

the resilient
GLOBAL CHURCH


2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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By 2025, two-thirds of Christians will live in the Majority World—across Africa, Latin America and Asia. Because **8 in 10 of their pastors lack training** to faithfully preach God's Word, they are vulnerable.

**WE'RE ON A MISSION
TO CHANGE THAT.**

our vision

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:

Nurturing national movements for training in biblical preaching (Langham Preaching)

Multiplying the creation and distribution of evangelical literature (Langham Literature);

Strengthening the theological training of pastors and leaders by qualified evangelical teachers (Langham Scholars).



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dear friend of Langham,

Covid-19 disrupted life in 2020. Plans postponed, events canceled, and normal routines tossed aside. Technology enabled some of us to connect with friends and continue work remotely, while others faced extended periods of unemployment and isolation. Sadly, the daily news featured a climbing death toll.

For churches and Christians in the Majority World, disruption is a daily reality. They are politically persecuted, socially isolated, and economically impoverished. They endure war, natural disasters, pandemics, and public health crises with crushing frequency. Yet, their faith persists. In the face of countless challenges, they gather to proclaim and celebrate the fact that Christ is King!



We have much to learn about resilience from our brothers and sisters around the world.

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

The church in the Majority World, though under pressure and under-resourced, is growing but fragile. Believers are isolated from friends and family when they profess their faith. They long for God's presence when pandemics, wars, and other tragedies hit.

I'll never forget visiting Indonesia following the 2004 tsunami that resulted in the death of nearly 230,000 people. Entire villages and regions were reduced to rubble by the waves, the economy was devastated, and survivors struggled through trauma.

In this primarily Muslim country, most don't know the hope of Christ. Christians make up only 10% of the population. Their very presence leads to persecution, and they're denied the right to assemble or build. Yet, in the face of persecution, tsunamis and pandemics, the church in Indonesia continues to grow.

How can the church survive under such circumstances? The church grows because of the power and promise of Jesus Christ to build his church. Recently, we sent a small team to visit an Indonesian church led by a Langham-trained pastor. While many in his congregation experience poverty, he leads them to focus outward to serve their Muslim neighbors. He says, "God loves and keeps us. We must love our neighbors so they know God loves them." Resilience!

A TOUR OF THE RESILIENT CHURCH

In the pages that follow, you'll visit the church around the world and learn how they persevere in the midst of hardship. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Langham works in these hard places equipping pastors and leaders to preach God's Word, helping His people find hope and resilience in Christ. Praise God for how He uses us together to build His kingdom around the world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben".

Benjamin K. Homan

President, Langham Partnership USA

2020 IMPACT

THANK YOU! Amidst a global pandemic, leaders you've helped resource and equip hold out Gospel hope in more than **130 Majority World nations** (Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East).

648,433

Total People Served in 2020
(directly & indirectly)

307

Scholars serving in 80 nations

68,461

Future biblical leaders taught
by Langham Scholars

113,283

People served by ministries
Langham Scholars started

9,661

Preachers trained at Langham seminars

241,525

Impacted by Langham-trained preachers

30,379

Preachers equipped by Langham-trained
pastors

22

Indigenous publishers supported

643

Biblical authors and writers trained and
supported

642

Seminary libraries received needed
resources

training pastors who build resilient churches

Langham trains indigenous pastors and lay leaders to faithfully study and teach God's Words so they can shepherd their congregations with hope in Christ.

IN THE MIDST OF DISRUPTION, PASTOR TRAINING CONTINUES

While most in-person Langham training events have been paused due to Covid-19, your support enables training seminars to continue virtually. In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, a group of preachers shifted to zoom to continue their training on preaching from the Epistles. One attendee shares, "In spite of all that is happening, we cannot deny the hunger that still exists to come to know God's Word more deeply." Praise God! And in Bosnia, your investment sent pastor Slavko (at right) to receive training. Today, as people ask hard questions about life and eternity in the face of Covid-19, he has launched an online platform to share the Gospel with unbelievers. He says the response has been good, and many non-Christians have responded to the Good News.





331 preaching training seminars held in 69 countries, where local pastors and leaders learn to study and teach God's Word. Alex, a Langham-trained pastor in Peru, worked tirelessly to help pastors continue training online, saying: "The Word of God is not in quarantine!"

TRAINING MULTIPLIES

91% of Langham-trained pastors will train 61 others!

10,000 pastors and lay leaders equipped to bring hope in Christ to their communities. Langham-trained Pastor Somnang (pictured top, at right) trains others in Cambodia, helping them bring the balm of God's Word in a hard season. He says, "We confront death by Jesus's resurrection so that we have hope to heal our community by our living Word."

LIVES CHANGE

90% of Langham-trained pastors see church members change habits and serve others after hearing sermons!

1,140+ Preaching Clubs of 7 to 10 local leaders meeting regularly for ongoing training. As Covid-19 restrictions eased in Liberia, a new group of trained pastors returned to their communities to form new Preaching Clubs (bottom left) where they will practice and share what they've learned with others. Pastor Tanikie told us, "I am so grateful for this training that will help me teach God's Word!"

PREACHING TRANSFORMS

Prep time doubles and use of proper Bible study skills triples for Langham-trained pastors!

developing tools to nurture resilient disciples

Langham supports 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.

BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS, CHRIST IN THEIR CULTURE

In a hard year, your help produced important resources like the Hindi translation of the *South Asia Bible Commentary*, written by Asian scholars to open God's Word to Asian believers. With helpful articles that address issues like suffering, Pastor *Paul in northern India says it helps him multiply disciples and train pastors. And because of you, biblical literature and resources made it into the hands of pastors and Bible students around the world. Your help sent a large shipment of books to a Bible college in northern India. *Rohan, a Langham-trained leader who heads up the school, said, "Nothing else could have blessed us more during lock-down to engage our minds in the things of God. Thank you for standing with us in this journey of helping the church mature."





13,893 books shipped to 642 seminary and Bible college libraries across 80 countries to give students and their teachers books to grow in Christ—and more than half were distributed free through the library grants program. Pastor Julius, who heads a Bible college in Uganda (top left), says, “Thank you...your grant to our college library is a great help for students, pastors, church leaders and Christians in the community who come to read our books!”

TRAINING MULTIPLIES

Because one book in a seminary library will be used by 160 students, these books will impact more than 2 million students!

35,229 books distributed to pastors and ministry partners in need.

LIVES CHANGE

23,348 more students can be educated because they have needed books!



16 local writers in 15 countries received Writer Grants, enabling leaders like *Myat in Myanmar (bottom left) to write books their cultures need. He says, “It’s hard to be a Christian in Myanmar, and it’s difficult to get books. In order to help the Christians of Myanmar, we need books for them to read and study.” With his grant, Myat wrote Law and Grace to help the Tedim Chin understand salvation in Christ alone.

EDUCATION TRANSFORMS

72% of authors go on to write multiple books their cultures need after Langham sponsors them!

equipping leaders for a lifetime of influence

Langham funds scholarships and shepherds emerging theological leaders through PhD programs, preparing them for a lifetime of multiplicative ministry as they go on to train others and shape nations.

PHD=A PLATFORM FOR IMPACT

In Indonesia, a country of 250 million with barely 10% who follow Jesus, there are fewer than 70 people with PhDs in theology from reputable Bible colleges or seminaries. Because of your generous support, *Nur is one of them. For Nur and Indonesia—that PhD is a big deal. It prepared her to become the newly appointed director of the Masters of Theology program at a seminary in Bandung where she’s now a powerful voice to teach the next generation of pastors. Nur says, “[Christians] are hungry; they are thirsty for the Bible, and there are not enough trained leaders.” Her students go on to plant churches, launch ministries, and boldly take God’s Word into hard places. She says, **“In Asia we have so many broken countries, we don’t have money or power, but we do have the pulpit and the Word of God, so I believe that’s where it starts; with Biblical preaching that transforms people’s lives.”**





84 emerging leaders from 44 nations received scholarship support and care for PhD studies. Leaders like Marceline from Cameroon (top left), who prepares to teach in a seminary and launch a ministry to provide education, training, and Bible study for women.

TRAINING MULTIPLIES

82% of scholars start ministries!

14 scholars graduated with PhDs, equipped to serve the church in their nations. Among them is *Milad of Pakistan (bottom left) who will help lead a local seminary, training pastors to serve a church under pressure and persecution. He says, "We are called to share the love of Christ, even while suffering."

LIVES CHANGE

*Just 1 Langham Scholar will train 7,733 students,
3x more than without a PhD!*

300+ Langham Scholars are now serving around the world, starting vital new ministries, writing critically needed books, multiplying trained pastors and Christian leaders and strengthening the church in their nations.

COMMUNITIES TRANSFORM

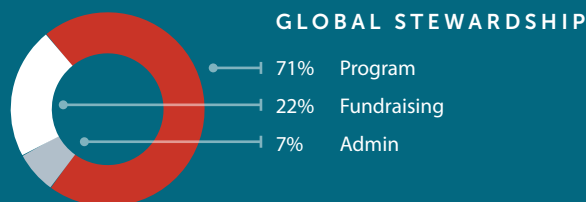
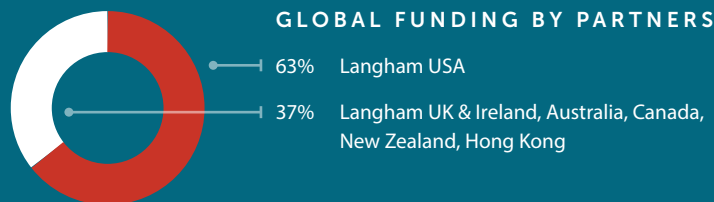
*66% of Langham Scholars write the first relevant
theological books for their nations!*



FISCAL YEAR 2020

Langham Partnership is comprised of six national partners (Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, United Kingdom & Ireland, and the USA), each separately incorporated in its own nation, with its own Board of Directors. Though each partner maintains separate financials, which are audited annually, there is full global transparency among all six partners. A global cloud accounting system implementation enables oversight, analysis and consolidation of the financials of the six members. This page offers the better and fuller consolidated global financial picture. Part of the fuller picture includes Langham USA helping with the fundraising and public communication aspects of the other members. Thus, the numbers shown for Langham USA reflect the costs of helping our national partners, but not the income generated through that help. Not included in these financials are significant additional contributions from grassroots Langham organizations that uphold our vision and mission throughout the world.

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



	USA FY20	GLOBAL FY20
INCOME		
Donations	\$ 5,557,007	\$ 8,536,873
Investment & Other Income	\$ 40,819	\$ 350,364
Subtotal	\$ 5,597,826	\$ 8,887,237
SPECIAL FUNDING		
Endowment	\$ 40,000	
Total Income	\$ 5,637,826	\$ 8,887,237
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Langham Scholars	\$ 713,743	\$ 1,201,173
Langham Literature	\$ 846,202	\$ 1,710,019
Langham Preaching	\$ 550,661	\$ 1,260,561
International Ministry Support	\$ 1,257,274	\$ 1,495,630
Total Program Expenses	\$ 3,367,880	\$ 5,667,383
OTHER EXPENSES		
Fundraising	\$ 1,384,134	\$ 1,788,918
Administrative	\$ 421,239	\$ 568,430
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,805,373	\$ 2,357,348
Total Expenses	\$ 5,173,253	\$ 8,024,731
Growth Campaign Funds Held for Future Disbursement	\$ 464,573	\$ 862,506
Total Expenses & Campaign Funds	\$ 5,637,826	\$ 8,887,237



a new platform voices.langham.org is live!

We're making it easier than ever to learn from our brothers and sisters around the world. Visit voices.langham.org to read full-length articles on Scripture, culture, and the Christian life. All the featured pieces have one thing in common: they are written by Christian leaders from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We need their voices!

New ways to draw near to the global church with Langham in 2021!

a new podcast "on mission" with chris wright

Soon you won't need a passport or a suitcase to journey around the world with Langham. Listen along as Chris Wright (Langham international ministry director, world-renowned Bible scholar, award-winning author) chats with pastors and leaders across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and beyond. Their conversations about following Jesus in hard places will strengthen your own walk.



Listen and learn from Chris Wright's conversations with Christian leaders in the Majority World.

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*"We want to see **God's
Word** changing the
Church so that the church,
under God, **can change
the world.**"*

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