

“Growing the global church to Christian maturity”



CELEBRATION OF **IMPACT**



UK AND IRELAND

Langham
PARTNERSHIP

An Invitation to Celebrate

In the UK, Langham's global impact has been described as 'the greatest story never told'. This is not true in the 90 or so countries and surrounding areas where we operate. I was invited to an international board meeting for another Christian charity and having introduced myself and my Langham role, an African bishop sitting opposite leapt up waving his arms saying, 'I'm a Langham Scholar!' The impact of the resources we produce, the training we facilitate and the indigenous leaders we encourage is huge.

In the rapidly growing majority world church under 10% of church leaders have had any training and yet training and mentoring are crucial for effective, godly, teaching and discipling. Unfortunately, the dangers associated with such absence have been only too obvious in fellowships and congregations. This is most visible in churches tempted into the heresy of a 'prosperity gospel', sunk into syncretism and secular humanism, or hijacked into personality cults.

I know this from my own experience. After a banking career I was sent for ordination and, before my Langham role, spent 20 years as vicar of a large Church of England parish. Inscribed in the stonework of the pulpit I preached from was the exhortation (from the Apostle Peter) to 'Preach the Word'. Now, I had theological training at college, access to good written, recorded and video resources, all produced in my own language from



my own culture, and a close local fellowship of like-minded leaders. However, the temptation was still there merely to revisit the scripture passages I thought I understood, rather than genuinely commit to exposing myself and the congregation to the whole counsel of God, as revealed in the entirety of scripture. On top of that limitation, there was the very human desire to avoid being held personally accountable under that teaching. This then saps confidence in holding the wider fellowship to account under our Lord.

I know a little about the pressures that the leaders of any church are facing, let alone those of growing majority world churches. The trappings of human success can add to the distraction. The indigenous resources Langham produces are critical in addressing such majority world needs.

It would be so special to find 'I am a Langham Partner' ringing out around UK and Ireland (UKI) networks as proudly and confidently as 'I am a Langham Scholar' rings out in the growing majority world church. The following pages outline the significant impact Langham is having.

With thanks and Christian greetings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Libby', written over a few horizontal lines.

John Libby,
Executive Director of Langham UKI.

Our History

The Langham movement started nearly 40 years ago, sparked by the late Reverend Dr John Stott, who heard and saw that the global church, vibrant and full of life, was growing rapidly, but lacking the resources needed to grow in Christian maturity. The answer, he believed, was in the Word of God, articulated in three biblical convictions:

1. God wants His church to grow to maturity (not just in numbers);
2. The church grows through God's Word; and
3. The Word of God comes to people primarily through preaching.

His clear conclusion was that, if we are concerned for the maturity and mission of the global church, then we must focus on raising the standards of biblical preaching. It is on this foundation that the Langham Partnership grew out of John Stott's own ministry to equip the church to impact the world, focussing on:

- Training indigenous pastors (Langham Preaching)
- Developing biblical resources (Langham Literature); and
- Equipping theological leaders (Langham Scholars)



“Langham’s three-pronged approach with the scholars, publishing and preaching programmes is in line with what (we have) confirmed over the years as having a very high potential for long-term impact and change. These make the church stronger. They empower local leadership.”

Mary Kleine Yehling, Vice President,
Executive Director of Tyndale House
Foundation

Our Role Now

Today, the impact of John Stott's vision and legacy continues to ripple around the world through the Langham Partnership, serving more than 90 nations and strengthening the growth of the church in maturity and Christlikeness.

Focussed primarily on the “Majority World” (essentially the global south along with Eastern Europe, China, Russia and the Middle East), the work of Langham equips church pastors, teachers and leaders to faithfully proclaim Christ.

Whether they have benefited through personal scholarship and study, access to contextualised literature in indigenous language, training in preaching – or even all three – with the support and vision of Langham, these faithful servants enable churches around the world to grow in maturity and number amidst opposition.

“Thanks to John Stott’s vision and self-sacrificial commitment to the values of God’s reign, and to the faithful stewardship of Langham Partnership, the seeds of radical discipleship are being sown and watered around the world by schools of biblical preachers, by biblical scholars, and by evangelical writers.”

Ruth Padilla Deborst, Provost, Centre for Interdisciplinary Theological Studies; Board Member and Former President of the Latin American Theological Fellowship



Equipping emerging leaders with a theological education to serve the church in their nations.

Langham Scholars

The Programme

In partnership with indigenous local leaders, churches and seminaries, Langham helps to identify godly, talented emerging leaders from around the world.

Langham provides funding in the form of scholarships and mentoring, for these scholars through their PhD in biblical studies and theology, around the world.

As a condition of their scholarship, these scholars then return home and train other leaders, teaching and training future church planters, pastors and ministry leaders in their nations.

This programme is the long-term investment in empowering the global church to be self-sustaining, growing future leaders who are Christ-centred and bible-focused in local congregations. Over 90% of scholars complete their PhDs and return to their indigenous countries.

Impact

It takes on average between 3 to 6 years for a Langham Scholar to earn a PhD. Having done so, they return to their home nation equipped with a vision and the skills for church planting, for strengthening Bible teaching, for caring for the poor, the refugees, the strangers in their nations.

To date 306 scholars from 71 nations have been funded to obtain their PhDs in core biblical studies and theology and returned to serve their nations.

These scholars have helped equip more than 1.5 million church planters, Bible teachers and pastors for their nations.

A recent independent measurement and evaluation study found that each Langham Scholar equips on average 223 students per year, or 6,700 students over a lifetime of ministry.

“When you are training a Langham Scholar, you are doing something that is going to have a multiple impact beyond your imagination...you are training somebody that is going to impact not just a community, but a nation.”

Sunday Agang, Langham Scholar and Provost of Ecwa Theological Seminary in Kagoro, Nigeria





Today, there are 69 Langham Scholars from 39 nations who are currently receiving the theological education, care and mentoring to best prepare them for a lifetime of multiplicative ministry.



Langham Scholar **Athena Gorospe**, Manila, Philippines



Measured Impact of Langham Scholars*

Because all Langham Scholars are engaged in transformational leadership and equipped to impact their nations, they more effectively . . .

TRAIN LEADERS

80% equip **2.5x** more students annually—who launch new ministries, churches or schools.



LEAD SCHOOLS

78% expand indigenous theological education by adding degrees, courses, students, or accreditation.



START MINISTRIES

41% start new ministries, churches or schools after completing their PhDs.



INFLUENCE GLOBALLY

35% advise local governments and international NGOs.



WRITE FOR LOCAL BELIEVERS

42% write the first books in their national language and context for Bible study, theology, missions, pastoring or ethics



**Data from an independent Measurement & Evaluation Study of Langham's ministry effectiveness by Excellence in Giving, 2015-17.*

Supporting the development and distribution of biblical literature for seminaries, churches, and pastors.

Langham Literature

The Programme

Langham responds to requests from churches, Bible colleges, and seminaries around the world to distribute biblical books and electronic resources.

In addition, Langham provides grants and mentoring for local writers and support local publishers in the development of indigenously written, culturally relevant books.

With this support, scholars have resources to train future leaders, and pastors have biblical books to enable them to effectively preach the Bible and multiply disciples.

“In Myanmar, it is very hard to find good books that teach what is true...And it is hard to find pastors who know what God’s Word says... Langham is helping me to provide the books that can help people learn more about God – to help churches and pastors grow their faith.”

Pa Kep, A pastor and publisher delivering biblical books to the remote tribes of Myanmar with support from Langham

Impact

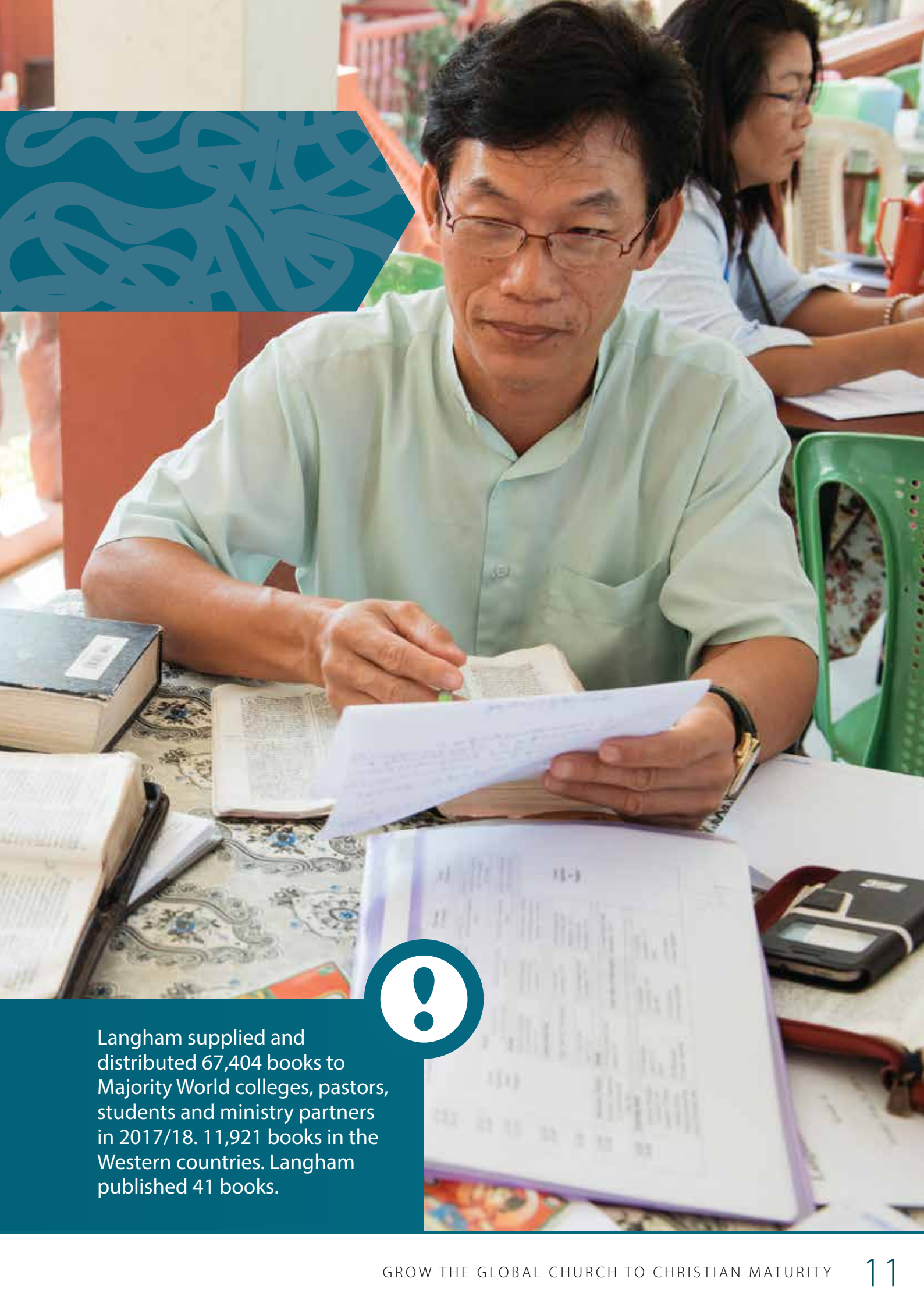
Langham has invested in local publishers and evangelical writers. They create contextually appropriate and biblically faithful books that are embraced and read by hundreds of millions of Majority World Christians.

Through this investment millions of books have been distributed, hundreds of local language titles developed and ground-breaking contextual commentaries launched, including the Africa Bible Commentary, South Asia Bible Commentary and the Slavic Bible Commentary.



“You cannot know how precious these books are to me and our church. There is no way to measure the good effects they will have on us...I am a billion times thankful to you for sending such valuable material...I pray that God will bless you personally and the ministry that is making these efforts to equip God’s people around the world.”

Pastor Acher, Burundi, Beneficiary of Langham Pastor’s Book Pack



Langham supplied and distributed 67,404 books to Majority World colleges, pastors, students and ministry partners in 2017/18. 11,921 books in the Western countries. Langham published 41 books.



Sirikul Narin, editor at a Langham-supported publisher in Thailand





Measured Impact of Langham Literature*

Because of books developed and distributed by Langham, Bible colleges more effectively . . .

REACH STUDENTS

61% educate at least **22%** more students.



ADD COURSES

27% add (on average) **3** new courses annually.



BECOME INDIGENOUS

17% switch (on average) **3** of their courses from Western to non-Western textbooks each year.



EXPAND LIBRARIES

84% can now afford needed library books.




IMPROVE DEGREES

40% (and counting) achieve professional accreditation.



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Multiplying biblical preaching by training pastors and lay leaders to teach the bible.

Langham Preaching

The Programme

Langham preachers go where they are invited to partner with local leaders and to equip and resource pastors and lay leaders around the world.

They offer up to four levels of training seminars on Bible exposition through which pastors are equipped to return to their home churches to teach the Bible faithfully, biblically feeding and strengthening local believers to grow in their faith and apply God's Word in their context.

These pastors, although they have returned to their home communities, form "Preacher's Clubs" with nearby pastors and lay people for ongoing mentoring and to practice preparing sermons, supporting, encouraging, and challenging each other.

Although this ministry has an immediate impact, its long-term sustainability and re-investment in itself sees teachers learning from each other and raising up by example new leaders who are biblically trained.

Impact

By God's grace and with Langham's help, the percentage of countries with self-sustaining preaching movements has grown approximately from 5% in 2001 to 15% today.

Langham has accomplished this by acting on the realisation that merely participating in a course is not enough to bring transformation. That comes as Learners practise what they've learned and as they begin to pass it on to others through the Preachers' Clubs where pastors and lay leaders can do the work of practising and "passing on" in community.

We are seeing glimpses of hope as thousands of preachers trained by Langham are faithfully proclaiming Christ and strengthening God's people to proclaim his name in the midst of pressure, poverty and persecution.

Through faithful preaching, that provides relevant, practical and biblical solutions to local issues, the church grows.



"Langham training has made me take God's Scripture seriously and understand it correctly. I take great pleasure in applying it to my own life and preaching the Word to my congregation. In return, their lives are being transformed. They are living their lives refreshed by God's Word daily."

Langham-Trained Pastor Emmanuel, Ghana



During 2017/18 323 preaching training seminars took place, equipping over 10,350 preachers. Shepherded over 850 preaching group of 7-10 preachers who meet regularly for training and mentoring.



Langham-trained leader **Lucy Jane Bosire** studies God's Word in Kenya



“Langham is changing the (former patterns) of preaching to biblical preaching, which is very important for our Christian life and growth... It is important to preach from the Bible because that’s where the Lord speaks to us.”

Peter Mwaw, Kenya



Measured Impact of Langham Preaching*

Because pastors are equipped to teach the Bible, they more effectively . . .

TRANSFORM LIVES

96% saw people change habits or serve neighbors after specific sermons.



TEACH CLEARLY

76% had church members say their teaching is easier to understand.



PREACH FAITHFULLY

300% more use of sound study skills.



INCREASE STUDY

119% more time spent preparing sermons.



EXERT INFLUENCE

75% are asked to preach at new places.



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Governance, Staffing and Resource

The Langham Partnership comprises of the Langham Partnership International Council (comprising of global members) which is supported by a Global Executive which includes the UK's Reverend Dr Christopher J H Wright and with the Reverend Canon John Libby as the Executive Director of Langham UKI.

In the UK and Ireland, the work of Langham UKI is managed by a board of Trustees comprising:

Mary Evans (Chair)

Author; former vice principal of London School of Theology

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Independent Consulting Partner, LHH Penna

David Ball

Director of the group-based open learning discipleship (gold) project

Stephen Mackay

Retired, now involved at All Souls Langham Place





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