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



The Glissmanns are currently transitioning from Malawi to Malaysia, where Volker will become the new General Secretary of the Increase Association for church-based training in Asia in October.

Transition

We left Malawi at the beginning of July after 16 years and have been based in Belfast since then. We delivered Lukas to Bristol University in mid-September, and he is settling in very well. All our children are now in different parts of England. Dromore Presbytery inducted us into mission service in Asia with the Increase Association. We were blessed that the Increase Board Chair came from Australia and the current General Secretary came from England to be part of the service. We also enjoyed a good time of deputation and fellowship with the friends and churches we visited. We are greatly encouraged by everyone's interest and prayers for us.





Increase Conference

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

Over 190 people from 30 countries have registered for the conference; some are Increase members, while others are representatives from other organisations interested in building up churches across Asia. Volker will be installed as the new General Secretary at the end of the conference. The conference includes seven training blocks, from group leader training to AI and its implications for church-based training, as well as special interest groups and a special session for Malaysian church leaders.

The conference celebrates Increase's 20th anniversary, reflecting on God's faithfulness in forming, sustaining, and using Increase to further church-based training in Asia, while also pausing to seek the Lord's guidance on future directions and opportunities for Increase.

Visa

Unfortunately, the visa did not materialise as initially indicated, so we are now pursuing other options to determine how best to obtain the right visa for us. We decided to travel to Malaysia at the beginning of October, both for the conference and to explore visa options in person. While we wait for the visa, we're travelling light this time and keeping some of our belongings at a friend's house in Belfast.

Prayer Points:

- Join us in praising God for our time in Malawi and our time here with family and churches.
- Please pray for the conference, for all attendees to get their visas and for God to speak in a special way.
- Please pray for us as we transition, especially for Lukas settling in Bristol and for our visa.
- Please continue to pray for the health and safety of the whole family.