

Growth with Depth

2014 Annual Report



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Langham
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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Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

Dear friend of Langham,

My heart continues to be moved by stories of God’s Word drawing His people to the Gospel— impacting lives, congregations and entire communities with the hope found in Christ. We are developing more than just programs. By cultivating local, indigenously led grassroots movements for the Gospel—we continue to see believers grow in number and depth.

I had the privilege to witness firsthand this “growth with depth” during a recent visit with Langham Scholar Finny Philip in northern India--a region where idol worship is prevalent, poverty is the norm and believers often face persecution. As a theological leader trained with Langham support, Finny is equipping pastors and leaders who can shepherd and disciple these vulnerable believers. Today, in remote tribes where previously there were only a few Christians, there are hundreds growing deeper in their faith. In the words of one: “I have been worshipping many idols . . . but my search for peace went away when I knew the Lord.”

We continue to give thanks for God’s provision and care this year. It’s by His grace and support from our faithful friends and partners that we have a front row seat to witnessing stories of God’s Word impacting the hearts and minds of His people around the world. And we hope you are blessed and encouraged as you read some of their stories here.



Partnering in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Benjamin K. Homan
President, Langham Partnership USA

Langham Preaching

Langham nurtures indigenous biblical preaching movements for pastors and lay preachers all around the world by providing practical, biblically based training seminars and ongoing support.

Building Bridges to the Gospel



Sylvia Opando received training from Langham on how to faithfully study and share the Gospel. Today, she sees God's Word transforming the hearts of women she ministers to in her community.

When the foundation stone for All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi, Kenya, was laid in 1917—a document inscribed with these words was buried underneath: “God grant that this church of All Saints may now and always be a house to promote the greater glory of God . . . and that from it may the waters of life flow for ages for the salvation of the faithful of Nairobi and the whole nation.”

Over the past four years, more than 155 preachers and lay leaders—the faithful of Nairobi—have learned to study, understand and share God’s Word through the Langham preaching club gathering at All Saints Cathedral. Sylvia Opando is among those who’ve learned how to build a bridge to the Gospel for many in her community, where she serves as a counselor.

“Langham changed my total understanding of the Bible. Before, I would just open any part of the Bible, read it, and then go and teach,” she says. “But when I learned through Langham, I understood that preaching is a serious matter. These days, I take time to prepare. It has changed my life and understanding of God’s Word.”

As she grew deeper in her own understanding of the Bible, Sylvia was able to guide some of the women she was counseling to biblically address the issues they were facing.

“They started to understand the Word of God in a different way,” she shares. “As they applied it, I saw tremendous transformation in their life. People who were in the slums, people who were hopeless, people who had turned to begging—I saw them starting to use the Word of God to change their lives. When I left them, they were more economically empowered and doing meaningful activities.”

Langham Preaching at a Glance

190 pastor training events held in 47 countries in need of solid biblical preaching,
10,000+ pastors and lay leaders equipped to teach God’s Word, 500+ preaching groups
of 10 to 12 pastors meeting regularly for ongoing training and mentoring

Langham Literature

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.

God's Word for God's People in Madagascar



Yvette Rabemila, one of the many who helped translate the Africa Bible Commentary into Malagasy, says the book will "help us understand the meaning of the Bible for ourselves!"

It's the 4th largest island in the world. It's ranked as one of the poorest countries in the world, with 90 % of the population living on less than \$2 a day. And while nearly half of its 22 million people identify as Christian—the vast majority lack the biblical resources needed to help them understand how God's Word speaks into the reality of life in Madagascar—until now.

To bring God's Word to the people of Madagascar, Langham partnered with a team of 12 translators, 7 editors and several other organizations to translate the *Africa Bible Commentary* (ABC) into Malagasy, the language spoken by the vast majority of Madagascar's people.

In an open-air celebration in Madagascar's capital city of Antananarivo, the *Malagasy Bible Commentary*—or the *Hevitenin'ny Baiboly*, as it is known locally—was officially launched. Local government officials and believers from all denominations gathered to rejoice in the release of the first contemporary commentary for the people of Madagascar in nearly 100 years, and the first whole Bible resource written by Africans for Africans.

"This book explains simply, and in a Malagasy way of thinking, the Word of God . . . This is not just a commentary using Malagasy words, it uses Malagasy meanings," shares Solomon Andria, the regional coordinator for Langham Literature who worked closely with the translation team.

And for a country where there is so little for pastors to read in their own language, and even less originated in their own context, this book—all 2,000 pages of it—will be a blessing not just to the church leaders, but to all believers wanting to grow in their knowledge of Christ.

In the words of one local pastor: "The Bible is often quoted as the best selling book, but it is not always the best-read book because it is hard to understand. The words in this commentary will help people understand the meaning of the words of God."

Langham Literature at a Glance

Supplied 11,152 biblical books to 531 colleges across 81 countries, 24,446 books distributed to pastors, students and ministry partners, 15 indigenous publishers supported, 30 local language titles supported, \$178,000 in writer's grants provided

Langham Scholars

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

Healing Nations With God's Word

In the Philippines, like so many other countries, people are used to dealing with aftermath. Sifting through rubble, piecing life together, trying to move forward from a natural disaster, a war or grinding poverty. There are relief and development agencies doing the important work of feeding, clothing, and rebuilding. But what about the needs of the human spirit? The need to make sense, to sort through and to find a hope that will sustain.

Langham-trained theological leader Athena Gorospe has experienced the aftermath. When Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines, she took a team of her students from Asian Theological Seminary (ATS), where she teaches biblical studies, to offer help in the midst of the disaster. If you had seen them, it would have looked less like rolling up their sleeves to put hands, shoulders and backs into the relief effort—and more like sitting, listening, and just being with people in their grief. A psychological and spiritual first aid of sorts.



Athena Gorospe trains future pastors to minister the hope of God's Word in the Philippines.

“There’s also an emotional wound, a spiritual wound going on. They need to be processed,” she says. And so Athena and her students offered Scripture—and those who received it were grateful.

Since receiving her Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary with support from Langham, she has been equipping her students at ATS—the future pastors, seminary professors, and community leaders of the Philippines—to help people find a biblical answer to the question “Why, God?” It’s what she calls the theology of lament.

Thinking back to ministering in the rubble, Athena remembers the story of a man who was counseled by one of her students. When they left him, he was clinging to Scripture, a psalm that had been shared with him. Months later, another team from ATS came through and found the man still clinging to that piece of paper. He said to them, “Without this Scripture, I would have gone crazy.” And, by God’s grace, his is not an isolated story.

In a country vulnerable to the teachings of the prosperity gospel and the leanings of triumphalism—helping people find hope in suffering is, in some ways, the ultimate form of relief.

Langham Scholars at a Glance

14 theological leaders graduated with Ph.Ds and returned to their home countries to serve, 75 emerging leaders from 23 countries were awarded scholarships and more than 350 Langham Scholars continue to serve worldwide

Fiscal Year 2014 Financials

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

INCOME	USA	INT'L
Individuals	\$ 2,047,678	
Churches	\$ 116,593	
Foundations	\$ 849,714	
Investment & Other Income	\$ 204,074	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,218,059	6,125,167
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Langham Scholars	\$ 545,004	898,000
Langham Literature	\$ 448,601	1,529,365
Langham Preaching	\$ 263,508	842,845
International Ministry Support	\$ 580,403	799,914
Donor Designations for FY'15 Program	\$ 139,000	
OTHER EXPENSES		
Fundraising	\$ 917,908	
Administrative	\$ 295,376	
Fundraising/Admin	\$	2,055,043
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,189,800	6,125,167

NOTES

1. 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 are working toward a consolidated financial expression that will give 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.
2. 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.

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