

# Moments of Grace

## 2015 Annual Report



FOUNDED BY JOHN STOTT

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PARTNERSHIP

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to see churches in the Majority World 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.

## OUR MISSION

To strengthen the ministry of the Word of God through:

1. nurturing national movements for biblical preaching (Langham Preaching),
2. fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature (Langham Literature), and
3. enhancing evangelical theological education (Langham Scholars), especially in countries where churches are under resourced.

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# About Langham

Langham Partnership is a global fellowship working in pursuit of the vision God entrusted to its founder, John Stott: to raise up a new generation of biblical leaders for growth with depth in the global church.

## How We Work

Through three distinct but integrated ministries—Langham Preaching, Langham Literature and Langham Scholars—we are training and resourcing the next generation of pastors and leaders who will multiply the impact of God’s Word in more than 90 nations.

### **Langham Preaching** trains pastors to preach the word of God.

We partner with national leaders to nurture indigenous biblical preaching movements all around the world, equipping pastors and lay preachers to teach the Bible with faithfulness to the text, relevance to their own context, and with clarity and boldness.

**Langham Literature** provides majority world pastors, scholars and seminary libraries with evangelical books and electronic resources. We also foster the creation of culturally relevant books by indigenous writers and publishers in their own languages, and invest in major regional literature projects.

### **Langham Scholars** trains pastors and ministry leaders.

We identify men and women who are academically able and recommended by their churches as emerging leaders, and enable them to gain a Ph.D. in Biblical and theological studies. These scholars then return to their home countries to teach and train future pastors in seminaries, start salt and light ministries, and serve their nations for Christ.



*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

Colossians 3:16

Dear friend of Langham,

When I think about Paul's encouragement to us in Colossians to let the Gospel dwell among us, and with gratitude to teach one another through psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit—I cannot help but recall my time at the celebratory launch of the *South Asia Bible Commentary* (SABC) in Delhi, India in October 2015. As pastors, scholars and church leaders across the region came together for the release of this first-ever full Bible commentary by and for the people of South Asia—there indeed were psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit. This moment of grace was a humbling reminder that God uses Langham Partnership to equip and resource leaders who then serve Christ and grow His Kingdom. It's something to celebrate.

Shortly before the SABC launch, another celebration took place in Pakistan—a ceremony of thanksgiving for the 10-year anniversary of Langham Preaching in that country. What started with just a few committed pastors and leaders all those years ago has grown into a movement of biblical preaching. Today, local leaders run all of the first-level training seminars—a testimony that the church in Pakistan is growing in depth.

As you look through these pages, I pray that your spirit would celebrate with us. Know that, by God's grace, your faithful prayers and partnership help see God's Word impacting the hearts and minds of His people in India, Pakistan, and the more than 90 nations where Langham works. His grace is more than sufficient and we are grateful.

Partnering in Christ,



Benjamin K. Homan  
President, Langham Partnership USA



# Langham Preaching

Nurturing indigenous biblical preaching movements for pastors and lay leaders around the world with practical, biblically based training seminars and ongoing support

## Clear, Faithful, Relevant

### Celebrating 10 Years of Pastor Training in Pakistan

The Pakistani people love to sing—especially the Psalms. They are a central part of worship there.

Says \*Omar, a Langham Scholar and the coordinator for Langham Preaching in Pakistan, “People love to sing in times of grief and trouble, but there will always be one or two Psalms every time we gather together.”

So when 500+ local church and lay leaders gathered in the town of Lahore last September to celebrate 10 years of Langham’s preaching training ministry

in this country (celebrations were also held in Karachi and Islamabad), their voices lifted up Psalm 9:

“The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”



Local women take notes during a preaching training in Lahore. In Pakistan, women are integral to church ministry.



Hands that, now trained, can rightly handle God's Word.

Many of these pastors and leaders have seen firsthand the trauma and violence inflicted upon local believers, with the latest Taliban strike in Peshawar still fresh in their minds. Langham’s Regional Coordinator for Langham Preaching, Paul, shared, “If the



At a Langham training event, Pakistani pastors and lay leaders outline a Bible passage and learn how to study and faithfully teach the Bible.

Church of God is to stand up against opposition and persecution, the Word of God needs to be preached faithfully, clearly and relevantly.” By God’s grace, this is what’s happening in Pakistan.

Today, with nearly 1,000 local pastors and leaders trained, all first year trainings are taught by local trainers instead of international facilitators. It’s a testament that these pastors and leaders are growing in their understanding and passion for Scripture—even in the midst of pressure and persecution. Leaders like Samuel, a local pastor who says that though he feels insecure as a Christian in Pakistan, “I know that in Christ I am secure.”

“I love the Word, and it is what people need to hear,” he says. “People come to me now and say ‘I have been blessed by the text you have preached.’”

\*Names have been changed to protect those living and serving in sensitive regions.

## Langham Preaching at a Glance

190 pastor training events held in 47 countries, with indigenous trainers already trained by Langham holding many more • 10,000+ pastors and lay leaders equipped to teach God’s Word • 500+ preaching clubs of 10 to 12 local leaders meeting regularly for ongoing training

# Langham Literature

Supporting indigenous theological writing and publishing so that pastors and leaders have access to books in their own language and context as they serve the unique needs of their communities

## Opening God's Word for South Asia

Meet \*Damir. As a graduate of a Bible college in northern India run by a Langham Scholar, today he



The *South Asia Bible Commentary* is more than just a book for Pastor \*Damir (shown) and the 140 pastors under his care in West India. In their hands, it is a tool that helps them understand God's Word in their context--and faithfully teach it to their congregations.

makes his home in West India, a region known for its persecution of believers and, incredibly, for a huge wave of conversions to Christianity. As one of the few trained Bible teachers there, \*Damir has 140

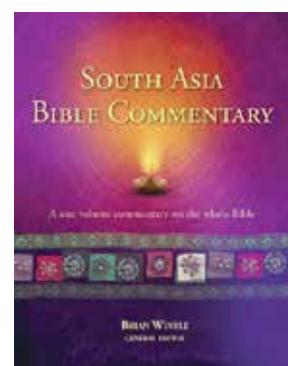
pastors and their churches under his care. Here he is (pictured above) with his motorbike which he uses to travel the dusty roads between the churches, visiting pastor after pastor, congregation after congregation. Many of the pastors are first generation Christians with hardly any resources to help them understand how God's Word speaks into their South Asian context. Until now.

After 8 years of dedicated work by Langham scholars and editors, in partnership with faithful support from Langham donors, the *South Asia Bible Commentary* (SABC) is complete. This groundbreaking resource, the first of its kind written by South Asian scholars

for South Asians, can now be placed into the hands of people like \*Damir and the pastors he trains. In the words of Paul, a church leader in northern India: "This will be a huge blessing for the church in India, which is rapidly growing . . . This will be a wonderful tool for pastors who probably have no theological education, or others who are interested in knowing more about the Bible and about contemporary issues."

At the October 2015 launch celebration in Delhi, India, Langham's International Ministries Director, Chris Wright, described its significance like this:

"This South Asia Bible Commentary, then, is not only a gift to South Asia—which we pray will enable the great Christian populations of the countries in this region to fulfill the calling of our faith... But also, it is a gift from South Asia to the rest of the global Christian church in many other lands and cultures, who, as they eagerly receive and read it, will hear the voice of this region speaking through and alongside the voice of the Scriptures we share in common throughout the world. That is our hope and prayer in Langham Partnership."



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### Langham Literature at a Glance

Supplied **8,866** biblical books to **543** seminary libraries across **82** countries

- Distributed **21,000+** books to pastors, students and ministry partners across **63** countries
  - Supported **14** indigenous publishers, printing **29** local language titles

# Langham Scholars

Funding scholarships and shepherding emerging theological leaders through Ph.D. programs, preparing them for a lifetime of multiplicative ministry as they go on to train others and shape nations

## Threads of Hope in Nigeria

In 2015, Langham celebrated the graduation of 10 emerging theological leaders from their Ph.D. programs. They now join a fellowship of 300+ Langham Scholars around the world who are starting and leading seminaries, starting salt and light ministries, and serving as leaders in their nations. Lami Bakari is one of these new graduates.

Although Christ captured Lami Ibrahim Bakari's heart when she was 6, she can picture it like it was just yesterday. "I still remember my mom holding my hand and walking me into that circle, and we were prayed for," she says. From then on, Lami has been sharing Christ in ministry with young girls, teaching in church, and working as a hospital chaplain. As the years passed, God began to bring her face to face with the needs of women in her community.

"As a woman, I feel that that is my Jerusalem," she says. "To walk with women, to impact women, and to help them understand what God is calling them to do. It's my passion, and it led me to seek further education."

With support from Langham, Lami completed her Ph.D. in theological studies in 2015. Now she teaches in two local seminaries and, together with her husband, runs a foundation that provides education and skills training to both women and men in Nigeria, showing them how the Gospel speaks into issues of independence, financial stability, and character. The main project is called Stitch of Hope, a sewing center that teaches women and young girls, many of



Newly graduated Langham Scholar Lami Bakari (second from left) trains a group of women through Stitch of Hope, a ministry she founded in Nigeria that teaches women, many in poverty, how to sew—a profitable skill that helps them earn an income and their independence.

them in poverty, how to sew—a skill they can use to earn an income.

"For the development of Northern Nigeria in every way and expansion of the Kingdom, African women must become economically viable and spiritually alert," she says. "That is exactly what Stitch of Hope is called to do, and I am convinced that we will make a difference in Northern Nigeria."

She says that her study on how to faithfully handle and apply Scripture within her culture's context is equipping her to better serve the Nigerian church.

"I am so grateful to Langham," she says. "I appreciate what Langham is doing around the world, and in me, to offer me this great opportunity."

### Langham Scholars at a Glance

Celebrated the graduation of **10** Ph.D. students who now join a fellowship of **300+** Langham Scholars, serving in their home countries, with **40%** launching new ministries and **82%** training students who start ministries and churches  
• **75** current Ph.D. students from **36** countries were awarded scholarships

# Fiscal Year 2015 Financials

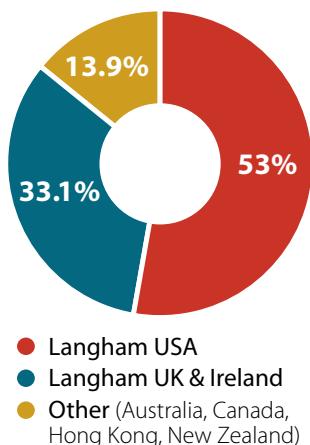
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Langham Partnership is comprised of six national partners (Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the USA), each separately incorporated in its own nation, with its own Board of Directors. We also have full transparency with each other on our budgets—and though we have separate financial spreadsheets and reporting, we have developed a consolidated financial expression that gives us a better and fuller picture. Part of that fuller picture includes Langham USA helping with the fundraising and public communication aspects for other members. Thus, the numbers shown in the LPUSA budget reflect the costs, but not the income, of helping our national partners. While the financials for each national member are audited, the consolidation of those into the global budget is not.

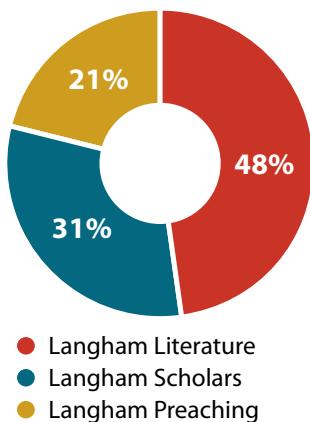
The income and expense reported in this annual report is based on cash accounting whereas accrual accounting methods were used to report income in our audited statement and tax return; hence some differences may exist in comparison.

	USA	GLOBAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Individuals	\$ 2,392,195	
Churches	\$ 124,853	
Foundations	\$ 572,425	
Investment & Other Income	\$ 54,887	
<b>SPECIAL FUNDING</b>		
John Stott Global Initiative <i>(Donor-designated draw down)</i>	\$ 133,000	
Langham Writer's Fund <i>(Endowment)</i>	\$ 40,000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,317,360</b>	<b>6,038,399</b>
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>		
Langham Scholars	\$ 498,092	1,043,305
Langham Literature	\$ 438,193	1,603,314
Langham Preaching	\$ 294,087	713,216
International Ministry Support	\$ 774,897	1,139,076
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Fundraising	\$ 929,926	965,654
Administrative	\$ 309,345	843,957
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,244,540</b>	<b>6,308,522</b>

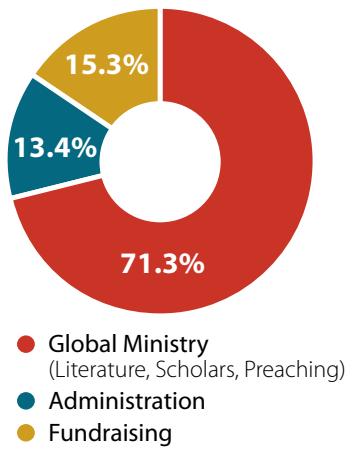
Global Funding by Partners



Global Allocation of Funding by Program



Global Stewardship



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## Meet Our International Leadership



Christopher J. H. Wright, International Ministries Director, was appointed by John Stott in 2001. He is a respected theologian and ordained pastor in the Church of England. Along with traveling and speaking as our global ambassador, he develops resources used in pastor training and strengthens global theological education by helping develop curriculum and improve standards. An award-winning author of 19 books, including *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative*, he is a pastor to pastors around the world.



Mark Hunt, Executive Director, provides international executive leadership to the senior team of ministry directors and national executives, and facilitates the integration and effective operation of all Langham's work around the world. Prior to coming to Langham, Mark spent nearly 30 years as a publishing executive with Zondervan, during which time he also served as a Langham USA board member and for several years as Chair of the Langham Partnership International Council.

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