



THE RESILIENT GLOBAL CHURCH

2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND
CELEBRATION OF IMPACT



UK AND IRELAND

Langham
PARTNERSHIP



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 and resources** to faithfully preach God’s Word, they and their people are vulnerable.

OUR VISION IS TO CHANGE THAT



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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).



WELCOME!



I was part of my bank's Disaster Recovery Team in a 62-storey skyscraper in downtown Los Angeles when an earthquake struck. This experience coloured my appreciation of the term 'Resilience'! The ability to withstand a massive shock was provided not by rigidity (my previous uninformed understanding) but by the subtle flexibility provided by foundation 'rollers'. The building rippled but did not crumble!

This appreciation of Resilience underpins Langham's 2020 Impact. IT and cloud accounting systems, communication patterns, dispersed working... all provided the necessary rollers. And supremely, through God's grace, the continuing confidence, prayers and generosity of our supporters meant that Langham's Impact not only didn't crumble but actually increased. Hallelujah!

Thanks also to additional flexibility in the staff team, Langham served more people than ever before. Although surely missing face-to-face fellowship, there were significant gains in global engagement and cooperation, and our intended reduction in Langham's carbon footprint required less effort than previously thought!

You will find we used reserves to continue momentum during such a needy year for the world. These need replacing and our growth trajectory will need resources to sustain. However, in the extraordinary experience of this Covid year, you will find that Langham has grown in Impact, Resilience and indeed faith and confidence in the One we serve.

With Christian greetings, as ever

John Libby
National Director, Langham Partnership UKI

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

Christian authors and writers trained and
supported

642

Seminary libraries received needed resources

Note: All impact data from an independent measurement and evaluation of Langham's impact by Excellence in Giving, 2015-2021



LANGHAM PREACHING

training pastors who build
resilient churches



Langham trains indigenous pastors and lay leaders to faithfully study and teach God's Word 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 left) 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.

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

■ **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!"

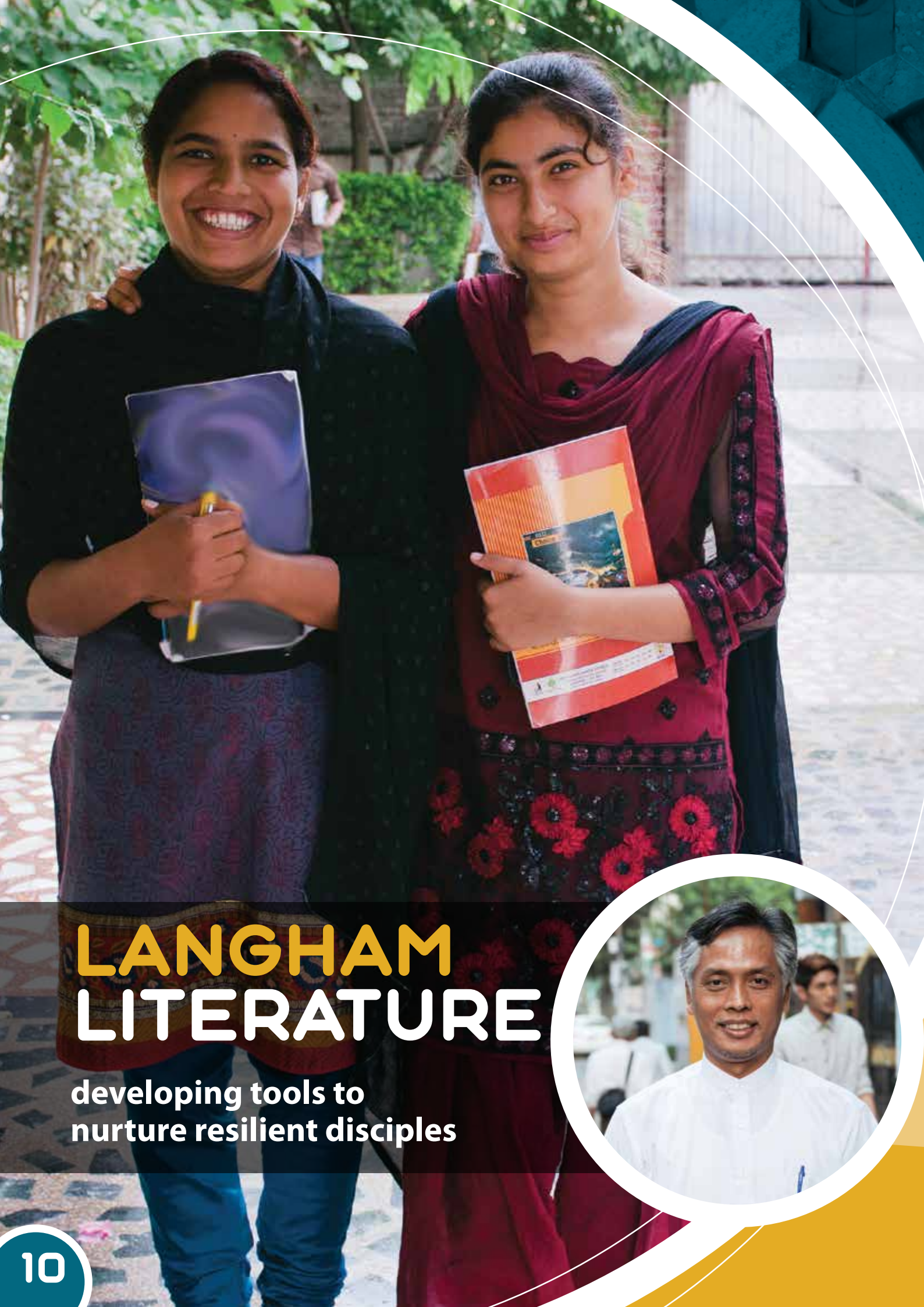
TRAINING MULTIPLIES
91% of Langham-trained pastors will train 61 others!

■ **10,000 pastors and lay leaders** equipped to bring hope in Christ to their communities. Langham-trained Pastor Somnang (pictured bottom 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 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!



LANGHAM LITERATURE

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 lockdown to engage our minds in the things of God. Thank you for standing with us in this journey of helping the church mature."

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

■ **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 programme. Pastor Julius, who heads a Bible college in Uganda, 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!

*name changed for security.



LANGHAM SCHOLARS

equipping leaders for a
lifetime of influence



Langham funds scholarships and shepherds emerging theological leaders through PhD programmes, 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 programme 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."

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

■ **84 emerging leaders from 44 nations** received scholarship support and care for PhD studies. Leaders like Marceline from Cameroon, 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 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!

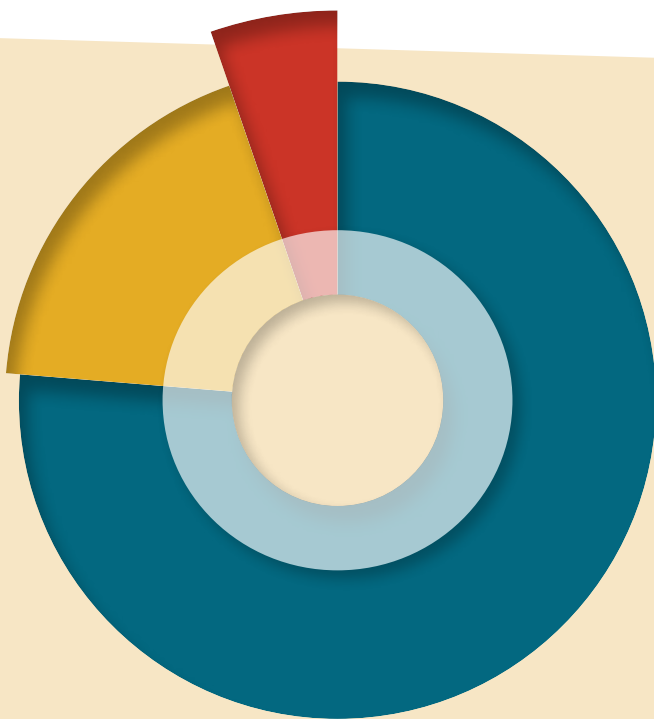
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LANGHAM UK AND IRELAND IN NUMBERS



You will note we spent £106,000 more than we raised in the UK and Ireland. We released £106,000 from our reserves so the global work can increase to the demand for Langham's ministry.

Along with our partners in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Canada we raised £6,995,000 in total global income. The Partnership then spent £4,484,000 directly on scholar, literature and preaching work, with £630,000 reserved for the growth of these programmes in future years. £1,881,000 was spent on development and administration.

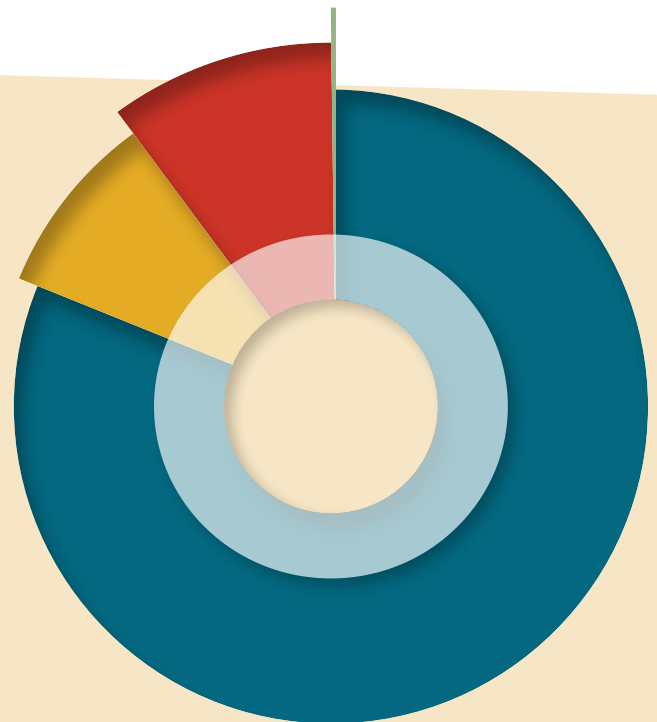


Langham Partnership UKI Expenditure 2019-20

76% Programmes
£824,000

18% Development
£199,000

5% Administration and Governance
£57,000



Langham Partnership UKI Income 2019-20

81% Donations
£790,000

10% Gift Aid
£97,000

9% Legacy Income
£85,000

1% Other
£2,000



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 (our Global Ambassador and Ministry Director, Bible scholar and 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.

[LISTEN NOW](#)

GOVERNANCE, STAFFING AND RESOURCING

Langham Partnership globally is governed by the Langham Partnership International Council which includes majority world members, and is led by an international senior Leadership Team which includes (from the UK) Rev Tayo Arikawe (International Director from April 2021), Rev Dr Chris Wright (Global Ambassador and Ministry Director), and Rev Canon John Libby (National Director, LPUKI).

Langham Partnership UK and Ireland: Board of Trustees



Mary Evans (Chair)

Mary taught maths before studying at LBC. Continuing 30 years on the staff of LBC/LST, she was vice-principal for the last few years. She has lectured in majority world countries and served on the councils of Bible Society, Global Connections, EA, Latin Link and SIM. Previously Academic Dean in Addis Ababa, she remains a visiting lecturer and has authored books and commentaries.



David Ball

David is Director of the Group-based Open Learning Discipleship (GOLD) Project and works as a consultant for SEAN International. He and his wife, Angie, spent 15 years in India as Crosslinks mission partners before returning to the UK and he continues to train Christians in their context of ministry.



Pete Burt

Pete has over 30 years commercial experience as an actuary in the insurance sector at senior management level. He spent 3 years with his family working for SIM in Ethiopia and has continued his connections with SIM by serving on their Finance Committee and as a mentor for their International's Programme for Leaders operating in the East Africa area.



Ronald Clements

Ronald Clements is a freelance writer and researcher and writes biographies of missionaries in Asia, murder mysteries, and for TV and film. Ronald graduated from King's College, London in Civil Engineering and worked as a junior engineer after completing his Ph.D. Between 1986 and 1996, he and his wife lived in Fujian Province, China, where Ronald lectured in Civil Engineering at a Chinese university.

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TO GROW IN
MATURITY. I CAN
THINK OF NO MORE
STRATEGIC WORK.

TIM KELLER

*Author & Founder, Redeemer
Presbyterian Church, New York, NY*





Desta Heliso

Desta was born in Ethiopia and after school went on to receive a diploma in theology. He taught at an Ethiopian theological school where he was also Director while being co-ordinator of ministries for over 300 congregations in his home area. He came to Britain and completed his PhD whereupon he returned to Ethiopia and joined the faculty of the Ethiopian Graduate Schools of Theology as lecturer and then Director until 2015. Desta and his family have now moved back to the UK where he continues to lecture part-time at theological institutions.



Alan Johnston

Alan holds Non-Executive Director roles in the Financial Services Sector. After reading Economics and Accounting at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne he qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Armstrong Watson and remained with the firm throughout his career, latterly as Senior Partner. Alan is vice chair of the PCC of St. James Carlisle and a member of Chapter of Carlisle Cathedral.



Stephen Mackay

Stephen has lived in Africa, Canada, Hong Kong and across Europe. He served as a Captain in the Royal Engineers before becoming a Civil Engineer designing power stations and skyscrapers. A theology degree followed by an MTh led to a working partnership with theological publishers in Spain. The history and work of OMF in East Asia has also been a lifelong interest.



Keith Mallon

Keith studied maths before embarking on a finance career in London with PWC. Having spent time in commercial training and various Finance Director and general management roles he and his growing family responded to their hearts' desire to support mission. He applied his skills to leading the finance structures and teams of Operation Mobilisation and was part of their International Executive. In 2014 he returned to commercial life in Sheffield where he has an active consultancy business.

WE WANT TO SEE GOD'S WORD CHANGING THE CHURCH SO THAT THE CHURCH, UNDER GOD, CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

CHRIS WRIGHT
Global Ambassador and Ministry Director





Steve Osei-Mensah

Steve Osei-Mensah has over 32 years of business experience in Europe, Asia, Africa, & North America. He has been a partner with both PwC & Ernst & Young (Strategy, Financial services,

Operations and Risk / Governance). Currently he is an Independent Consulting Partner, mentoring and coaching several global executives and partners in leadership transition. Steve is also a trustee of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)UK, MAF International. His heritage is Ghanaian & British.



Gillian Phillips

Gillian has a background in teaching and market research. For the past ten years she has worked as a consultant to several mission organisations in developing new forms of governance, conducting

assessments of effectiveness and relevance and developing coaching as a tool for mission support. She is on the international board of SIM.



Judith Sawers

Judith and her husband, Will, work with Wycliffe Bible Translators supporting national translation teams in central Africa, and as part of Wycliffe's member care team in the UK. Judith's degree in Biblical

Studies and Linguistics and a call whilst in her teens to serve God cross-culturally led them in this direction. Her work now focuses on publicity and prayer-raising for the Central African Republic, and supporting colleagues in raising personal financial support in the UK.



David Turner

David Turner is a Circuit Judge dividing his time between the Crown and Family Courts in Chelmsford, Essex, and the Royal Courts of Justice in London where he sits as deputy High Court Judge.

Called to the bar in 1976, he became a QC in 2000, a judge in 2004 and a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 2016. He is Chancellor of the Diocese of Chester and sits as an ecclesiastical judge.

Senior Management Team



John Libby

National Director

John spent 16 years in international banking with significant experience in senior financial management in the UK and USA. Ordained in the Church of

England, he spent 18 years as vicar of St. James, Carlisle. A Christian entrepreneur, John is on the board of Five Talents UK and built and fund-raised for charitable enterprises including the Keppleway Trust, with connections in Africa. John is an Hon. Canon of Carlisle.



Helen Hamilton

Chief Finance Officer

Helen joined the Langham Leadership Team in November 2017 as CFO for the UK and Ireland. A history graduate, she is a chartered accountant and previously

worked in local government overseeing funding for schools, and before that in external audit for the Audit Commission. Her role is to oversee the finances for Langham UK and Ireland working to ensure the programme staff are released to do the work on the ground through smooth and efficient financial systems.



Simon Foulds

Supporter Development Manager

Simon has been working in the Charity sector for 30 years. Holding fundraising roles for The Children's Society, Treetops Hospice, Bible Society, Royal British Legion

and The National Holocaust Centre.

Simon lives in Nottingham with Vanessa and their youngest child Imogen, with Emily and Edward at university. Simon is local preacher for the Methodist Church and a Scout leader.



Cindy Crossley

Operations Manager

Cindy has been working with Langham for 13 years holding a variety of responsibilities. Prior to this she worked for two other Christian charities.

Cindy holds dual citizenship having moved here 34 years ago from America. She is very involved in her local church and is also a certified Gallop Strengths Coach.