“Like a Branch on Fire”
HE MAKES WINDS HIS MESSENGERS, FLAMES OF FIRE HIS SERVANTS. PSALM 104:4
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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Dear friend of Langham,

“*I am like a branch on fire!*”

These words were exclaimed by KB, a village pastor who attended a week-long Langham preacher training seminar in Cambodia. Like many pastors in the region (and like 80% of pastors in the Majority World), he lacked any formal biblical training and struggled to shepherd his church. By the end of the week, he was full of enthusiasm to share God’s Word with his people.

“I have been looking for a more effective approach. This is it! I am like a branch on fire!” he said.

By God’s grace and through your generous partnership, there are 10,000+ more like KB trained by Langham each year, their passion for biblical preaching ignited. Through you, thousands of biblical books so vital to their ministries are distributed. And with your help, theological leaders in their nations are equipped and continue to fan the flames. But it doesn’t stop there because once leaders are trained and resourced with God’s Word, they multiply themselves by training other leaders who multiply disciples of Jesus.

We are grateful for your faithful gifts and prayers that support this work.

Partnering in Christ,

Benjamin K. Homan
President, Langham Partnership USA
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 130+ 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 PhD 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.
Building Bridges to the Gospel in Sri Lanka

Although the decades-long civil war in Sri Lanka came to an end in 2009, the Tamil-speaking Hindu and Sinhala-speaking Buddhists remain divided. But within many Christian circles, those divisions are bridged. “In Christ we are one” is a conviction echoed by Langham-trained pastors like *Ashan, who speaks Tamil but learned Sinhala to bridge the barriers that divide the two groups.

Ashan thanks Langham Preaching for the training he received, which he says is “so useful” as he mentors new believers and leaders in his church, encouraging them to build bridges with God’s Word in divided communities.

Congregation members *Samuel and *Janani took this to heart and relocated into a Buddhist community in west Sri Lanka. Here, no churches exist and Christ followers are sometimes persecuted. But they opened their home to their neighbors, and what began as dinner get-togethers has turned into a weekly Sunday evening gathering. Pastor Ashan attends and helps share God’s Word and answer questions from those exploring the Gospel for the first time, including from one young man who comes without his parents’ knowledge.

“This man says, ‘I like to listen to the Word of God,’” Ashan recounts. “So, we just teach them the Word of God and we believe that the Word of God can transform lives.”

By partnering with Langham, you make possible the training and mentoring of thousands of pastors and lay leaders just like Ashan who multiply gospel messengers like Samuel and Janani. We are grateful!

* Names have been altered to protect the identities of those living and serving in this sensitive region.

Langham Preaching Impact at a Glance

- 284 pastor training events held in 63 countries, with indigenous trainers already trained by Langham holding many more
- 10,000+ pastors and lay leaders equipped to teach God’s Word
- 630+ preaching clubs of 7 to 10 local leaders meeting regularly for ongoing training
Launched! A New Study Bible for New Times in Myanmar

With support from Langham, local Christian publisher CLC Myanmar recently launched the *Burmese Study Bible*, the first modernized translation done in almost 200 years. With updated language and relevant study notes, it is geared toward new or young believers with little or no Christian background.

Publisher Jacob Mung shares, “The great need in this country is discipleship. My goal with the materials we publish is to foster discipleship, which spurs on the growth of the church. We are thrilled to have the *Burmese Study Bible*. Thank you to Langham, and to those who helped us make this project possible!”

Today, with God’s grace and partnership from ministries like Langham, CLC Myanmar has published and distributed more than 200 titles, in addition to the *Burmese Study Bible*. We pray it will be a powerful tool in the hands of Myanmar’s pastors, lay leaders, Bible students and all believers who struggle to understand God’s Word in their context.

**Langham Literature Impact at a Glance**

- Supplied 20,808 biblical books to 679 seminary libraries across 78 countries
- Distributed 19,568 books to pastors, students and ministry partners needing study materials
- Supported 17 indigenous publishers, printing 35 local language titles
Connecting God’s Word to the World

While many Langham Scholars can recall a meaningful visit or conversation with John Stott, Ruth Padilla DeBorst has childhood memories of “Uncle John” sitting around her breakfast table. Ruth’s father, the Latin American theologian Rene Padilla, was among Stott’s closest friends.

“Some of my earliest memories are of John Stott preaching in Buenos Aires,” she recalls. “The conversations around the table, the give and take on both ends. I know his friendship with Latin American leaders was very significant in tailoring Langham’s programs.”

As Ruth progressed from undergraduate to graduate studies, she had thoughts of pursuing her PhD, but felt she needed more lived experience.

By the time John Stott and Chris Wright, Langham’s international ministries director, persuaded her to pursue her PhD in theology (with a focus on missiology and social ethics) from Boston University with support from Langham, Ruth was already an internationally sought-after speaker and writer.

So, why pursue her PhD? Ruth notes a PhD would both benefit the institutions and movements she leads, and open doors for the next generation of women leaders.

Today, through her writing and teaching opportunities, Ruth challenges others to bring their contextual questions and struggles to Scripture. In her role as provost at the Center for Interdisciplinary Theological Studies, she guides 1,000+ students to become bridge builders to the gospel in their families, neighborhoods and work places.

“Change never happens imposed from the outside. It has to bubble up from the inside,” she says. “We need to help people facilitate the engagement of the Word with the realities of their context.”

Jocabed, one of her students, is now serving as a missionary among her native Guna people in Panama, where the majority don’t know Christ.

Langham is grateful for your support in supporting studies of leaders like Ruth who go on to multiply leaders like Jocabed who impact their communities for Christ.

Langham Scholar Impact at a Glance

| Celebrated the graduation of 9 PhD students who now join a fellowship of 300+ Langham Scholars with 40% launching new ministries and 82% training students who start ministries and churches, and teach in Bible colleges | Supported 68 current PhD students from 36 countries |
Fiscal Year 2017 Financials
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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 were used to report income in our audited statement and tax return; hence some differences may exist in comparison.

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| TOTAL INCOME            | $ 4,115,392  | 6,989,870    |

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Global Funding by Partners

- Langham USA: 15.2%
- Langham UK & Ireland: 25.7%
- Other (Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand): 59.1%

Global Stewardship

- Global Ministry (Literature, Scholars, Preaching): 67.6%
- Administration: 12.6%
- Fundraising: 19.7%
Langham Partnership USA
FY2017 Board of Directors

(Board roster of members from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

Matt Allmand (4)
Senior VP of Development,
Love Justice International
Lincoln, NE

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Director, Nagel Institute for World Christianity
Grand Rapids, MI

Lynn Cohick (12)
Professor, Wheaton College
Wheaton, IL

Chip Combs IV, President (26)
President, E. M. Combs & Son
Barrington, IL

Michael Cromartie (6)
VP, Ethics & Public Policy Center
Washington D.C.

Chris Gonzalez (3)
Pastor and Church Planter,
Missio Dei Communities
Tempe, AZ

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Missioner for Evangelism,
Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Dallas, TX

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President, Langham Partnership USA
Cave Creek, Arizona

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Dallas, TX

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Principal, Cross Street Partners
Wayne, PA

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Attorney, Thompson & Knight, LLP
Dallas, TX

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President, First Century Voyages
Chapel Hill, NC

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Retired School Administrator
Carol Stream, IL

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Co-Founding Shareholder, Bennett Thrasher LLP
Atlanta, GA

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Head of Supplier Diversity, Facebook
Menlo Park, CA

Luder Whitlock (3)
Executive Director, Seneff Family Foundation;
The CNL Charitable Foundation
Orlando, FL

(total years served as of 2017 shown in parentheses)
Langham Partnership
FY2017 International Council

Milton Acosta, Majority World Representative
Professor, El Seminario Biblico de Colombia
Medellín, Colombia

Denis Browne, Langham New Zealand Representative
Owner, Heat Transfer
Auckland, New Zealand

Philemon Choi, Langham Hong Kong Representative
President, Youth Global Network Ltd.
Hong Kong

Corneliu Constantineanu, Majority World Representative
Professor, Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad
Arad, Romania

Havilah Dharamraj, Majority World Representative
Academic Dean, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies
Bangalore, India

Mary Evans, LPIC Chair and Langham UK & Ireland Representative
Visiting Lecturer, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology (Addis Ababa)
Cheshire, England

Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Majority World Representative
Executive Director
Theological Commission for the World Evangelical Alliance
São Paulo, Brazil (currently in Birmingham, UK)

Patrick Fung, Majority World Representative
General Director, OMF International
Singapore

Conrad Mbewe, Majority World Representative
Pastor, Kabwata Baptist Church
Lusaka, Zambia

Jill McGilvray, Langham Australia Representative
Retired lecturer at Mary Andrews College,
Sydney, Queensland, Australia

John Rain, Langham USA Representative
Attorney, Thompson & Knight, LLP
Dallas, TX

Peter Robinson, Langham Canada Representative
Professor, Worship and Ministry, University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

David Spence, Langham USA Representative
President, First Century Voyages
Chapel Hill, NC

David Turner, Langham UK & Ireland Representative
Circuit Court Judge
London, England

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 20+ 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.