spiritual growth and reflect on Gospel truth.
- Church Growth and Community Engagement Pray for an increase in attendance and a welcoming spirit that draws people into fellowship. May NCCC continue to shine as a light in the community, reaching new families and individuals, and fostering a sense of unity, love, and shared mission within the congregation.



Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church PJ



- Pray for the seminary intern student who is joining us this year and serving this group of preteen children (aged 10 to 14).
 Pray for a close-knit ministry that would help children to grow and mature spiritually.
- Pray for the ministry of the holiday learning workshop and pray that God will lead the children to be willing and able to participate in learning together.



City Tabernacle Telemong

- Planning to reach out to the Chinese community.
- Praying for youths to be saved, especially as many are school dropouts.
- Many Hindus have started attending church; praying for their salvation.

City Tabernacle Setia Alam

- Free tuition program to effectively engage school students.
- Focus on reaching out to young adults, many of whom are from different states for study purposes.
- Pray for leadership to be strengthened and remain gospel-centred.

City Tabernacle Lenggeng

- Engaging nearby estates through tuition programs.
- Work is in progress to secure a new premise for Sunday services.



The Journey Kuala Lumpur

- Deepening of relationships between the people at The Journey, and raising up of community builders.
- For people to feel a deeper sense of belonging and catalytic heart for the unchurched and dechurched.
- Greater provision of funding.

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International Reformed Evangelical Church of Klang Valley English

- Current church planting efforts in Bintulu, Sarawak, with plans for a new church plant in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, next year, and a future church plant in Johor Bahru.
- Theological education and funding for current and future seminarians.
- Building a gospel-centred culture, community and fellowship within the church.
- Preparation of music concert featuring Handel's Messiah (scheduled around Easter next year).

International Reformed Evangelical Church of Sibu

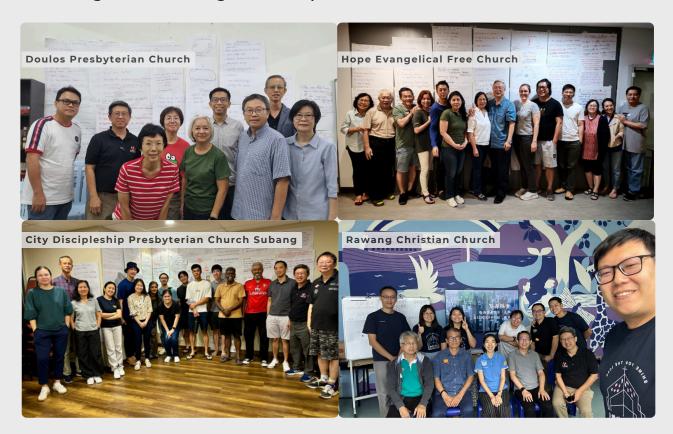
- Pray for the Lord's guidance to raise up co-workers and provide funding to expand the ministry in the coming year.
- Premarital counselling course (January); Theology Courses for Members (February to April).
- Strategically engage with university students and foster growth through a revitalised Youth Fellowship.
- Year-long Bible Reading Campaign: Pray for the congregation's commitment to diligently study and apply God's Word throughout the year.
- Children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Morning Prayer Meetings, and Sunday Worship Services.
- Social Care Initiatives: Food assistance and other activities to reach non-believers.



REVISION WORKSHOP

[AUG 23-24, SEPT 15, OCT 4-5, NOV 23-24]

Over the past six months, we have facilitated four ReVision workshops, bringing together local church leaders to refine their vision, mission, and strategic goals. These workshops empower leaders to collaboratively brainstorm, articulate their ideas, and translate them into actionable plans. The process fosters deeper collaboration, trust, and prayerful discernment as churches seek to steward their resources for God's kingdom. Beyond the workshops, we offer follow-up discussions to journey alongside churches as they implement their plans, providing continued support and encouragement throughout the process.



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MANDARIN PREACHING SEMINAR [JUL 24-25]

On July 24 and 25, we hosted a two-day preaching workshop with 28 participants, focusing on preaching Christ from the Old Testament books of Judges and Ruth. Together, we explored the theme of idolatry, equipping preachers to address this topic through these biblical texts. Participants not only gained practical tips on preaching to the heart but also took time to reflect on their own hearts. Through this seminar, they learnt to guide congregants in breaking free from heart idols and pointing them to the redemptive power of Christ as the ultimate source of hope and transformation.



MANDARIN GOSPEL DNA [AUG 7-8]

In early August, 45 participants from Malaysia, Singapore, and Mainland China gathered in Johor Bahru for an immersive seminar exploring how the gospel shapes every aspect of ministry. Through the modules covered, participants discovered how a gospel-driven approach, rather than program-driven one, fosters healthy ministry growth. Together, they engaged deeply with the City to City Gospel DNA, which upholds gospel centrality while embracing diversity in ministry. The training was fruitful, with several participants subsequently joining the second Mini Intensive in October.

A PRAYING LIFE & A PRAYING CHURCH

[JUL 6 & OCT 19]

This year, we invited seeJesus trainer Jon H. to train us in A Praying Life and A Praying Church materials. We partnered with CDPC Subang, which served as the anchor church for the training. On July 6, 74 participants joined the A Praying Life seminar, where they were equipped with practical tools and biblical insights to deepen their personal prayer lives. Later, on October 19, 42 participants attended the A Praying Church seminar, focusing on cultivating a prayer culture within their congregations. Both sessions were well-received, sparking renewed commitment to prayer as central to the life of individuals and the church.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

One participant shared, "The sessions were grounded in Scripture, and a simple framework was provided, which has helped me grow in my prayer life." Another reflected, "I learnt that we need to come to God just as we are, like children, clinging to God."



PENANG SEMINAR ON CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONS [AUG 17]

With the growing presence of the Chinese diaspora in Malaysia, the need to reach, engage, and disciple this community has also increased. To address this, we conducted a seminar focused on crosscultural missions. Drawing on gospel-centred principles, participants were encouraged to demonstrate love, foster cultural inclusivity, and build trust within their communities.



PARAKALEO

[SMALL GROUP: JUL-NOV / TOP: SEPT 21 / GTI: NOV 9]

In the past six months, we've seen steady growth and increased interest through our in-person seminars, Taste of Parakaleo (Sept 21) and Gospel Tools Intensive (Nov 9). Both events were well-attended, with 23 participants at both events. We also carried out three small groups, engaging a total of 17 participants in a 9-session cohort that covers the basic tools. Many returning participants expressed eagerness to deepen their learning and become part of these small groups. Through these interactions, we've begun to build meaningful relationships with several of the ladies, sharing stories, learning to be grounded in the gospel, and equipping one another with practical tools to navigate ministry challenges. The ongoing connections and growth in these sessions have been truly encouraging.





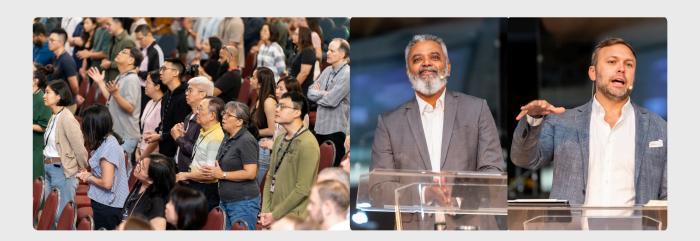
GOSPEL DIMSUM WEBINAR [NOV 19]

On 19 November, we hosted a one-hour Mandarin webinar titled Humility and Self-Image. The session explored the biblical perspective on humility and its connection to a healthy self-image, addressing the misconceptions of humility. A total of 23 participants joined the webinar. The speaker provided valuable insights on how the gospel transforms our understanding of identity, freeing us from both pride and self-deprecation. This webinar marks another step in our effort to provide resources that address real-life issues through the lens of the gospel.





CITY
ENGAGEMENT



WORK MATTERS CONFERENCE [SEPT 13-14]

Our annual conference, focused on the theme of Faith and Work, was held on September 13-14 in partnership with Resource Global Malaysia. This organisation provides training and networking opportunities for young working adults to use their work and influence for the gospel and the city.

Keynote speakers Anand Mahadevan and Jason Dees explored gospelcentred work through the gospel storyline: creation, fall, redemption, renewal, and restoration. In addition, thought leaders addressed various work-related topics through short plenary and breakout sessions.

Participants shared that they gained a renewed framework for viewing work and felt encouraged to become agents of renewal in their workplaces. This conference also catalysed subsequent faith and work initiatives.



WORSHIP WORKSHOP [SEPT 12]

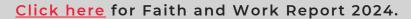
Jordan Kauflin, the worship leader and plenary speaker at the Work Matters conference, conducted a session on gospel-centred worship. Drawing from his extensive experience, he provided both biblical and practical insights into the purpose and structure of worship gatherings. The session included practical tools for crafting worship services, from song selection to leading congregational singing in a way that reflects gospel truths. Participants appreciated the opportunity to engage in Q&A, leaving inspired to lead worship with greater intentionality and clarity.





FAITH AND WORK REPORT

A Faith and Work Survey was created and distributed to the participants of the Work Matters conference. From the survey, we gathered valuable data and insights to better understand the faith and work landscape in Malaysia. We plan to further distribute the survey to collect more information and catalyse faith and work initiatives.





GOSPEL AT WORK COHORT [OCT-NOV]

6 participants from the Work Matters conference joined a Gospel at Work cohort. Friendships within the group have flourished as members met outside of formal sessions and continued to have intentional and thoughtful conversations even after the cohort concluded. This has been a fruitful and impactful experience, and we aim to continue offering the cohort to foster such communities.



FAITH AND WORK DIALOGUE [OCT 12]

We also held a Faith and Work Dialogue, where participants engaged in discussion about what it means to be a gospel-centred worker and explored the challenges and strategies involved in becoming one. By examining the results of a Faith and Work survey we conducted, participants gained insights into the current workplace climate and began considering how to bring these learnings back to their communities to make a lasting impact.

Click here for the infographics created from the discussion.





PRAXIS

Pastors in three cities continued to meet regularly to engage with the DNA 3.0 whitepapers, reflecting on how these principle shape their ministry and influence the flourishing of their local communities.

Average number of pastors reached: KL English group - 15 KL Mandarin group - 10 Penang group - 9 Kuching group - 5







Over the past six months, Greenhouse Publishing sold 3,636 books and gave away 890 books, reflecting our ongoing commitment to making gospel-centred resources widely accessible.

Translation Projects

We launched a Chinese translation project for Let Earth Receive Her King and translated five Truth for Life Christmas articles into Bahasa Malaysia during Advent, enriching resources for local readers in the main languages of Malaysia.

Publisher Partnerships

New partnerships with notable publishers, including Union Publishing, HarperCollins (for the *Center Church Trilogy*), and The Good Book Company have enhanced our ability to provide diverse, high-quality resources.

Through our partnership with The Good Book company, we were able to import over 100 titles, reducing the prices by an average of 15%. This effort ensures greater affordability for our readers while maintaining a high standard of content.



Distribution Expansion

Our distribution network has grown significantly, now including five new locations across Malaysia. These include:

- Glad Sounds (Klang Valley)
- Pustaka Sufes (Klang Valley, Johor Bahru, Ipoh)
- Canaanland Kota Kinabalu
- Ktizo Workspace (Kuching)
- Baptist Bookstore (Penang)

This expansion provides greater accessibility for readers nationwide.

Ebook Availability

Through our monthly free ebook giveaways, 1,602 ebooks were downloaded, a milestone made possible by our partnership with Crossway, benefiting readers in Malaysia and neighbouring countries.

In October, we launched the new GHP Reader App, offering an improved reading experience for our readers. The app aims to provide a user-friendly platform for accessing and enjoying our digital resources.

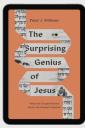












413 LEARNERS 441 LEARNERS 277 LEARNERS 205 LEARNERS 148 LEARNERS 124 LEARNERS

*Number of learners as of Jan 7, 2025

Conference Partnerships

We also partnered with various churches and organisations to distribute, sell, and set up pop-up bookstores. Key engagement included:

- Church Camps: First Baptist Church Subang Young Adult Retreat, International Church at Mont Kiara Young Adult Camp, Faith **Evangelical Free Church, Cross & Crown Penang**
- Pop-Up Bookstores: CTCAP Movement Leaders Summit, Gospel City Church (Christmas), and City Discipleship Presbyterian Church Subang (Christmas).

During the Christmas season, we hosted special pop-up bookstores. These festive events provided an opportunity to connect with church communities.



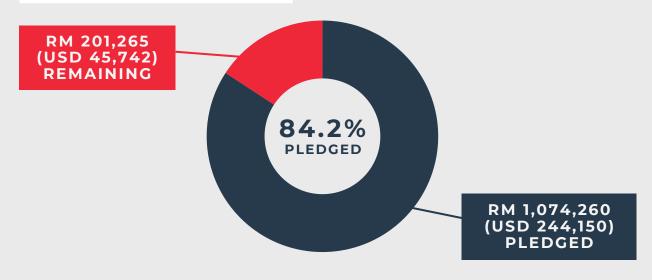
GCN TEAM RETREAT

The GCN Team had our very first staff retreat from Nov 5-7. During this short getaway, we celebrated the year's milestones, reflected both individually and as a team, prayed for one another, explored team dynamics, enjoyed games, and bonded over cooking and shared meals. It was a much-needed time of rest, renewal, and fellowship. Energised by this retreat, we are excited to return to our respective roles, united in our mission to serve the church and the city.

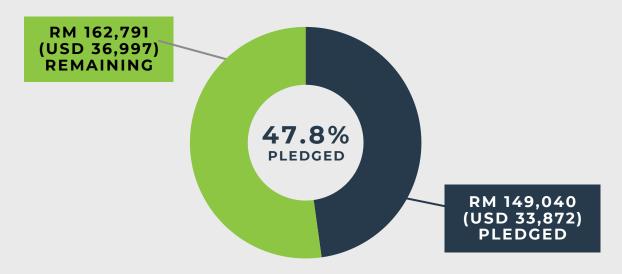


2025 ONE YEAR BUDGET

TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED FOR GOSPEL CITY NETWORK: RM 1,275,525 (USD 289,892)



TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED FOR GREENHOUSE PUBLISHING: RM 311,831 (USD 70,879)



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NEXT SIX MONTHS

(JAN - JUN 2025)

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

- (Mandarin) Church Planting or Revitalisation? A Webinar [Feb 19]
- (English) Church Planting or Revitalisation? A Webinar [Feb 26]
- Reaching Out to the East Asian Diaspora in Malaysia A Forum [Feb 27]
- Taste of Parakaleo [Feb 22, May 17]
- English Mini Intensive [Mar 24-26]
- Mandarin Mini Intensive 2 [Mar 24-26]
- Parakaleo BASIC Intensive [Mar 24-26]
- Gospel DNAs [Mar 31-Apr 1, Jun 12-13]
- Gospel Dimsum Webinar [Apr 22]
- Gospel Bungkus Webinar [May 13]

CITY ENGAGEMENT

Gospel-Shaped Worship Webinar [Apr 22]

COLLABORATION OF LEADERS

- Praxis (Pastors' Fellowship) [Bi-monthly, English and Mandarin]
- Klang Valley Church Planting Dialogue [Apr 30]

RESOURCING

- Publish 17 titles
- Publish 1 original title by local practitioner
- Complete 3 translation projects
- · Partner with other events to provide our books
- Give away free resources to bless the city

^{*}Dates are tentative.