

those three states. Malaysia is also one of the top producers of rubber and palm oil.

Putrajaya is a newly created administrative capital for the federal government of Malaysia, aimed to ease growing congestion within the capital city, Kuala Lumpur. Kuala Lumpur will remain the commercial and financial capital of the country.

Why Men Hate going to Church

Guys it is time to get up off the sofa for time is short and we need to take action now, not just sit around passively waiting for inspiration whilst drinking tea or coffee or something stronger. This book is for you and it is saying things which we can't be ignore, for David Murrow clearly articulates the issues we need to face and it will give us much thought provoking insight and will provide a fresh vision and challenge in how we contact men with the gospel.

The book will open up channels of thought which you may not have expected and although it is written by an American this does not affect the analysis or diagnosis. There are some observations, which will strike a chord deep inside and candidly highlights where we can get it so wrong. Too say too much about the contents of the book will spoil the "read" which is good and easy and for those who aren't good book readers it will catch your attention, it is not theologically heavy but is definitely written from the heart.

It is a known fact that less than 40% of adults in church will be men and for those that do come can come, some find it worship fluffy. Also men are the world's largest group of unreached people and we need to design strategies and be ready to take risks. We should also be ready to invoke the lessons we can learn from this book and apply them in the church situation.

If you have a list of books to read this summer then buy this one and put it to the top of the pile.

We need to take action now and not think about it in time to come.

Published by Nelson ISBN 0-7852-6038-2,so pop down to Lighthouse and order your copy this week.

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Are we running on empty?

Ever seen your fuel gauge like this? It wasn't funny when driving over Dartmoor in the 1960's. Where's the next garage? Will it have any fuel?

Well, as it happened it was shut!! We did get it sorted eventually.

Ever heard of Global Peak oil? I've just read a book on it.

(TITLE ---The house built on sand- by Tony Pearce)

It means that demand is likely to outstrip output in 2007 or just after.

Civilisation, as we know it, is nearing its end (a senior American commentator).

No never, you say – just some lunatic.

Sorry. No prophets involved; just the consensus of the top geologists, physicist, economists and bankers.

Where is the worlds oil – or what's left of it. 70% is in the Middle East – the countries of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran. Dare America attack Iran?

Only in Feb this year Al Qaeda attacked the largest oil installation in the world – it just happens to be in Saudi Arabia. Furthermore it has

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promised further attacks. They wish to control Saudi Arabian oil and so put a stop to the infidel's economy (that's us by the way)

Russia has large deposits of oil and gas: what happened last winter when the temperatures in Moscow broke all records and plummeted to - 30C?

They put up the price to Ukraine and to Europe. We are at the end of the pipe line!

Our cushy existence could be cut off at any time and rather quickly.

We need our tanks full. How do we do that? Only by our knowledge of the word of God. Here is THE truth. Only then when our tanks are full are we able to pass it on to others who may be struggling with the circumstances of life. According to scripture, the Middle East is at the centre of the final acts of the world. That's where the world system of government will be and that's where it will fall. Yes a shaking is to come. See the Old Testament for the details (Is 13; Jer 50-51; Ezek 38-39 and many others). Remember it was only the Old Testament scriptures that the early Christians had.

Understanding of the end time prophecies will be a great spur to evangelism, not a distraction as some writers suggest.

Did you know that there is a great number of Jews returning to the land every year? A fulfilment of the prophetic. There are now more Jewish Christians in the land since the time of Acts - - encouraging. But they are having a hard time- especially the Palestinian Christians.

How can we point to the Saviour if we don't point to the scriptures to which he referred?

Perhaps we need a Bible study on it?

Let's see that we are tanked up with reality and not men's ideas.

Allan Mullery ex England footballer now a TV pundit will be speaking in Burgess Hill on Thursday September 7th, those who are interested in going need to register their interest with Mike Bartrop by 5th of August (there is a charge for this event which may include a meal).

Malaysia by Robin Hii

When I told Mike Bartrop that I will be going back to Malaysia for two weeks in early June, Mike asked me to write something about my country so that people in the church will know Malaysia better.

Malaysia, which is located in South-East Asia, is formerly one of British colonies. Malaysia became independent in 1957, which consists of 13 states and 3 federal territories.

Malaysia has a population of just over 26.8 million (June 2006). Malaysia is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-lingual society, consisting of 65% Malays and other indigenous tribes, 25% Chinese and 7% Indians. The Malays, which form the largest community, play a dominant role politically. Bahasa Malaysia (Malay) is the official national language. English is the second language following with Chinese and Tamil as third language. The Chinese population is mostly Buddhist, or Christian. Chinese in Malaysia speak a variety of Chinese dialects including Cantonese, Foochow, Hakka, Hokkien and Teochew. Many middle to upper-middle class Chinese also speak English as their first language. Chinese have historically been dominant in the Malaysian business community.

Malaysia is a multi-religious society. Islam is the country's official religion. The four main religions are Islam (60.4%), Buddhism (19.2%), Christianity (9.1%) and Hinduism (6.3%). The remaining percentages were accounted for by other faiths, including animism, Confucianism, Taoism and Sikhism. The major Christian denominations include the Charismatic churches, Roman Catholic Church, Anglican Church and Methodists.

Malaysia has a tropical climate with two monsoon seasons. The North-East Monsoon from October to February and the South-West Monsoon from April to October with squalls and thunderstorms common. Humidity is high and average temperature ranges are from 22 to 32 degrees Celsius all year round.

Tin and petroleum are the two main mineral resources that are of major significance in the Malaysian economy. Malaysia was once the world's largest producer of tin until the collapse of the tin market in the early 1980s. It was in 1972 that petroleum and natural gas took over from tin as the mainstay of the mining sector. Petroleum and natural gas which were discovered in oilfields offshore from Sabah, Sarawak and Terengganu have contributed much to the Malaysian economy particularly in