

# Malaysian National Family Needs Survey with NECF 2014 - Phase 2

The National Evangelical Christian Fellowship of Malaysia and the leadership of your church would like to thank you for being part of this 1<sup>st</sup> Malaysian National Family Needs Survey.

Your participation will aid the church in providing you and your family with a focused effort to plan and meet your expressed felt needs. You are also hereby contributing to the voice of the whole Malaysian Church. Together we shall support each other in the growth of His Kingdom and in our Kingdom destiny as a church, community and country.

Before you begin, please mark (✓) the town or city (or closest) to where you currently live:

Alor Setar	11. Klang	21. Kuala LumpurPJ North	31. Mentakab	41. Segamat
2. Batu Pahat	12. Kluang	22. Kuala LumpurSentul	32. Miri	42. Seremban
3. Bintulu	13. Kota Baru	23. Kuala LumpurPuchong	33. Muar	43. Setiawan
4. Cameron	14. Kota Kinabalu	24. Kuala Terengganu	34. Penang Island	44. Sg Petani
5. Dungun	15. Kota Tinggi	25. Kuantan	35. Perlis	45. Sibu
6. Gemas	16. Kuala Lipis	26. Kuching	36. Port Dickson	46. SP and Kulim
7. Gua Musang	17. Kuala LumpurAmpang	27. Kulai	37. Ranau	47. Subang
8. lpoh	18. Kuala LumpurCheras	28. Lahad Datu	38. Raub	48. Taiping
9. Johor Bahru	19. Kuala LumpurKajang	29. Langkawi	39. Rawang	49. Tawau
10. Keninguau	20. Kuala LumpurNorth	30. Malacca	40. Sandakan	50. Teluk Intan

## **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

This survey will take about 15-25 minutes to complete.
FamilyLife (USA) will compile all submitted responses and share a summative report with your church following completion of the survey.

Please answer the questions as they relate to you.

While you must read and consider all questions, certain sections are specific to certain category.

Therefore it is NOT necessarily that all questions require a response.

PLEASE NOTE: Items marked with an (\*) are COMPULSORY.

Please follow your church's pulpit and bulletin instructions on returning completed questionnaires.

### **Assurance of Confidentiality**

All information gathered through FNS is kept private and confidential. The data would be collaborated to form the national composite statistics to serve as insights only.

Questions 1 to 31: Identify **EACH** of these issues are they relate to you. This section is a 2-step process of answering.

Step	Mark "✓" in A box if it is NOT currently an unmet need in my life OR  B box if it is currently an unmet need in my life OR  C box if it is a current an unmet need and you need HELP from Church			
Step	Among the "B" & "C" answers from Step 1 select <b>3 MOST IMPORTANT</b> ones and rank them EACH as either 1, 2, or 3 according to your PRIORITY of need  Ranking: 1 – TOP Priority 2 – SECOND Priority	Mark with "✓"		ith
	3 – THIRD Priority	Α	В	С
1	Connecting with the people around me			
2	Managing my finances/money			
3	Growing in my relationship with God			
4	Managing the hurriedness of life			
5	Selecting wholesome media/entertainment for me and my family			
6	Finding opportunities to serve/help others			
7	Facing struggles in my marriage and/or recovering from divorce			
8	Adjusting to changes in myself, my roles/responsibilities, and the seasons of life			
9	Adjusting to changes in employment, health, and lifestyle			
10	Developing and maintaining spiritual disciplines (prayer, quiet times, Bible study, etc.)			
11	Knowing better how to share my faith with others			
12	Dealing with current or past drug/alcohol abuse			
13	Dealing with current or past sexual/physical/emotional abuse			
14	Developing healthy lifestyle habits			
15	Dealing with sexual boundaries prior to marriage			
16	Dating and preparing for marriage			
17	Understanding biblical roles and responsibilities for a husband and wife			
18	Understanding your spouse's personality, desires, needs, and/or expectations			
19	Developing and maintaining good marital communication			
20	Developing and maintaining sexual intimacy in marriage			
21	Rekindling and renewing the "zing" in marriage (fun and friendship)			
22	Building a marriage bond that won't break			
23	Relating to family of origin and in-laws			
24	Living in an interfaith and/or spiritually mismatched marriage			
25	Developing and sharpening parenting skills			
26	Releasing and moving a child toward adult independence			
27	Developing and improving family communication			
28	Disciplining a child			
29	Helping a child succeed in school			
30	Helping a child grow spiritually (developing a child's character, identity, and morality) beginning at home			
31	Helping a child develop a godly view of human sexuality and family			

Step 2
Rank as 1, 2 or 3 the PRIORITY issues from B & C

Priority	Issue #
1	
2	
3	

Mark	Questions 32 - 65 is for <b>ALL:</b> Mark "✓" or "X" in the box that best describes your <b>personal tendencies</b> . Select only <b>ONE</b> tendency for <b>every</b> one question		Sometimes	Most of the time	Always
32	I maintain a desirable weight				
33	I feel good about the condition of my body				
34	I have lots of energy and can get through the day without being overly tired.				
35	When I meet people, I feel good about the impression I make on them				
36	I am open, honest, and get along well with other people.				
37	I try to be a "better person" and work on behaviours that have caused problems in my past interactions with others.				
38	I get along well with members of my family.				
39	I am open and accessible to a loving and responsible relationship.				
40	I have someone I can talk to about my most personal and private feelings.				
41	I find it easy to laugh about things that happen in my life.				
42	I avoid using alcohol, other substances, or other avenues as a means of helping me forget my problems.				
43	When I am angry, I try to let others know in non-confrontational and non-hurtful ways.				
44	I am a chronic worrier.				
45	When I am upset, I talk to others and actively try to work through my problems.				
46	I believe life is a precious gift that should be nurtured.				
47	I feel sorrow for those who are suffering and try to help them through difficult times				
48	I am content with who I am.				
49	I tend to act impulsively without thinking about the consequences.				
50	I tend to let my emotions get the better of me and I act without thinking.				
51	I think about my self-talk (the things I tell myself) and then examine the real evidence for my self-perceptions and feelings.				

Circle the number that best describes your <b>current relationship</b> with your spouse /fiancé /significant other (personal or family relationships)		Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
52	How satisfied are you with the way you connect with your spouse/fiancé/significant other	1	2	3	4	5
53	How satisfied are you with how your relationship functions day to day?	1	2	3	4	5
54	How satisfied are you with your spouse/fiancé(e)/ significant other's contributions to your relationship?	1	2	3	4	5
55	How satisfied are you with your own contributions to your relationship?	1	2	3	4	5

Circle the number that best reflect your <b>current relationship</b> with your spouse /fiancé /significant other ( <i>personal or family relationships</i> )		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
56	We regularly have great conversations where we just talk as good friends	1	2	3	4	5
57	I want this relationship to stay strong no matter what difficult times we may encounter.	1	2	3	4	5
58	I believe we can handle whatever conflicts may arise in the future.	1	2	3	4	5
59	My relationship with my spouse/fiancé/significant other* is more important to me than almost anything else in my life	1	2	3	4	5

	Circle the number that best reflect your <b>current relationship</b> with your spouse /fiancé /significant other ( <i>personal or family relationships</i> )		Once in a while	Frequently
60	Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name calling, and/or bring up past hurts	1	2	3
61	My partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings, or desires.	1	2	3
62	My spouse/fiancé(e)/significant other seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I intended for them to be.	1	2	3
63	When we have a problem to solve, how often does it feel like we are on opposite teams?	1	2	3
64	When we argue, one of us withdraws that is, doesn't want to talk about it anymore or leaves the scene	1	2	3

## Mark "✓" in the box of the number that best reflect the number of occurrences

65	Have there been any instances of pushing, grabbing, shoving, hitting and/or slapping within your relationship in the past 12 months?	□ Never □ Once	☐ Twice☐ 3 – 5 times	☐ 6 – 10 times ☐ More than 10 times
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	ONLY for PARENTS of children ages 25 and below, who are unmarried and dependent on you. Circle appropriate response		Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
66	I am involved in my child/children's life	1	2	3	4	5
67	My child(ren) know me well enough to be able to predict how I conduct myself, in most circumstances.	1	2	3	4	5
68	I have a good handle on how my child(ren)'s needs change as they grow up	1	2	3	4	5
69	I am aware of my child(ren)'s world (their friends, activities, development, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5
70	I don't have much confidence in my parenting skills.	1	2	3	4	5
71	I know what encourages my child(ren) the most.	1	2	3	4	5
72	I know what embarrasses my child(ren).	1	2	3	4	5
73	I express myself openly and often to my child(ren).	1	2	3	4	5
74	The benefits of being a parent far outweigh the costs	1	2	3	4	5

This section is **FOR ALL** to complete as you consider your **spiritual life**. Please tick "✓" only **ONE** answer

75	How long have you been a Christian?	□ 0-5 yrs □ 6-10 yrs	☐ 10+ yrs ☐ Don't know	☐ I am not a Christian
76	On average, how often do you attend worship service?	☐ Less than once a month ☐ Once a month	☐ Twice a month☐ Three times a month	☐ Four or more times a month
77	Please select the scale that best describes your current spiritual state. (tick only one box)	☐ 0: No spiritual development☐ 1: Very low☐ 2: Low☐ 2: Low☐ ☐ 0: No spiritual	☐ 3: Low average ☐ 4: Medium ☐ 5: Slightly above average	☐ 6: Above avg ☐ 7: High ☐ 8: Very High ☐ 9: Maximum spiritual dev't.

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78	I believe that God	<ul> <li>□ Exist and intervenes in daily events</li> <li>□ Exist but does not intervene in daily events</li> <li>□ Is a spiritual ideal and does not exist</li> <li>□ Does not exist</li> </ul>
79	When I think about issues of faith or spirituality, my foremost concern is:	<ul> <li>□ A sense of connection to something larger than myself</li> <li>□ A rational understanding of whether religious claims are valid</li> <li>□ An understanding of a personal relationship with God</li> <li>□ A clear framework of morality and hope</li> </ul>
80	Which of these statements comes closest to expressing your most basic view regarding faith?	<ul> <li>☐ Faith is important because it helps us cope with the struggle and hardship of life</li> <li>☐ Faith is important because it makes the world a better place by encouraging love and moral behaviour</li> <li>☐ Faith is not important</li> <li>☐ Faith is important because it fulfils God's wishes and protect our souls</li> </ul>
81	Evil is present in the world because:	☐ Of human failings; evil has no supernatural component ☐ God or a higher power wishes to test people ☐ It is impossible to have free will without evil ☐ Humanity is sinful by nature
82	If I have to categorise my own religious and spiritual beliefs, I would say I am:	<ul> <li>☐ Moderate, part of me is spiritual and part of me is skeptical</li> <li>☐ Agnostic and have no spiritual believes</li> <li>☐ Unshakable in my beliefs, i rarely experience doubt</li> <li>☐ Strongly committed to my faith, though sometimes I am troubled by unanswered questions</li> </ul>
83	Each day's news brings reports of crime, natural disasters and disease. My basic reaction is:	<ul> <li>☐ My Faith is tested because I cannot understand how a just God could tolerate the agony of the world</li> <li>☐ I feel sadness but accept that both the good and the bad of life are somehow part of God's plan</li> <li>☐ Such tragedies make me confused about the nature of the higher power</li> <li>☐ Tragedies and disasters in the world convince me that there is no God</li> </ul>
84	In my view, God:	☐ Either does not exist or God's nature can never be known ☐ Exist but is remote from human events ☐ Is present at some times and absent at other times ☐ Is everywhere and observes everything
85	I think children should:	<ul> <li>□ Be raised up to practise the faith of their parents</li> <li>□ Be taught spiritual awareness but also to avoid affiliating with formal religion</li> <li>□ Be encouraged to reject faith is favour of secular philosophy</li> <li>□ Be exposed to many religious traditions and encouraged to make their own choices</li> </ul>
86	To be valuable to me, religion and spirituality must be experienced:	☐ As part of a congregation or religious community ☐ Partly with a group and partly by myself ☐ Largely in private ☐ Not at all

ques	ritual activities: This section is FOR ALL to complete, however not all stions may apply to your life situation. For those that apply, on average, often do you do each of the following?	Not applicable	Rarely or never	Occasionally	Several times a month	Several times a week	Almost every day
87	Read the Bible	1	2	3	4	5	6
88	Have a time of concentrated prayer	1	2	3	4	5	6
89	Have a family devotion	1	2	3	4	5	6
90	Pray with your spouse/significant other (excluding meals)	1	2	3	4	5	6
91	Read or discuss the Bible with our spouse/significant other	1	2	3	4	5	6
92	Talk about spiritual values with your child(ren)	1	2	3	4	5	6
93	Pray FOR your children	1	2	3	4	5	6
94	Pray WITH your child(ren)	1	2	3	4	5	6
95	Share Christ with others	1	2	3	4	5	6
96	Watch Christian television/video	1	2	3	4	5	6
97	Listen to Christian talk radio	1	2	3	4	5	6
98	Listen to Christian music	1	2	3	4	5	6
99	Read a Christian book and/or magazine	1	2	3	4	5	6
100	Use online social networking tools (eg. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	6
101	Listen to sermon/teaching audio/podcast	1	2	3	4	5	6
102	View Christian websites/blogs	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Demography Questions:** This section is to be completed by **ALL** to better understand your life stage.

*103	Gender	□ Male		☐ Female		
*104	Age	☐ 19 and below ☐ 30 - 3 ☐ 20 - 29 ☐ 40 - 4			☐ 50 - 59 ☐ 60 - 69 ☐ 70 & above	
*105	Which of the following best describes your present marital/relationship status? (Select only one)	<ul><li>□ Never been married</li><li>□ Widowed</li><li>□ Engaged</li><li>□ Separated</li></ul>		<ul><li>□ Cohabitating</li><li>□ Divorced</li><li>□ Married</li><li>□ Remarried</li></ul>		
*106	Have you ever been divorced? (check "yes" even if currently remarried)	□ YES		□ NO		
*107	Have you ever been widowed? (check "yes" even if currently remarried)	□ YES		□ NO		
*108	Years married to your current spouse	□ Not married/ single again	□ 0-4 □ 5-9 □ 10-	,	☐ 20 – 29 years ☐ 30 – 39 years ☐ 40+ years	
109	I am currently responsible for the care of an aging parent	□ YES		□ NO		

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that  $\underline{\text{most}}$  questions in this section are  $\underline{\text{required}}$ 

## This section is related to (presence or absence of) children in your home. Answer if relevant.

(\*) Please note that some required questions are present in this section

*110	The description that best describes my current parenting status  (tick "✓" ALL that applies to you)	☐ I am not a paren type ☐ I am a step pare ☐ I am a grandpare a grandchild ☐ I am a parent wh died before me ☐ I am a biological	nt ent raising lose child	☐ I am an adoptive parent ☐ I have adult children ☐ living with me ☐ I am a non custodial ☐ parent ☐ I am an empty nest ☐ parent ☐ I have adult children & ☐ their children living with ☐ me			
111	Please indicate the number of children from "birth through age 5" in your home	□ 0 □ 1			☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more		
112	Please indicate the number of children from "ages 6 through 9" in your home	□ 0 □ 1			☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more		
113	Please indicate the number of children from "ages 10 through 12" in your home	□ 0 □ 1			☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more		
114	Please indicate the number of children from "ages 13 through 18" in your home	□ 0 □ 1		2 3	☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more		
115	Please indicate the number of children from "ages 19 through 25" in your home	□ 0 □ 1		2 3	☐ 4 ☐ 5 or more		
*116	Age of the <b>oldest</b> child or dependent at home	□ No children or de at home □ Birth through age □ Age 6 through 9		☐ Age 10 through 12 ☐ Age 13 through 18 ☐ Age 19 or older			
*117	Age of the <b>youngest</b> child or dependent at home	<ul><li>□ No children or dependent at home</li><li>□ Birth through age 5</li><li>□ Age 6 through 9</li></ul>		☐ Age 10 through 12 ☐ Age 13 through 18 ☐ Age 19 or older			
*118	Are any of these children from a previous marriage or relationship?	☐ YES		□ NO			
119	If you answered "YES", would you please share how this step/blended family was formed?	☐ Does not apply ☐ Divorced and divorce ☐ Divorced and death		<ul> <li>□ Death and death</li> <li>□ Divorced and never married</li> <li>□ Never married and never married</li> </ul>			
120	Are you a grandparent?	□ YES		□ NO			
General Questions: (Work / Ministry)							
121	I am currently	☐ Employed full time☐ Employed part time☐ Unemployed seeking work		☐ A full time homemaker☐ A student,☐ Retired			
122	My spouse is currently	☐ Employed full time ☐ Employed part time ☐ Unemployed seeking work		<ul><li>☐ A full time homemaker</li><li>☐ A student,</li><li>☐ Retired</li></ul>			
123	Which if any, of the following area of the family ministry training or programs have you served or participated in?	<ul><li>☐ Marriage preparation</li><li>☐ Marriage enrichment</li></ul>		<ul><li>☐ Parenting</li><li>☐ None of the above</li></ul>			

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