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Thank you for your support

We want to thank you for your prayers and giving to Langham Partnership during this current financial year. Together we've been able to contribute greatly to the church in the Majority World, and I hope you have been encouraged as we have evidenced God's blessing on the ministry.

In a recent email, Jonathan Lamb (International Director, Langham Preaching) wrote, *"Here I am in the midst of Latin America, where there are thousands of people engaged in Langham ministry, a team of over 70 continental leaders (some of the most impressive anywhere in the world), multiple theological educators and writers, a publications team for the Latin America Bible Commentary, and hundreds if not thousands of escuelitas (preaching clubs) – over 100 in Colombia alone. What a team! Leading the Langham work and strengthening the church of God. They think of themselves as Langham America Latina – part of a global movement, Langham Partnership, (for which they have been praying most movingly this week)."*

As mentioned in our [May newsletter](#), the Preaching Program in Indonesia is growing rapidly. There has been a great response from local pastors: *more than 700 have been trained since November 2012 and 110 preachers clubs are meeting across the country!* Langham Australia has been asked to specifically support this Program, to help consolidate and sustain this remarkable growth for the strengthening of the church in Indonesia.

We are still seeking around \$20,000 before June 30 to balance our Langham Australia budget, and would ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give at this time.

Wendy Toulmin, Executive Officer
Langham Partnership Australia

A New Light in the East

by Colin Macpherson, Langham Literature.

Myanmar is a hugely complex and needy country. There are millions of Christians but many of them lack any real exposure to what God says in the Bible, however the context is changing rapidly and significant opportunities for Christian publishing are opening up.

In 2012, Langham Literature formed a partnership with a dynamic Burmese duo (pictured), and the outcome was **Lighthouse Publishing House**. Together, Aung Thet Nyunt and Joseph Rajan are passionate about publishing books that will accompany and explain the Bible's teaching. Aung is well known as a prominent preacher and spokesman for the Christian church in Myanmar. Joseph is a printer to trade who now prints and distributes New Testaments; you can see them stacked up behind him in the picture. Aung says:

'We are focused on providing pastors and preachers with the resources they need. **If we reach them, we reach the whole church.** So we have formed a literature network across the denominations. This is a lot of work because there are more than 90 different denominations in Myanmar!'



Aung Thet Nyunt and Joseph Rajan from Lighthouse Publishing House

The first two books in partnership with Langham have just been released. They are from the popular Bible Speaks Today series which Lighthouse plans to publish in its entirety over the coming years. They are *The Message of The Cross* (Derek Tidball), and the *The Message of the Resurrection* (Paul Beasley-Murray). The series is proving very popular, and not just with preachers, as Aung points out:

'We love this series because **the titles are so clear and helpful in preaching and devotional study.** The title on Job was translated in record time when the translator became so excited about the content that he just kept going!'



The Message of the Resurrection

Although things are changing fast in Myanmar, it still lies outside of the world 'system' in many respects. For instance, its currency is restricted and it is not yet possible to send funds to a Burmese bank account. This is a real inconvenience for *Lighthouse*, which requires external support for many titles. Together we had to arrange a new account in Thailand, and Joseph has to take a long trip to Bangkok to access funds. Although Langham sent funding in good time, it had still not arrived four weeks later. Joseph's ticket to Thailand could not be extended any further so, in faith, he decided to make the trip anyway. It was not until he was actually standing in the bank and discussing the issue that our transfer finally popped into the account! **We thank God for His timing and faithfulness, and for teaching us a little about trusting Him.**

For your prayers

- Please pray for **Rory Shiner** and me, travelling to the **Solomon Islands** for next week's **Langham Preaching** program. The group of local trainers will again gather in Honiara and for 2 days of the week, these men and women will lead workshop training sessions with a group of invited local pastors and church workers. I would ask you to pray they would all be able to travel from outlying islands, towns and villages safely and in good time for the program! Also please pray for those training and preaching - that they will be faithful, relevant and clear; and for the invited participants to understand and be further equipped for their ministry.
- Give thanks for the **Lighthouse Publishing House in Myanmar**, and pray for **Colin MacPherson** from **Langham Literature** as he works alongside them. Please pray for the strengthening of the literature network across the denominations and for continuing resources to enable the work to continue.
- Please pray for the very gifted local team leading the **Indonesia Langham Preaching** movement – for wisdom as they seek to strengthen and consolidate the work. Please pray too for Langham Australia's role in supporting this Program, to help strengthen the church in Indonesia.
- Please pray that God would provide the resources needed for **Langham Australia** to continue and indeed increase the strategic ministry we believe God has set before us.

Upcoming Langham Preaching events

June 16-22	Solomon Islands, Argentina, Bolivia, Liberia	July 7- 13	South Africa
June 23-29	Uganda, Liberia	July 14 - 20	Congo, Bolivia, Liberia
June 30-July 6	NE India, Argentina, France, Bolivia, Zimbabwe	July 21-27	Liberia
		July 28-Aug 3	Zimbabwe

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.

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

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