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“Jony’s Journey”

Jony & Soojin with Team Expansion in Malaysia

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August 2026 “And the things you have heard me say... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” — 2 Timothy 2:2

1 GRATEFUL REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

This month, God raised up leaders who no longer need us in the room — in a training room in Penang, a grief-filled conversation, and a small church on the Thailand border.

Here are three stories from August.

2 THREE STORIES FROM AUGUST

Two Leaders, Two Nations, One Week

Pak MN and Ibu IA arrived in Penang on 17 August, introduced by a mutual friend, DA. For twenty years, this couple has quietly served the Alas, Tamiang, and Pakpak Boang peoples of Northern Sumatra — through the 2004 tsunami and the long recovery after, often with no local church behind them.

For four days, we studied the Zúme Discipleship Training system together, and prayed over Penang’s streets between sessions. Sister CA joined too, leading several sessions herself.

By the end of the week, three commitments were born:

1. Pak MN will teach Zúme in Bahasa Indonesia every Saturday night, starting in September.
2. CA will lead a new Zúme English group every Thursday, and may travel to Indonesia to support MN and IA.
3. MN and IA will plant simple 3/3 home groups in Medan and Aceh.

Two team leaders, raised up in one week — proof this training multiplies in any language, without us in the room.

A Mother's Prayers, Finally Her Own

On 16 August, Sister LE asked me to pray for her friend Z, grieving in Penang — her mother, a lifelong Christian, had gone home to the Lord two days earlier. Z's own faith had never taken root; she remained a Buddhist even as her mother prayed for her, year after year.

I prayed with her, then shared the gospel. She said yes to Jesus that afternoon — proof her mother's prayers were never wasted, only delayed.

Z has returned to Beijing and will join our Mandarin group online starting next week.

Hat Yai — Three Sisters and a Door Into Thailand

From 24 to 26 August, we visited Hat Yai, Thailand, to meet three sisters in ministry: LY, XP, and ZY. Sister LY, originally from Yunnan, has served the Thai people here for fifteen years and now leads a small church of fifteen.

All three joined our Mandarin Zúme session while we were there, and Sister LY is now preparing to teach her own church using Zúme Thai — a door into Thailand, led by someone who already belongs there.



August, in six lines

Days of intensive Zúme training hosted for Pak MN & Ibu IA in Penang	4
New leadership commitments birthed this week	3
New believer this month — Sister Z, now disciplined online from Beijing	1
Days spent in Hat Yai, Thailand, meeting three sisters in ministry	3
Zúme language streams now running, with Bahasa Indonesia newly added	5
Countries touched this month	Malaysia • Indonesia • Thailand • China

We keep our numbers small and honest. The stories above are what the numbers are actually made of.

3 ACTIVE GROUPS UPDATE

Our existing groups held steady this month, and one brand-new stream was born. Across the board: more of the training is now carried by leaders in their own language, not by us.

Zúme Mandarin — ongoing (started 16 June)

14 students (9 China, 5 Malaysia), plus 3 new members from Hat Yai. Led by Soojin, JE.

Zúme Cantonese — ongoing

35 students. Led by Dr. LG, AE, MS, EC.

Zúme English — growing

3 students at a local café; a new Thursday group launches in September. Led by ER, CA, MA.

Zúme Bahasa Malaysia — leadership network

25 leaders and members in Kampar and Ulu Kampar, Perak. Led by KM, SA, ZI, BN.

Zúme Bahasa Indonesia — first training complete

Our first Zúme Indonesia session ran here in Penang with Pak MN and Ibu IA. Weekly Saturday-night groups in Medan and Aceh begin in September. Led by Pak MN, Ibu IA.

Every stream above is now led by someone who was once a student — the quiet math of multiplication we're praying happens in Thailand next.

4 PRAYER REQUESTS & NEXT STEPS

Would you pray with us?

- 🙏 For Pak MN & Ibu IA's family — protection and provision as they prepare to launch Zúme Indonesia this September.
- 🙏 For CA — as she steps into a larger leadership role here in Penang.
- 🙏 For Z — that the seed planted in her heart takes deep root in Beijing.
- 🙏 For Sister LY's church in Hat Yai — as she prepares to teach Zúme Thai.
- 🙏 For our five language streams — endurance and unity for every leader carrying a cohort.

- 🙌 For Soojin and me — strength as we keep crossing borders between Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand.

What comes next

- Follow up with the 25 leaders trained at Batu Pahat — begin forming 3/3 groups.
- Disciple our five new believers from June, and welcome Z into the Mandarin group.
- Carry the Mandarin cohort through its first full cycle.
- Return to Hat Yai in November for a week of mission with Sister LY.
- Support Pak MN & Ibu IA as they launch Zúme Indonesia in September.
- Prepare for the Zúme Advanced Training in Gopeng, Perak — 3–6 November.

CLOSING

August, in one sentence: God did not ask us to do more — He asked us to hand more of it to others.

Two twenty-year veterans in Sumatra picked up a new tool. A grieving daughter found the faith her mother had prayed for. Three sisters on the Thailand border opened a door we had only knocked on before. Thank you for praying, giving, and going with us — you are part of every leader raised up and every seed that breaks into life.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...” — Ephesians 3:20

To God be all the glory.

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