

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

St Nicholas' Home, Malaysia

Looking after young vulnerable children

In their own words

'It is the only centre of its kind in Malaysia and is doing an amazing job. It's incredibly hard work, but I was so moved by the commitment and dedication of the staff.'

Viki Helstrip, USPG volunteer



Malaysia factfile

Population: 26.6 million (UN, 2007)

Languages: Malay (official), English, Chinese dialects, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam

Religion: Islam, Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism

Export: Electronic equipment, petroleum and liquefied natural gas, chemicals, palm oil, wood and wood products, rubber, textiles

Life expectancy: 65 years (men), 66 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Malaysia

St Nicholas' Home, founded in 1926, is part of the wide-ranging mission activity of the Anglican Church in Malaysia, which is supported by USPG.



About this Project...

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St Nicholas' Home, situated in Penang and run by the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia, has been supporting deaf-blind and multi-handicapped blind children since 1991. It is the only institute catering to such children in Malaysia.

Nirul was born deaf and partially sighted. Although dearly loved by her parents, she was hidden away because in Malaysia – as in many communities around the world – there is stigma attached to having a child born with a disability. Although eight years old, Nirul had only eaten bottled baby food. But she was brought to St Nicholas' where

she was put on a healthy diet and responded well to intensive care. St Nicholas' typically accommodates around 15 students. The deaf-blind students are given a basic education in reading, writing and arithmetic, while students with residual vision are taught sign language. Those with total blindness are taught hand-over-hand sign language. USPG supports its work helping children with blindness and other disabilities to grow in self-confidence and independence.

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