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A message from Langham Partnership Australia CEO

What will the future look like for you in 5, 10 or 20 years? How do you plan and prepare for a future when so much is uncertain and unclear?

Organisations face the same challenge, and Langham Partnership Australia has been working hard to position itself to be ready to grow and thrive in the coming years.

Welcoming Edgar and Simon onto our staff team is a key part of our strategy to engage with young adults who are just beginning to contemplate how they will engage with different missions and ministries into the future.

We have also been undertaking a rigorous strategic planning process preparing us for future growth, to help us meet the demand for Langham's programs that currently exceeds our capacity. Across each of the Scholars, Preaching and Literature programs, our Growth Campaign sets out bold targets to maximise our ability to serve the global Church.

We look forward to sharing with you in the coming months how you can be part of the vision for the next decade and beyond, by helping us to grow our capacity, our programs and our impact.



Gillean Smiley

Langham Partnership Australia CEO

Welcoming new Langham Australia team members

In January we were delighted to announce the addition of two new part-time staff, who will be focusing on engaging with young people as the future of the organisation. Simon Nugent in Brisbane and Edgar Solis in Melbourne will be focusing on engaging with younger Christians, encouraging them to consider Langham as an agency with which to partner.



MEET SIMON

Simon lives on the south side of Brisbane City, close to where he grew up and still nearby his parents, twin brother and younger sister.

He says, "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to share the incredible, life-changing work being done by Langham Partnership all over the world. I think young people are itching to be involved with something like this and it's a privilege to get to be the conduit through which they hear about our work."

For Simon, the diversity of voices that Langham has empowered to speak into the Christian Life is something he deeply values. He says, *"Our scholars have so much to share and we have so much to learn. It's been a privilege so far to hear and read the unique insights of various people on topics such as; mental health, global politics, heresy and false teaching, refugees, lament and much more. By giving scholars the opportunity to train, we not only serve the church in the majority world but we serve the church in every part of the globe and that is so exciting!"*

MEET EDGAR



Edgar lives in Melbourne with his wife Kamwende Gatende, who is from Kenya. They were blessed to be married in October last year. All of Edgar's family lives in Mexico, and Kamwende's family is in Kenya, except for her sister and niece who also live in Melbourne. Edgar and Kamwende currently attend All Saints Greensborough Anglican Church.

Edgar is eager to be working at Langham, he shares, *"I am quite excited about getting to know the amazing leaders, pastors and scholars from the Majority World. As well as sharing their stories and gaining a better appreciation and understanding of the situation of the church in these different contexts."*

As someone with a lot of connection to the non-Western world, Edgar values Langham's approach to listening and being willing to learn from the church in the non-Western world. He says, *"I believe that is a value that needs to be modelled in the Western church. Having a broader perspective about the church worldwide can have an impact on the way churches do ministry in different contexts."*



Please be praying for Simon and Edgar as they help prepare Langham to become sustainable for a long-term future!

Hamid, facilitating ministry work in Pakistan

Hamid* is a Facilitator, working with Langham Preaching since 2012 in the Pakistan region. His role is to organise and facilitate Langham Preaching Seminars across different areas of Pakistan. Previously he undertook Langham training as a seminary student.

“Langham Training has equipped me in my preaching and teaching ministry. To look at the text of the Bible and connect it with the present world is something I understand better through Langham workshops.”

Now Hamid has a key role in facilitating these sessions for other students and preachers.

LANGHAM IN THE PAKISTAN REGION

Hamid shares that Christians in the Pakistan region are living in a very unique context. He says it's a joy to see how Langham has impacted and transformed many preachers and leaders across the region.

“Langham training is very popular in Pakistani churches now,” he shared. “One example of its popularity is that when we announce any Langham event, people keenly participate and for the last few years we have been refusing people because of limited space at the site.”

Hamid sees more room for growth in the future, including organising more Level-1 Langham Preaching programs in

unreached areas across Pakistan. These areas have people from different language groups so the pastors and preachers will need more support with a simple version of the Langham program.

EQUIPPED THROUGH LANGHAM

Hamid shares that every time he has participated in a Langham training session, he has learnt something new and it has been these training sessions that have equipped him for preaching and teaching in ministry.

"I found it very helpful in my preaching which is obvious from the structure of my sermons," he says. "At many points, I was addicted to using commentaries but the Langham method has strengthened not only my pre-thinking in sermon writing, but enabled me to work on the Bible text first with the observation tools and consult the other resources at a later stage. It is a very helpful tool in my ministry."

Hamid also shared a story of a pastor who attended a Langham training session and realised he had been preaching incorrectly for years. "Once, after the training session, one pastor gave his testimony and said: "During the training sessions of Langham, I have identified that I have been preaching in the wrong way for all my preaching and pastoral ministry of the last 15-16 years. I make a confession today and I commit that I will be working hard to put the Langham method into practice in my preaching and hope to provide people with a hygienic diet of the Word of God," he shared.

Thank God for the work of Langham in the Pakistan region and how the training programs are teaching pastors to correctly share the Word of God. Pray for safety for Hamid in this region, and for the others he works alongside, thanking God for him and his ministry.

**This name has been changed for the security of the interviewee.*



Groundbreaking commentaries bring helpful resources for God's Word to new places

There are still many people throughout the globe who do not have access to the Word of God or clear biblical resources for understanding and interpreting the Bible for their own context. This is why a key priority of Langham Literature is developing commentaries that help church leaders in challenging contexts to preach and teach the Bible with resources in their own languages.

DEVELOPING MUCH-NEEDED CONTEXTUAL COMMENTARY

Currently, Langham is involved in creating commentaries that, in some regions, will be the first such tool to be used in education and ministry.

Today many leaders in churches in sensitive regions are first and second generation Christians who have taken on responsibility in church and mission. A minority have received some theological education, but many are in need of basic, solid Bible teaching and interpretation. They will receive some of it through the commentaries Langham produces.

Commentaries are developed through the writing of scholars and theologians from that region, although some regions don't have enough authors to contribute an entire commentary volume. In these cases, contextualisation is added to others' writing to form a full commentary.

THE QUESTIONS COMMENTARIES SEEK TO HELP CHRISTIANS ANSWER

The questions and challenges of Christians are vastly different depending on where they live in the world. In the Western World, we often take for granted that Christianity is the basis of our social morality and cultural structure. For many Christians throughout the world, the basis for starting conversations and explaining faith are very different. For example, those in regions of a Muslim context are asking questions like, how do we address issues related to ethics, identity, faith communities and salvation? Or, how can we continue to witness in an increasingly Muslim-dominated context?

These very questions and others like them, help to form commentaries that are full of contextualised insights that can equip local churches and Christians.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED COMMENTARIES

Central and Eastern European Bible Commentary | 2023

Comentário bíblico latino-americano | 2022

Africa Bible Commentary – Amharic | 2022

South Asia Bible Commentary (Hindi) | 2020

The Branch Exposition of the Bible, Volume 1 | 2020



Bringing hope and provision through the Gospel

“The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” – John 10:10



Emmanuel is a Langham Scholar and currently works with Square Ministries Africa (SMA). Originally from Rwanda, Emmanuel studied at Uganda Christian University as a full-time student and graduated in February 2020.

He shares, “As a Langham Scholar, I am involved in writing, teaching, preaching, and attending virtual conferences and prayer meetings. Being part of the Langham scholar program has helped me to be known by the Langham family where prayers are shared and support is given towards my ministry.”

GOD'S WORK THROUGH EMMANUEL

Square Ministries Africa is a non-profit community organisation founded to reach the needy communities of East Africa. Emmanuel also teaches at Uganda Christian University.

Emmanuel is a pioneer of SMA and wanted to do something where his Biblical knowledge and teachings could be experienced directly by the community. "I wanted to walk the talk so that students who see me in the classroom, will also see me following them in their parishes to make theological education more productive and practical," he shares.

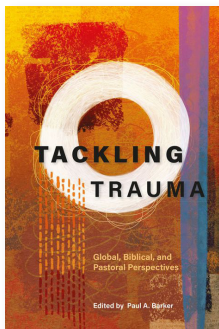
It is a true joy for Emmanuel to do work that enables him to see the "unreached being reached". He says, "I strongly believe God created each person to have a good life to its fullness as it is written in John 10:10- "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

In 2022, SMA was able to conduct its program Theology of Work for the third time. This saw 250 pastors trained in the Diocese of Bukedi in Eastern Uganda. Emmanuel sees this as a success, as pastors are able to live out their calling with a "happy mind and soul in self-reliance for poverty alleviation of their families and parishioners".

SMA also was able to assist and feed over 300 patients at the local hospital. Emmanuel shared that "praying with the patients and providing them with a meal was an emotional experience".



Please pray for Emmanuel as he travels and attends conferences, including GAFCON, pray for provision and safety for him in this and throughout 2023.



Book Translation Project: Tackling Trauma

Be a part of providing an essential resource to Ukrainian Christians

Trauma is a universal phenomenon that can be caused by international catastrophes or individual, personal tragedy. Trauma is also a severely neglected topic in Christian literature, and while it can challenge someone's faith in Christ, God and the ministry of his Word is central to dealing with the emotional and psychological impact of trauma.

Tackling Trauma is a book edited by LPA Board Member Rev Dr Paul Barker and published by Langham in 2019. In this book, a team of experienced and informed Christian professionals from around the world promote a deep biblical response to trauma through clinical and theological wisdom and their first-hand experience of witnessing and experiencing trauma.

Langham Literature is in the process of translating this book into Ukrainian, to be a much-needed resource for Ukrainian Christians, who are in the midst of so much trauma and loss.

To complete this project, we need your help! Can you donate to directly support the publishing of *Tackling Trauma* in Ukrainian? See back cover for ways to donate, or give via our website here.



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Preaching Training Calendar

Please pray for these preaching training events. To get regular prayer updates, subscribe to the weekly Preaching Prayershot. Contact Jenny at australia@langham.org to be added to the list.

26 FEB – 4 MAR:

SOUTH ASIA, PARAGUAY

5 – 11 MAR:

WEST AFRICA

12 – 18 MAR:

SE ASIA, BENIN, THAILAND,
ROMANIA

19 – 25 MAR:

KENYA, WEST ASIA

26 MAR – 1 APR:

ETHIOPIA

2 – 8 APR:

GHANA, SOUTH ASIA

9 – 15 APR:

SE ASIA, AFRICA MEETING

16 – 22 APR:

SOUTH ASIA, WEST ASIA

23 – 29 APR:

KENYA, SPAIN

30 APR – 6 MAY:

ALBANIA, AUSTRIA, MONGOLIA,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

7 – 13 MAY:

SPAIN, SOUTH ASIA (2)

14 – 20 MAY:

TOGO, ROMANIA, WEST ASIA

21 – 27 MAY:

KENYA, VANUATU

28 MAY – 3 JUN:

SWITZERLAND

4 – 10 JUN:

SOLOMON ISLANDS

11 – 17 JUN:

EURASIA

18 – 24 JUN:

FJI

2 – 8 JUL:

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

9 – 15 JUL:

LIBERIA

16 – 22 JUL:

ETHIOPIA, COSTA RICA

30 JUL – 5 AUG:

SOUTH ASIA, SOUTH PACIFIC
MEETING

6 – 12 AUG:

SOUTH ASIA, PHILIPPINES

13 – 19 AUG:

MEXICO

20 – 26 AUG:

SOUTH ASIA

Where countries are considered sensitive, regions are given instead of the country name.



Prayer Points

MARCH

The Library Grant season is now underway. Pray for all the logistics involved in sending books to around 700 colleges across the Majority World. Pray that the books will all arrive safely at their destinations without delay in the shipping process.

APRIL

Pray for the Langham Scholars Selection Committee as they meet to decide to whom to award scholarships for this year.

MAY

For the first time ever, the Langham Partnership International Council and international Leadership Team will meet in Australia this month. Pray that all will go well with the arrangements and travel and that the meetings held in Sydney will be productive and encouraging for all who attend.

Join us for an evening of
Langham Celebration!

Saturday 20 May 2023 7pm

St Matthews Church, 1 Darley Rd, Manly, NSW



Please RSVP via our website

au.langham.org/get-involved/celebration2023/
or call 02 4751 9036

JUNE

Give thanks for the Langham Scholar Care Coordinators, spread around the world, who regularly connect with Scholars working on their PhDs. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they guide Scholars through their study program from a pastoral perspective.

JULY

Langham Preaching works in several sensitive countries where being a Christian brings with it the real possibility of persecution. Whilst we can't talk publicly about the work in these countries, there are dedicated teams in these movements. The training continues and the work develops. Pray for the safety of those involved and for them to be encouraged as they serve.

AUGUST

Please pray for indigenous evangelical publishers across the Majority World. Pray for discernment in understanding local needs, wisdom in title selections, and professionalism in production.



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Your donation to Langham Partnership helps the church in the Majority World to grow as mature disciples of Jesus.

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