BRINGING LIGHT TO THE DARK PLACES

Dear friends of Langham,

No doubt the religious and political unrest in recent months continues to weigh heavily on your hearts, as it does mine and all of us at Langham. When we are called to serve in the hard places, places like Egypt, Kenya and Pakistan, we are confronted with the truth that bringing light into dark places is challenging and sacrificial work.

Langham’s presence around the world means that at times our leaders walk in paths of danger, but it also means they are in a unique position to provide biblical solutions that help bring hope and healing in Christ. This type of courage — the kind that risks everything and runs into hurt and suffering — is an inspiration and true picture of the Gospel.

Would you take a moment to join with me in praying specifically for the safety of our brothers and sisters serving in 90+ nations? Pray that the word of God would continue to be faithfully taught, and that it would comfort and strengthen both the suffering and those reaching out to them worldwide.

Yours in Christ,

Benjamin K. Homan,
President, Langham Partnership USA

NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES
Pray for these Langham leaders and their families.

EGYPT
Rev. Andrea Zaki Stephanous, a Langham scholar and general director of The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, in Egypt, faithfully calls for peace in the midst of churches being vandalized and their leaders intimidated by extremists. “As we always promised, we will still be at the service of the nation through our continuous interaction with citizens,” he writes. “Especially the most marginalized and particularly in such critical circumstances.”

KENYA
Even as Al-Shabaab gunmen were holding hostages in Nairobi’s Westgate Mall, Gladys Mwiti — a Langham scholar and founder of Oasis Africa, a counseling center in Nairobi, Kenya — was mobilizing more than 180 trained counselors to bring physical, emotional and spiritual comfort to those suffering in the chaotic aftermath of the mall shooting.

PAKISTAN
Naeem Nazir, one of our Langham preaching trainers in Pakistan, was tragically killed along with his wife and daughter in the church bombing in Peshwar, Pakistan. Remember, too, Earnest Nadeem — a potential Langham scholar living with his family in Karachi, where he teaches at St. Thomas’s Theological College and continues to involve himself tirelessly in Bible teaching ministries there.
THE SCHOLAR AND THE HIT MAN
One Man’s Transformation from Rebel to Redemption

It’s not every day that a former hit man takes a seat in an Old Testament seminary class. To understand how this happens, we need to go to Colombia, into the heart of the drug world, where Carlos Alberto*, an assassin known in the drug cartel as “The Russian,” sat jailed in Bellavista prison — alongside Colombia’s most violent offenders. Little did he know that he was about to encounter a new kind of freedom within the high walls of his cell.

Amazingly, miraculously, Carlos came to Christ while in prison.

After his release, Carlos traded his prison walls for the seminary classroom and enrolled in Semanario Bíblico de Colombia in Medellín. It was there that his path crossed with Langham Scholar and seminary professor Milton Acosta. The former assassin and the bible scholar: an unlikely pair anywhere else but in God’s Kingdom. Acosta became more than just Carlos’ professor, he became his mentor — equipping him for a future ministry almost unimaginable a few short years before.

Today, Carlos is on a new track as the pastor of a nearby church, although threats on his life have caused him to leave Medellín. The story of his journey from “The Russian” to the pastor has inspired many and is a dramatic example of the influence one trained teacher can have on the life of a future leader who goes on to impact others. It’s God’s doing, but your support of Langham’s mission to see the global church transformed through sound biblical teaching has helped make this, and many other redemption stories, possible.

*Because Carlos is receiving death threats, we are using a pseudonym to protect his identity.
IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP US TRAIN 1,000 PASTORS!

Many of you have responded to our challenge to help Langham train 1,000 pastors in countries like Kenya, Bolivia and Thailand. Thank you! Your generous gifts and faithful prayers are making a difference by providing critical resources and mentoring. It’s not too late to respond!

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BRING “BURGLING JOHN STOTT” TO YOUR CHURCH!

Twice in his life, John Stott had a close encounter with thieves — once, when his apartment was burgled, and once when he confronted a would-be mugger outside of his home. We know Stott’s life and legacy inspired and challenged the millions who’ve read his books, the thousands of pastors and leaders who’ve benefited from his ministry, and the countless friends who knew him personally. But the one-man drama “Burgling John Stott” examines Stott’s legacy through the eyes of someone with a unique vantage point. The compelling play is told through the eyes of multiple characters, including a fictional account from someone attempting to “burgle” him.

Actor Curt Cloninger masterfully brings to life the humanity and mission of John Stott in this imaginative performance that communicates spiritual truths — with a side of humor. Schedule a performance for your church group today and bring John Stott’s story and passion to life.

“Burgling John Stott is both humorous and deeply moving and a must see for fans of John Stott’s writings and ministry. I highly recommend it for your church.” Rev. Dr. Chris Wright

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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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