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CHURCH IN IRELAND

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Location: **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
Mission: **Church-based Training**



The Glissmanns are in Malaysia, and Volker was commissioned as the new General Secretary of the Increase Association for church-based training in Asia.

Malaysia

We arrived in Malaysia at the beginning of October. We are currently here on a short-term 90-day visa to explore visa options in person. We have already had a couple of meetings, including with two theological schools, which did not open doors. Most of the time here, we spend preparing for the conference. Now that the conference is over, we started exploring the city a bit more, especially its food.



Increase Conference

From the 19th to the 23rd of October, the Increase Association held its 20th Anniversary Training Conference titled: Celebrating His Story – Embracing His Future in Malaysia.

Over 180 people from 36 countries came together for the largest and most diverse Increase meeting. The programme was packed with table group morning devotions, training blocks covering diverse topics, including mentoring, group facilitator training, AI, course development, organisational health, self-care and orality. Participants included representatives from the Increase Association and other organisations interested in building up churches across Asia.

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Increase developed the training blocks through detailed consultation to identify the most pressing issues. All of the training blocks were planned, organised and conducted by Increase volunteers, called equippers, who volunteer their expertise to Increase. We celebrated God's kindness for sustaining Increase over 20 years.



During the conference, Volker was installed as the new General Secretary for the Increase Association. We were especially delighted that Rev Stephen McCracken, the Convenor for our church's Global Mission Council, not only joined but also shared a biblical reflection as part of the commissioning. Stephen has been a good friend and supporter since we prepared to serve in Malawi many years ago, so his presence was especially meaningful to us.

No information, no names, no pictures

One feature of Increase's work is that, according to Open Doors, at least 20 of its core members serve in the 60 countries most hostile to Christians. To protect identities and ministries, we will sometimes be unable to share names or pictures.



Prayer Points:

- Join us in praising God as we celebrate His faithfulness and increase over the last 20 years, and the success of the conference.
- Please pray for us as we transition into life in Malaysia and explore visa options.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.