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Equipping a new generation of Bible teachers

Somewhere in the world right now...

A pastor is preparing to preach next Sunday and is working hard on a Bible passage with skills learned in a Langham Preaching seminar. Actually, there are thousands of pastors all over the world for whom that will be true.

Somewhere in the world right now a student is sitting in a seminary classroom getting excited about what they are learning from the Bible, as they are being taught by a faculty member who got their PhD in theology through the Langham Scholar program. Actually there are many thousands of students, pastors and leaders of the future generation for whom that is true since more than 300 Langham Scholars are teaching all over the world.

Somewhere in the world right now a librarian is unpacking a consignment of books just arrived from the Langham

Literature warehouse in Carlisle, UK, which very soon will be catalogued and available for the students in that seminary, to feed their minds and hearts with good teaching. And some of those books will be written by local authors trained and edited by Langham Literature staff. Actually there are hundreds of seminaries all over the world whose libraries depend heavily on Langham Literature's grant program and logistical service.

And all over the world today ordinary church members will benefit from such preaching, teaching and reading, and will be making a difference for the kingdom of God in the places where they live and work — equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ...

Chris Wright

Numbers tell the Langham Story

3
the number of integrated ministries of Langham: Literature, Preaching and Scholars

70+
the number of countries where Langham ministries thrive

350+
the number of Langham Scholars around the world today

10,000
the number of pastors and lay preachers trained through Langham Preaching last year alone

25,000
the number of biblical books supplied to pastors and scholars in the Majority World just last year

Countless
the number of Christians in the Majority World who grow in depth, maturity and faithfulness through the multiplication effect of all those numbers listed above

Almost Measureless
your impact on the church of the Majority World when you pray, support and donate to Langham Partnership



Langham Preaching local trainers in Vanuatu receiving books from Langham Literature

...that's why we do what we do...

Thank you Langham Australia supporters, for your part in this ministry which in multiple ways enables the Bible to change the church so the church can change the world for God.

Preacher-teaching wisdom from the Pacific Islands

'Never do alone what you can do with another!'

This comment captures Pacific Island culture. It also captures what motivates the growing networks of preacher groups facilitated by **Langham Preaching worldwide**. For many Westerners it is a hard teaching that goes against our individualistic grain.

In Brisbane at the Pacific Island Consultation earlier in the year, there was infectious joy at the privilege of being together among the participants from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Tonga.

As I was preparing for leading a session on 'principles of effective training' with a group of Pacific Island preacher-training facilitators, I remembered the words of a friend. We had been discussing the joys and challenges of cross-cultural living and teaching when she said she often reminded herself to, *'Remove your shoes, lest you think God had not been here before you.'*

Each participant brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom and pulpit from their lives as pastors, teachers, parents, business owners, farmers, neighbours and any of a myriad other occupations and life experiences. God has been there, teaching them, long before any of us arrived on the scene!

So, heeding a foundational principle of adult education, I asked the group to give me their best ideas for teaching others. This is some of what they came up with:

1. Always move from the known to the unknown. Begin by having the participants tell you what they know before you move to what will be new to them.
2. When preparing to teach material that is new to you as the teacher, first present it to a group of people you feel comfortable with.
3. Never do alone what you can do with another.
4. Help the participants discover ideas for themselves. Let them find their own answers in the Bible, because when they do it by themselves they will be able to do it better the next time.



5. Use lesson-appropriate visual aids. Use content that is easily recognizable and familiar.
6. Use singing and rhythm as a teaching tool and memory aid.
7. Teach the way you want your participants to teach; they will teach the way they were taught.
8. Warn your participants before asking them to do things that may make them feel uncomfortable. They are there to learn, but it can be a frightening experience for some.
9. Always find something to affirm in your participants' efforts — show that you believe in them.
10. Set tasks that can be easily evaluated.
11. Use only resources and technology that participants will also have access to.
12. As trainers, be honest and vulnerable.

The group owned this lesson. **Was I needed?** Yes, for without my facilitation they may not have been able to speak out what they already have learnt, and we would not have helped each other further. God is our ultimate trainer. And he has designed life so that no one has to do it alone!

Jennifer Cuthbertson, Langham Preaching

What does the church really need?

"All sorts of remedies are proposed for the reformation and renewal of the church, and for its growth into maturity. But they tend to be at the level of technique and methodology. If we probe more deeply into the church's sickness, however, we become aware of its need for more potent medicine, namely the Word of God."

John Stott, Founder of Langham Partnership

Langham Scholars facing difficult times

Across the world, Langham Scholars are serving the Lord in all sorts of difficult situations.

Following the Nairobi Westgate Mall attack in September, Dr Gladys Mwiti, a Kenyan Langham Scholar, was asked to coordinate the psychological crisis response to the attack. She writes, "We briefed and deployed over 80 psychologists and counsellors under the Red Cross and the Kenya Psychological Association (of which she is the Chair) [and then went on] to train and deploy more... Please keep praying."

In troubled Egypt, there are two Langham Scholars in influential positions who are standing strong in the midst of the

political turmoil and mass persecution of Christians. Rev Dr Atef Gendy is the President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and Rev Dr Andrea Stephanous is General Director of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services. In spite of Egypt's tumult, Andrea vows to stay steadfast in his service to the church, writing "As we always promised, we will still be at the service of the nation through our continuous interaction with citizens, especially the most marginalized and particularly in such critical circumstances."

The September bombing outside a church in Peshawar, Pakistan, killed dozens of Christians. One of those killed

in the blast was Naeem Nazir, a teacher in the Open Theological Seminary (OTS) in Pakistan and a Langham Preaching trainer. Qaiser Julius, one of our Langham Scholars currently studying in Australia, is Principal of OTS and was a good friend of Naeem. Qaiser will be visiting Pakistan in November and will see first-hand the grief of those who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured and what the loss of Naeem and others means for the church and for Langham Preaching in Pakistan.



Qaiser Julius

Please pray for all Langham Scholars living and serving the Lord in these and other difficult situations, that God would grant them His protection, peace and wisdom, and enable them to serve, lead and support those around them.

a book here, a book there!

A relatively small town in the North of England may seem an unlikely place to provide literature to Bible colleges and pastors around the world, but the office and warehouse in Carlisle is in fact a hub for a large part of Langham Literature's work. In the Western world, where books are readily available and usually affordable, it is sometimes easy to forget the impact that giving books as a resource can bring.

Along with the annual Library Grant that provides hundreds of Bible colleges with thousands of books, Langham also supports pastors with much needed resources. Through the **Pastors Book Pack**, supporters have helped Langham provide over 6,000 relevant books to more than 500 local pastors to date. **Pastor Acher Niyonizigiye from Bujumbura Community Church in Burundi** was one pastor who received such a pack. He writes:

'The Post Office summoned me for a reason I did not know. And when I went, I was given a whole library packed in a

bag. As I came back in a taxi (I could not bring the books on a taxi scooter!), I kept thinking what I would write to you! I was expecting two or three books, not such a big number of so interesting and important books! I am totally surprised!

'You cannot know how precious the books are to me — and our church!

There is no way we can measure the good effects they will have on us. I was particularly astounded by the content of the books. It feels like someone knows the exact kind of material I was in desperate need of and has heard even my unexpressed desires! Every single book they send matches with a specific need I was facing these days.

'I am a billion times thankful to you for sending me such valuable material. For me to get these for free, someone must have paid. I am grateful to anyone who contributed in the efforts of getting the books down to Bujumbura. I am sure these are very expensive books (especially the bigger ones) which I could not purchase by myself. I pray that God will bless you personally and the ministry that is making these efforts to equip God's people across the world!'

These kind words of Acher's are echoed through many more messages that we receive. **Principals in Latin America, librarians in Malawi, grateful seminaries in Myanmar** who have struggled to receive good biblical materials for decades, **all greatly appreciate the resources that they receive from Langham**. As a ministry we are greatly encouraged and extend grateful thanks to all of you that have supported — and continue to support — our vision.



Pastors and lay preachers in the Solomon Islands receive books from Langham Literature

He who has ears to hear

Jonathan Lamb reflects on the importance of an ancient song for today

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the end of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Selected verses from Psalm 19

A Microsoft researcher recently suggested that many people suffer from what she described as 'continuous partial attention'. We are working on our laptop when someone comes to speak to us and, at precisely that moment, our mobile phone rings. We are then engaged in a series of conversations, but only partially concentrating on each of them. In such a world, attentive listening is getting more and more difficult.

Yet God is a speaking God, and he calls for a listening people. Psalm 19 introduces us to the ways in which — for those who have ears to hear — his voice can be heard.

To begin with, the powerful elements of the universe sing the praises of their Creator (vv1-6), the beauty of their music reaching the ends of the earth. We can hear that voice every day in some aspect of the good creation, provoking our response of gratitude and praise. The world around us, despite the ravages of human mismanagement, is still the theatre of his glory¹. Then yet more articulate, God's voice is heard in his law, bringing refreshment, wisdom, joy and warning (vv7-11). Like other song-writers², he describes how that word is of supreme worth, not merely providing information but truly imparting life itself.

This encounter with the universal praise of the created world and the blessings of the law brings us into the presence of God Himself (vv12-14). No wonder it provokes our awareness of sin, our need of cleansing, and our longing to worship him as we should. The voice that spoke in creation and in God's law is the Word which, in Jesus Christ, can truly revive us, cleanse us, and orientate our lives to joyful praise.

So the song ends by demonstrating that God's voice provokes us to use our own voice in humble confession and in joyful worship.

- 1) Romans 1:20
- 2) Psalm 119; Psalm 1

Thank you to Jonathan and Margaret Lamb

Echoing words recently used by Chris Wright, Langham Partnership Australia acknowledges the wonderful contribution that Jonathan and Margaret Lamb have made to Langham Preaching over the past decade. Jonathan has been the LP Programme Director since its inception in 2002 and he has overseen the growth of LP and its emergence as the global movement it is today, assisting pastors and churches in some seventy countries. He and Margaret have worked tirelessly, building up a network of facilitators, National movements

and coordinators around the world, dedicated to raising the standards of biblical preaching. For their long and faithful work in this strategic ministry we say "Thank you".

Jonathan stepped down as International Programme Director for Langham Preaching at the end of September. He and Margaret would appreciate prayer as they seek to discern what the next season of service will be for them.

Trevor Cork, Langham Australia Chair



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Our vision is to see churches equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through the ministry of pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the word of God.

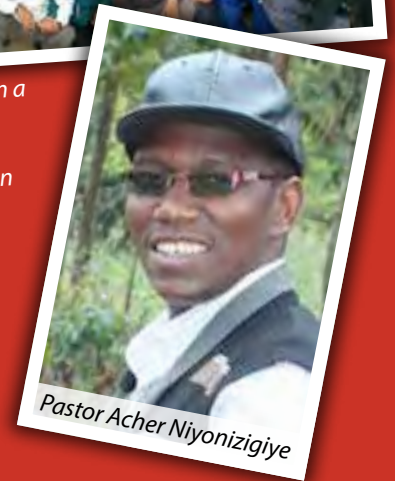
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- Langham Scholars** offers doctoral scholarships for theological leaders who will lead churches and train the next generation of Bible teachers in their home countries
- Langham Literature** provides preachers and Bible colleges with evangelical literature and mentors indigenous writers, editors and publishers
- Langham Preaching** establishes national movements for continuous training in expository biblical preaching.



Participants in a Langham Preaching Seminar, Latin America



Pastor Acher Niyonizigiye

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Like many mission organizations we can benefit greatly when friends make a final gift that continues to bless the ministries they have generously supported in life. Once you have made proper and primary provision for family and friends this can be a very effective way to go on making a difference to the church on earth when you have joined the church in glory! If you would like to consider this option in your will please contact Wendy Toulmin at Langham Australia.