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I am living, serving and working in the Historical City of Malacca. It is a beautiful State with many historical landmarks and interesting tourist attraction spots. But, more importantly, there is an abundance of mouth watering local delicacies such as ikan bakar, Nyonya food, satay celup, roti john and roti canai terbang. With all these tempting food, it is a great struggle to have a healthy BMI if you live here for a long time.

I would describe Malacca as a suburban area - not too large (and congested) like Kuala Lumpur and not too small and "hulu" like Banting (hometown of Michael William). There is a thriving manufacturing sector here and the State Government is very proactive in bringing rapid development to this State.

When I was about to graduate from law school, I felt that God had called me to go back to Malacca. The reason is that there is a great exodus of young people from churches in Malacca to the big cities and overseas. As such, I could see that the local church in Malacca has a problem of attracting and retaining young people to continue the work of the ministry.

I spent the early part of my legal practice in Kuala Lumpur. However, the tugging of the Spirit to go back to Malacca had always been there. One day, I spoke to my pastor in Malacca and told her, "I am really enjoying legal practice in KL. But, I see that there are many ministry doors opened for me in Malacca. I don't know what to do". Her answer was simple yet poignant. "What are you waiting for?", she asked. As far as my pastor is concerned, the opening of the doors to serve God is a clear sign that God is calling me to go back to Malacca. So, I heeded the call, pack my bags and headed home to Malacca.

Since I got back, God had indeed placed me in many ministries. I am currently involved in the Pulpit ministry in my church. I preach about once a month in church and occasionally speak in camps, seminars, Christian Fellowship meetings and other churches. Together with my wife Joo Li, we host a monthly young adults cell group in our home on the first Monday of every month. The name of the group is First Monday. No prizes for guessing the name. I also organize a monthly prayer meeting for a group of Christian lawyers in Malacca.



I am also the Advisor for the Multimedia University Christian Fellowship.

As you can see, my plate is full with ministry commitments. But, I like to see my involvement as more than just keeping the ministries going. I see it as an eternal investment in the transformation of lives. When I preach, I pray that God will use His word to bless and transform lives. That people be drawn closer to Jesus as the Word impacts them. When I host a small group, I pray that there is a meeting of souls and that as people share their life stories, there will be that knitting of

hearts together in the love of the Spirit. When I am with the university students, I pray that I can fulfill my part of walking alongside these young friends as they seek to find God in their faith journeys. The joy, satisfaction and deep sense of fulfilment that I derive from being involved in God's work is much better than anything that the world can offer.

I have never regretted answering the call to serve God in a "small town" like Malacca (I still prefer the term "suburban"). The pace of life is healthy and it gives me so much freedom to be involved in Kingdom work. God had also blessed me in my work by placing me in a legal firm with many wonderful people some of whom have become very good friends along my journey.

In choosing your life direction, don't ask what is best for you. Ask what is best for God. And, when you choose what is best for God, you will often find that it is also the best for you. As you seek to put God first in everything, He blesses you with love, joy and peace and adds His abundant grace to your life. You will lead a full, abundant and satisfying life...not one that is empty and fueled by fleeting excitement and temporal treasures that the world offers.

