

Langham Partnership news

Supporting Strategic People for the Sake of the Global Church

In February, 2005, Charles Owiredu completed his studies in the UK and was awarded his PhD. Today he's back in Ghana, teaching at Regent University College and serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs at this Christian University in Accra. Charles wasn't the only Langham Scholar to graduate this year: Dinorah Mendez completed her studies at Oxford and is now back home, teaching at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, Lydie Kucova is home teaching in the Czech Republic and Roli dela Cruz is teaching in the Philippines. In the past year, fourteen Langham Scholars have returned to their home countries to teach and train future pastors in countries like Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria and Uganda: countries where sometimes the gospel proclamation is strong but equipping the church through sound biblical preaching is often lacking.

The Ripple Effect

Ivan Satyavrata finished his doctorate back in 2001. He is an excellent model for what Langham Scholars can achieve through your support. He is back in India training the next generation of preachers and teachers, equipping and strengthening the church. As principal of the Southern Asia Bible College in Bangalore, he is involved in the training of almost 300 students from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. This year more than 100 students completed their studies and are now beginning to serve in church planting, frontier mission, compassion ministry and pastoral work in South Asia. Ivan also ministers part-time at a 7,000 strong church in Bangalore and serves as Chairman for India of the Asian Theological Association. Ivan, commenting about his time as a Langham Scholar, says:

"My doctorate has greatly enhanced my contribution to the leadership roles within which I function here at the college, as well as my wider responsibilities in national theological education".

That's the aim of the Langham Scholars programme. By supporting a single scholar for three or four years, that scholar then returns home and trains a new generation

of preachers and teachers for the church, who in turn go on to impact thousands. Langham Partnership has supported 262 Scholars who are now serving in 32 different countries in the world.

The Next Generation

Langham Partnership has 84 current Scholars. Some of the most recent to begin their studies include:

Insur from Tatarstan – who has already founded a college to train national church planters in the countries of the former Soviet Union, and believes an Oxford doctorate will help to establish his credibility with the Russian educational authorities. He will focus his studies on developing a contextualized approach to theological education in the region.

Samuel from China – who reports on a soaring interest in Christianity among Chinese intellectuals, and on the growth of academic institutions which have established Christian Studies programmes. As an evangelical he plans to return home to teach biblical studies in one of these programmes.

Kostake from Macedonia – who has been working with the Christian Student movement there and plans to return to develop a Christian Centre which will include a department for theology and biblical studies.

Victor from Nigeria – who will be studying in Edinburgh and will return to teach at the Evangelical Churches of West Africa Theological College, which serves one of the largest denominations in all Africa.

Jose from Peru – who as a pastor has identified the need to develop a theology of work for Latin America. He will be developing this at the Oxford Centre for

Missions Studies.

Four years or so from now, these five brothers will be returning to their homes – to Tatarstan, China, Macedonia, Nigeria and Peru. Returning to help mature the church, and to teach and train others who, in turn, will take up responsibilities in church planting, pastoral work, and evangelism. Langham Partnership's support of Ivan has resulted in hundreds of men and women being better equipped for ministries in India and its neighbouring countries. Several years from now we believe these five new Scholars will be having a similar impact.

Can you help?

Langham Partnership is only able to provide scholarships at this time because of the generous giving of friends like you. Will you therefore consider making a donation to Langham's Scholarship Programme helping us support these five brothers as they begin their studies and in our on-going support of those continuing their studies? Better still, will you commit to giving regularly for the four years they will take to complete their studies? Your committed support in this way would be tremendous.

"The investment you make in the few who benefit directly from the Langham Scholarships programme each year has far-reaching impact, through the pastors evangelists and cross-cultural missionaries they train, the national and regional movements they initiate, the books and articles they write, and the many other ways they strengthen the foundations of Christ's Church." Ivan Satyavrata

From Chris Wright

Langham Partnership invested in the training of Ivan (seen here with his wife Sheila) and now he is back in India exercising theological leadership throughout South Asia, and at the forefront of training the next generation of preachers and teachers in India and its neighbouring countries. They in turn will have a huge impact on the growth of the church in that region.



News of Langham Literature

Turning Langham Scholars into Langham Writers

To write a scholarly piece of work capable of earning a PhD is an achievement in itself. But to write for ordinary Christians is another thing altogether. Of course we want our Langham Scholars to be able to think, teach and write at the best academic level. But we also want them to make an impact at every level in the churches where they are in leadership. And one of the best ways to do that is through writing good books to help everyday believers in rapidly growing churches to understand and apply the Bible and their faith in their own language and culture. Good writing is partly a gift to be awakened and partly a skill to be learned. The Langham Scholars Summer Seminar aimed to do both.

Led by Dr Miriam Adeney, ten of our current UK Scholars spent a week together in London in June, being taught some of the essential aspects of good writing (style, structure, sparkle). Miriam, an accomplished author herself, has worked in the Philippines and teaches mission and anthropology in Seattle and Regent College, Vancouver.

She leads Writers Workshops in many parts of the world and has a passion for encouraging Christian leaders in the majority world to write, and write well, for their own people. Her passion rubbed off on our Scholars.

As well as the teaching, each participant spent several hours each day in silent writing on a chosen topic (not their dissertations!). These ranged from a booklet for Muslim and Christian patients in hospital beds in Lebanon, through booklets on the clash of cultural values for Christians in India and Mexico, to a manual for mothers and daughters struggling with poverty and bereavement in Kenya, and a 30-day devotional guide to the Psalms of lament for the Philippines. All of these were written in national languages, but writers read their work in translation each day, and critiqued each other's work enthusiastically. At the end of the week, each project was

dedicated to the Lord for its completion and future publication and use. Miriam offered some ongoing mentoring to those who wanted to continue their growth as potential authors of the future.

Pieter Kwant (International Director Langham Literature) also spent a day at the seminar, and spoke on aspects of writing for publication, drawing on his wide experience of publishing not only in the west, but throughout the world.

All the Scholars said the week was an inspiration and encouragement to them. We pray it will have awakened gifts and honed skills that will bear great fruit in their home countries in the years ahead – long after the writing of their dissertations is a distant memory!



Miriam Adeney (top left) with Scholars at the Summer Seminar on 'Leadership through Writing'.

Melbourne to Cairo

Lynn Pryor, a professional librarian from Melbourne, with almost 20 years experience in theological libraries, will be working in Cairo through 2006 at the Alexandria School of Theology recently inaugurated by the Anglican Diocese of Egypt.

Lynn will be assisting in the establishment of the library facilities for the School and training local personnel for the ongoing management of the library services.

She is taking with her the latest Langham Literature Catalogue and we will be assisting her, (just as we were able to do with Bishop Patteson College in the Solomons), in applying for a Langham Literature Library Grant.



Please pray for Lynn as she goes to Cairo.



Daniel Darko (Ghana), Gabriela Tijerina (Costa Rica) and Victor Morales (Mexico) - 3 of the current Langham Scholars.

Thank you!

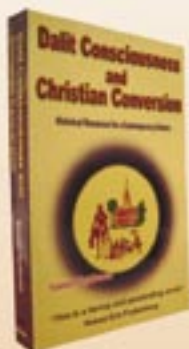
It is always a privilege to pass on to you, whose giving makes the work of Langham Partnership possible, some of the thanks that comes our way from those whom we serve around the world. This letter arrived in the Langham Literature office in the UK in July, from the East Africa School of Theology (Kenya), after they received the consignment of books for their graduates.

Of the making of many books...

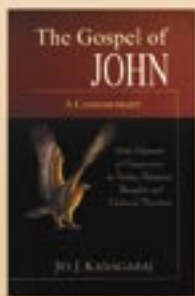
The long-term fruit of the combined ministry of Langham Scholars and Langham Literature can be seen in more and more good quality evangelical books being produced around the world – rather than just exported from the west. Sometimes these are translations into regional languages, but increasingly Langham is investing in enabling new majority world writers to produce relevant material for their own culture. This can involve giving a grant for a person to take some sabbatical time for writing, or helping with editorial and pre-press issues, or making small grants for production, publication and distribution costs. Here are just a few examples of the results.



Bible expository sermons in Nepali by **Rev Mangal Man Maharjan**, in Kathmandu, have been collected into a book and distributed to 5,000 Nepali pastors. Langham Literature covered the cost.



Samuel Jayakumar, another Indian Langham Scholar, has written this book on the Dalits – the outcasts of Indian society.



Langham Scholar, **Jey Kanagaraj** who teaches at UBS in India, has written this commentary on John with a particular focus on issues raised by the Hindu context.



Craig Blomberg's book on the Parables of Jesus has been published in Russian, with a grant from Langham Literature.

Continuing our Links with the Solomon Islands

It was a year ago we featured Bishop Patteson Theological College in the Solomon Islands and told you of the difficulties under which they seek to train ministers and church workers. We were, with the help of Patrick Cole, able to assist the College in applying for a Langham Literature Library Grant. It was therefore very exciting to receive this email from Patrick on October 12, 2005.

"Dear friends,

This is just a quick note to thank you warmly and most sincerely for respective efforts in ensuring that the first consignment of LPI books has been safely received at Bishop Patteson Theological College here in Solomon Islands. I will start prodding them now to produce their next annual order list (hard to believe a full year has gone by since we got the last one through the system!). Lord bless"



This photo shows (from left) BPTC Principal Rev Philemon Aka, Deputy Principal Bishop Michael Tavo, with the BPTC Librarian, Boniface, between them together with some of the books received for their library as a result of your generosity. Thank you!

They were all very grateful to the Langham Partnership for its support and persistence in ensuring that communication problems were finally overcome. Principal Aka was also delighted with the extraordinary wealth of biblical scholarship contained in many of the texts provided.

BPTC has received their next order form, and Patrick has encouraged them to fill it out and dispatch it ASAP.

Will you help us continue to support Colleges like Bishop Patteson?



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Dear Friends at Langham Literature

On behalf of the Graduates of East Africa School of Theology, I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the books you gave. We presented them as gifts to the graduates during their graduation last Thursday.

The graduates have very few books to call their own. Many only hope for a good Bible when they leave Bible college. This year another donor provided a study Bible and your books were nicely wrapped and presented. I wish you could have been here to see the expressions on the faces of the students as they received their gifts. Words cannot express their joy. Your books may be the only library some of the students may have to begin.

Some former graduates were there and expressed how the books you gave in years past have been of help to them in the ministry.

Thank you so much for the ministry. Your gift of books is a real blessing to our graduates.

In His service,

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Jonathan Lamb in Australia – August 2005

It was great to welcome Jonathan Lamb, the International Director of Langham Partnership's Preaching Programme to Australia during the month of August 2005. Jonathan's visit was primarily at the invitation of three agencies: CMS Victoria, Ridley College Melbourne and St Luke's Church Miranda, Sydney.

At CMS Victoria's Winter School Jonathan addressed the themes of 'the heart of God', and 'the passion of God for all nations'. The first day was for clergy and church leaders, with the theme related to the local church, while the second day was for CMS supporters. He gave a wonderful overview of the Biblical theology of mission as part of that second day.

At Ridley College Melbourne Jonathan was speaking at their Preaching and Ministry Conference – an annual week-long event for clergy, pastors and Ridley faculty and students. Jonathan gave 7 addresses at this event, and enjoyed fellowship with a number of

pastors and leaders serving not only in Victorian parishes but also some from South Australia and the ACT. The Australian Christian Book of the Year Awards took place at Ridley College at the time of the Preaching Conference and Jonathan was asked to give a short address.

St Luke's Church Miranda in Sydney had invited Jonathan to speak at their Annual Global Missions Convention. This included an opening dinner, four church services on the Sunday and special focused day & evening meetings throughout the week.

Jonathan also had the opportunity to speak at Moore College's Chapel service and SMBC while he was in Sydney, plus a number of Melbourne and Sydney churches on the two Sundays he was with us.

It was good Jonathan was able to meet a number of Langham supporters from across the denominations in both cities during his time here.

We look forward to another brief visit from Jonathan early July 2006 when he is coming at the invitation of the International Christian Medical and Dental Conference to Sydney.

Jonathan with the Ridley College Faculty Team.



Pakistan Preaching Seminar Includes 3 Australians

They came from all around the country to the far north of Pakistan to the 2nd Langham Preaching Seminar held in Murree (near Islamabad) in early July this year. Although the majority of the 73 participants were pastors from the Church of Pakistan there were many other interdenominational church workers, lay people and representatives of major para-church agencies such as PFES (the Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students) and Scripture Union. One of the groups that attended had a 48-hour journey in each direction, showing the importance they attached to the event.

The main national co-ordinator was Rev. Dr. Pervaiz Sultan, Principal of St. Thomas's Theological College, Karachi. Steve Sonneman, a CMS Australian missionary working in Pakistan, was also able to help with co-ordination. Pervaiz shared with Allan Chapple (Trinity Theological College Perth) and Andrew Reid (Ridley College Melbourne) in the main teaching sessions, supported by a team of local facilitators, working in Urdu.

"I immensely enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this ministry and was overwhelmed with the privilege of meeting these brothers and sisters in Christ." Andrew Reid

There were four morning expositions by Allan, Andrew and Pervaiz, with a variety of plenary sessions led by Andrew and Pervaiz. Levels 1 and 2 were offered this year. All participants also received books sent by Langham Literature and Matthias Media.

Allan Chapple said of his time in Pakistan *"I am grateful for the opportunity of participating in this conference. It was a great privilege to be there, and to meet believers whose context is much more demanding and whose ministry is much more courageous than mine."*

Please pray that the preaching seminar movement in Pakistan will develop with the help of devoted and capable leaders.



Steve Sonneman & Andrew Reid at the Seminar.

Allan Chapple & Andrew Reid in Pakistan.

Andrew Reid leading a Track 2 Seminar.



Langham – Lausanne links

The Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization recently honoured John Stott by appointing him as the Lausanne Honorary Chair.

Many will know that **John Stott** played a major role in the drafting of the Lausanne Covenant, which arose from the first Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, in 1974. The Lausanne movement is going through something of a renaissance under the fresh leadership of Doug Birdsall, its new Executive Chair. Doug worked in Japan for over 20 years and now directs the Christy Wilson Centre for World Mission at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, USA.



Meanwhile, the same group invited **Chris Wright** to take on the Chair of the Lausanne Theology Working Group, which John Stott led during one of its most active periods in the 1980s. Chris has agreed, and plans to ensure that the Lausanne movement is enriched through the theological contribution that can be made by strategically placed former Langham Scholars around the world.



While visiting several African countries in July, Doug Birdsall wrote to us to say:
“In my experience here, the three groups that have made the greatest impact in terms of raising up leaders are IFES, Scripture Union and Langham Partnership. Obviously at the highest level of developing scholars, Langham Partnership is in a class by itself. I admire all that you are doing.”

Doug Birdsall, Executive Chair, Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. (LPUKI News)

Langham Partnership Programmes

- **Langham Literature** Providing evangelical books for pastors, theological students and seminary libraries, and encouraging evangelical writing and publishing in the majority world.
- **Langham Scholars** Offering scholarships to enable evangelical leaders to gain doctorates in biblical and theological studies and return to their home countries as seminary teachers and church leaders.
- **Langham Preaching** Developing networks and movements for ongoing training of pastors and leaders in biblical expository preaching.

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