

## eNews March 2013



As I think back over the past month, there is much we can praise and thank our gracious God for in his blessing of Langham's ministry —

- [The Pacific Preaching Consultation meetings in Brisbane](#)
- [The spread of the 'benevolent virus' of Langham Preaching](#)
- [Chris Wright, Langham's International Ministry Director's visit](#)
- [Our Langham Scholars](#)

and your faithful, continuing, prayer and financial support – enabling the seeds to grow.

There is also much for us to bring to our Heavenly Father for his continued wisdom and grace in order for Our Vision **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** to be realised. Thank you. Please read on ... *Wendy Toulmin (LPA Executive Officer)*

### **Bowling for Langham**

*by Wendy Toulmin*

Ten pin bowling was not what Chris Wright expected to hear about when talking with me about the recent Pacific Preaching consultation meetings in Brisbane! "Did this embody some unknown skill that was useful in biblical preaching?" he asked, "having the courage to knock down as many false teachings as possible?" No – it was just a night of relaxing together, growing in friendship and support for one another for the group gathered from the teams working in PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Tonga. A good learning environment.



With each of the three Melanesian countries now in the 'training of local facilitators' (TLF) stage, it was decided to bring a small group together for a range of purposes: to build relationships, to learn from each other's experiences, to address the challenges being faced, and to develop strategies for Melanesia and Polynesia. The Consultation achieved its purpose of building relationships, learning from each other, reviewing the progress of Langham Preaching in the Pacific and planning for its future. Please pray for these seeds to grow good fruit across the Pacific.

## Langham Preaching – the ‘benevolent virus’ spreading

There are now 4 or 5 Langham Preaching Programs happening every week, extending to nearly 70 countries. The desire there is among pastors and lay preachers all over the world to preach the Word of God faithfully is truly exciting! Will you support this vital ministry in prayer? Every week, the **Preaching Prayer Shot** containing just a few lines of news and prayer requests, is emailed around the globe. Will you sign up to receive this, and so support our brothers and sisters in the Majority World?



Jonathan Lamb

Sign up to receive the **Langham Preaching Prayershot** at <http://au.langham.org/get-involved/sign-up-for-email-updates> Select the ‘Preaching Prayer Shot’ option and fill in your details.

Hear Jonathan Lamb <http://youtu.be/h7xzvCfsQIE> (under a minute) speak of the spread of Langham Preaching.

## Chris Wright reflects on his recent time in Australia

by Chris Wright, International Ministries Director

The main reason for this trip was the invitation from the **Katoomba Men’s Convention** (where it hardly stopped raining) to be one of their two main speakers. Over three weekends (with different men coming for each weekend) I spoke on ‘For the Love of Christ, Serve One Another’ (John 13) and ‘For the Love of Christ, Accept One Another’ (Rom. 14-15).

I was able to speak about Langham from the platform and about 4,500 men heard about the Langham vision and work. Three Australian Langham Scholars were present and interviewed on the platform during this time – **Ma’afu Palu** (Tonga), **Qaiser Julius** (Pakistan) and **Ronald Lal Din Suah** (Myanmar). They gave great portraits of the realities in their countries and how challenging it is to be a Langham Scholar. These are such quality men with great potential. It was good to get to know them better.

A few days in Canberra midweek gave me the opportunity to address students and faculty at St Mark’s National Theological Centre and to speak in two different churches. Again, it was a privilege, with Wendy, to be able to make people aware of Langham and to meet and thank some long-term generous donors. Lovely new friendships were formed.

My Sundays were far from idle. I was privileged to preach in St. Andrew’s, Roseville, Castle Hill Baptist, Epping Presbyterian and Springwood Anglican churches, with Langham being featured in all. Thanks to those who hosted us in each place and to all present and future supporters!

**Thanks to all of you in Australia who love the Langham vision, and who give, support and pray for the work. Spread the word!**

Listen to Chris’ interview with Leigh Hatcher on Hope 103.2.

[http://downloads.hopemedia.com.au/oh/OH\\_ChristopherWrightBook\\_2013-03-17.mp3](http://downloads.hopemedia.com.au/oh/OH_ChristopherWrightBook_2013-03-17.mp3)

Copies of Chris Wright’s books: ***The God I don’t understand*** and ***The Mission of God’s People*** are available from Koorong ([www.koorong.com](http://www.koorong.com)) and from Pilgrim Books ([www.pilgrimbooks.com.au](http://www.pilgrimbooks.com.au)) Pilgrim Books are offering both with free postage within Australia – email [orders@pilgrimbooks.com.au](mailto:orders@pilgrimbooks.com.au) or phone 02 6362 4959.

Listen to Chris speak on ***The Great Commission. What’s in it for us?*** at Springwood Anglican church.

<http://springwoodanglican.org.au/audio/2013-03-10-1000.shtml>



At the Langham table at Katoomba Men’s Convention

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## Langham Scholars update

by Wendy Toulmin



Chris Wright with scholars Ronald & Qaiser



Alfred Olwa preaching at Moore College graduation 12Mar2013

It was indeed good for Chris Wright to have time with Ronald, Qaiser and Ma'afu during his visit (see article above) and as he wrote "these are such quality men with great potential". Please continue to support and pray for them, and for Langham's current selection of future Scholars (see prayer points below).

It was a privilege too to hear Alfred Olwa give the Occasional Address at the recent Moore College Graduation Ceremony, speaking passionately from Jude and calling us to "contend for the faith given to the saints once for all".

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### For your prayers

- Give thanks for the visit of **Chris Wright** for Men's Katoomba Convention. Pray those who were challenged and encouraged by his message, will put into practice what they have heard and truly be "men of Jesus".
- Give thanks for the excellent **Pacific Preaching Consultation** held in Brisbane last month, and pray for the Preaching Programme as it continues to grow in our Pacific region.
- Within **Langham Preaching** several countries have now developed networks of training on a regional or city basis, and there are several events this month. Please pray for those happening in Bolivia, Nigeria, Uganda and Guyana. Pray for the ongoing growth of the work, and for the teams of nationals who are now doing the training in these new contexts.
- Give thanks for the work of **Langham Literature**, which supplies evangelical literature to hundreds of Bible and theological colleges across the Majority World. Pray for the safe arrival of books supplied as part of the Library Grant Program.
- Pray for the Langham **International Team meetings** being held this month in the UK. Give thanks for the team gathering from all regions of the world; and please pray as together they plan for the future of this strategic ministry.
- Please pray for the selection teams in various countries around the world who look at the applications of potential **Langham Scholars** to be supported in the coming years. With many applications, please pray for the Lord's guidance and wisdom, so that people will be selected in the light of the needs of the global church. Pray for Ronald and Qaiser, currently studying in Australia, that their studies will continue to progress well, and give thanks for Alfred's short visit to Australia.

### Upcoming Langham Preaching events

- March 25-26 Philippines
- April 15-19 Colombia
- April 17-20 Sierra Leone
- April 22-25 Chile

Please pray for the Langham Preaching facilitators who will be involved in the training itself, and for Jonathan Lamb and Paul Windsor as they coordinate the Langham Preaching programme.

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*Thank you for your prayers and support*  
Wendy Toulmin, Executive Officer, Langham Partnership Australia

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