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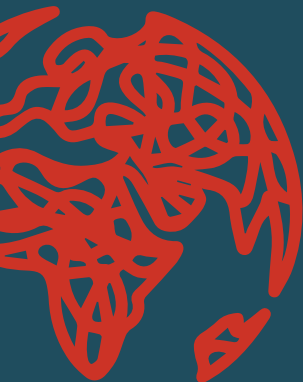
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A message from Langham Partnership Australia CEO

We are so excited to be able to share with you our new eligibility for some gifts to Langham Australia to be tax-deductible.

This has been a very long awaited and prayed for development, and now we look forward to seeing the difference that this can make for some of our donors.

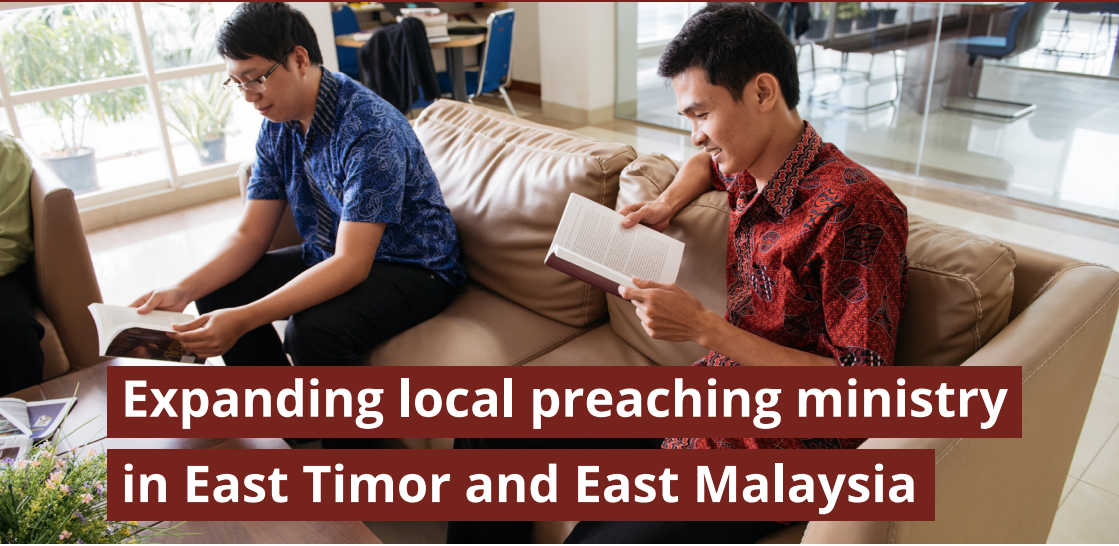
There are more details about how to give in a way that is tax deductible later in the newsletter, but one key aspect of this is that it allows us to apply for grants from some organisations that have this eligibility as a prerequisite.

As Langham Partnership in Australia is 100% dependent on gifts from individuals and philanthropic organisations (we receive no government funding at all), it is important that we make the opportunity to give as easy and uncomplicated as possible.

As we know, it is more blessed to give than receive, and our philosophy here at Langham Partnership Australia is that we are in partnership with you as we provide the means through which you can respond in joy and gratitude to our Lord's call for generosity. We look forward to continuing to work together to further the work of the Kingdom!



Gillean Smiley
Langham Partnership Australia CEO



Expanding local preaching ministry in East Timor and East Malaysia



Rev Mee Fang Njoo is a pastor in Indonesia. She is a former participant of Langham Preaching training and now serves as the Langham Preaching Associate Regional Coordinator for East Malaysia and East Timor. Recently Level 1 training was run in East Timor, and it was the third ever training run locally.

Called to serve - pastor and now coordinator

Mee Fang was raised knowing about God and it was as a teenager that she began to think about ministry. She reflects, “My mother made sure I went to regular Sunday school as a child. But I came to know Jesus personally through youth camp when I was twelve. At the age of 15, I received a call to give my life fully to be a servant of the Lord.” She followed this call and became a pastor!

After several years of ministry, Mee Fang learnt about Langham Partnership through some friends. She says, “My friends got involved in the [Langham Preaching] Level 1 training when it was held for the first time in Indonesia.”

Eventually, Mee Fang went through the training herself. She was initially interested because it taught the art of preaching simply. Doing the training has changed how she preaches as a pastor! She explains, “Langham’s training helps me to preach more faithfully, clearly and relevantly.”

After doing the training as a participant and finding it so useful, Mee Fang then got involved as a volunteer for Langham Preaching. She shares, “Now as a facilitator, I want to teach training materials to students and to many other preachers in the region.”

A local ministry planted and growing

Langham Preaching training in East Timor began in 2020 and was initially run online during the pandemic. Now training is running in person and it’s an exciting indication of the growing enthusiasm in the region. Most recently Level 1 training was run in Baucau, East Timor with 44 participants!

The need in the region is huge, with a lack of resources and inadequate local theological education. Mee Fang explains, “East Timor does not yet have a formal academic seminary. Pastors who want to go to theological school go to seminaries in Indonesia, and not many get this opportunity. Many become servants of God with only a short course.”

This makes the work of Langham Preaching even more crucial, as most pastors are poorly equipped and don’t have the opportunity or access to any significant training before taking on their role in church.

Mee Fang says, “The presence of Langham’s training answered the need for preachers who could preach expositions from the Bible. The training method is taught simply and practised repeatedly until the participants understand.”

Being involved with Langham has changed things for Mee Fang and is also making positive ripples through many pastors and different churches.

Mee Fang explains, “Langham’s preaching ministry helped me see God’s work in many places. Many churches need preachers, and few preachers preach biblical preaching. It brings me great joy when the trainees become more familiar with the Bible and love the preaching ministry.”



The impact of the Ukrainian translation of the book 'Tackling Trauma'

Mykola Leliovskyi is an Assistant Academic Dean at Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary (UBTS) in Lviv, Ukraine. Mykola shared with Langham how the translation of Langham-published book *Tackling Trauma* into Ukrainian has impacted him and others.

Langham Partnership Australia was proud to be a significant part of fundraising to enable this project. Thank you to those who supported the project, we hope you are encouraged to hear from Mykola.

The need for Ukrainian evangelical literature

Historically, published evangelical resources in Ukraine have been challenging to come by, and the ongoing war in their nation has only added additional challenges for Christians to be equipped and supported.

Mykola shares, "I cannot emphasise the importance and the need that Ukraine has for Christian literature. Over the years, most of the resources that have been published and available in Ukraine have been in the Russian language. And even those resources were very scarce and far in between. Now with the language issue being involved in the war and all these things, there's even a greater need for resources in Ukrainian."

This is a need that Langham Partnership is acutely aware of, and the Literature team with the support of various global teams, have been working with UBTS to translate and create much-needed books.

Tackling Trauma both pastoral and psychological

In early 2023 Langham Literature published the Ukrainian translation of *Tackling Trauma*, edited by Langham Australia Board member Rev. Dr Paul A. Barker, in conjunction with the Eastern European Institute of Theology.

Talking about how he has seen the book impact Christians, Mykola says, “The *Tackling Trauma* book has been a tremendous resource. As I’ve said earlier, there are virtually no resources available in Ukrainian, and I couldn’t think of a more relevant resource right now that has an immediate need, and immediate impact than books dealing with trauma and counselling people that have gone through trauma.”

What makes *Tackling Trauma* such a useful book for anyone who reads it is how it combines both medical and biblical information. 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.

Mykola says, “And so the *Tackling Trauma* book is very good because you can find a lot of psychological medical material, but as believers, we want to also present the truth. And so the book does a very good job of focusing on certain passages in the scriptures and using great illustrations from the Bible. Like looking at people who have gone through trauma like the story of Joseph.”



Partners in ministry across the world

Mykola is often being asked by professors what book they can assign, or by students what they should read. It is challenging to respond with so few resources!

He is very thankful for the partnership with Langham and how through Langham Literature they can resource their libraries with a growing number of contextual books in their country’s language.

OUT OF THE MARGINS

A Young Langham Podcast

Out of the Margins Podcast - Season Two is here!

Season Two of our Young Langham Podcast, *Out of the Margins* launched in August. We're so proud of this second season.

Simon and Edgar speak to many interesting and insightful people, on topics such as Interpreting Scripture Through Different Worldviews, Environmental Stewardship, Digital Discipleship and Migration and Refugees.

Listen now on Apple, Spotify and all podcasting apps!



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APPLE



Sadly for Langham Australia, we will be saying goodbye to Edgar as our Young Adult Engagement Co-ordinator based in Melbourne as he heads off to Mexico with his wife, Kamwende, and their new baby (expected very soon!). We'll miss very much having Edgar work on engaging young people here in Australia but for fans of the podcast, we're pleased to announce that he will still be involved from his new home in Mexico! Edgar and Kamwende will be engaging in missionary work through Pioneers Mexico, we wish them all the best and cannot wait to see how God uses them in the future to bless more people with the truth of the gospel.

A portrait of Chris Wright, a man with glasses wearing a blue blazer over a light-colored shirt, standing outdoors with trees in the background.

New website for Langham Ambassador Chris Wright

Langham Partnership's Global Ambassador and biblical scholar Christopher J. H. Wright has a new website! The site will act as a central hub for all of Chris's published books, All Souls sermons, videos, podcasts, articles and courses.

The website marks a significant milestone in bringing together Dr Wright's extensive body of writing and teaching in a single, accessible platform. Chris is celebrated for his insights into Old Testament theology, biblical ethics, and the mission of the church. His new site will serve as a comprehensive resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Bible and its application in today's world.

VISIT THE SITE





We're thrilled to announce that the first Langham Scholar studying at Sydney Missionary and Bible College has commenced. Emmy will study mainly from her home in Thailand, but make annual trips to SMBC.

Meet Emmy

What are you most looking forward to about your PhD?

I look forward to having a greater understanding of God's Word and to being able to interact critically with Biblical texts and resources. I wish to learn how this knowledge can stimulate and transform my mind, heart and soul. Also, I will take the knowledge and contribute it to the Thai Christian community, both in the local churches and Biblical seminaries.



Why have you picked your PhD topic?

My PhD topic is *The Rhetoric of Hubris in the Book of Daniel and Its Intersection with Thai Patronage*. I chose this topic because not many Thai scholars have studied the theme of Daniel and applied it to the Thai context.

I wish to see how the foreign kings exemplified the characteristic of hubris. The proposed line of research is to explore the rhetorical function of hubris in Daniel to discern how the author desired original readers to respond to this theme of hubris.

Then, I will examine how the research outcomes from the proposed study on Daniel impact the patronage system in the Thai church and extend our understanding of living faithfully in such a culture.

How do you anticipate your research impacting your ministry in the future?

I expect my research to impact my ministry in Christian organisations and local churches. Patronage culture is embedded in the Thai culture, and believers are unaware of the issue. I wish that as the Thai church studies the book of Daniel, it could find a way to respond to patronage culture after studying the theme of hubris in Daniel.

SMBC says

Sydney Missionary and Bible College is committed to preparing loving and skilled graduates who will bring the light of Christ to a dark and needy world. Thus, we are delighted to be able to collaborate with Langham Partnership to host Emmy, our first PhD student from Thailand in 2025. Our prayer is that Emmy, through her research and writing, will not only continue to enrich her own context, but will also contribute to the strengthening of the global church.



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Would you be able to give to

Langham if it could be claimed as a

tax deduction here in Australia?

We're so grateful for the generous financial support for Langham Partnership Australia over the years.

Until now, donations to Langham Australia have not been tax-deductible, however a recent change to our structure has enabled us to achieve Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office, meaning that some gifts are now eligible for a tax deduction. Relevant projects are any that come under the heading of Langham Literature (such as a new Bible Commentary, or book distribution to colleges). Also eligible is Scholar work that is designed to produce a written text. However, "Literature" is not confined to the written text, so the production of our podcast *Out of the Margins* also qualifies.

Please ask us if you would like the details on the structural changes that have enabled this development. From the supporter's perspective, all that has changed is that some gifts will now be identified as being tax deductible, and those gifts will be deposited into a new bank account. The new bank details are: BSB - 032837 Account- 376903. Our preferred method of donating is via EFT, but if you would like to give online, go to au.langham.org/donate-literature. We will issue you a tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

We hope our regular supporters will continue to donate as they're currently doing. We will still depend heavily upon unrestricted gifts to allocate funds to where they're most needed. However, we hope that having tax deductible gifts will encourage new donors and that we can apply for grants to some foundations that require DGR status.

We'll notify you when we're seeking funds for a tax deductible purpose, and also remind you of the separate bank details for tax deductible gifts. All other gifts will be allocated according to your wishes or "where most needed", and should be directed to the same bank account we have always used.

Please pray that God will use this new status to help continue to grow Langham's ministry!



Prayer Points

- Pray for Langham's International Director Rev. Dr Riad Kassis, who lives in Lebanon along with his wife Izdihar, who leads a ministry to Syrian refugees there. Pray for their safety, for peace of mind and provision of all their needs despite the conflict in the Middle East.

SCHOLARS

- Please pray for Langham Scholars supported by Langham Australia: Joseph from Uganda and Crystal from East Asia, that God will help them as they seek to finalise their PhD studies this year.
- Pray for Scholar Care Coordinators around the world who provide pastoral care and support to Scholars as they study. Pray too for Scholars Director Dr Lina Toth as she leads the team.

PREACHING

- The Langham Preaching team wants more resources to be made available in heart languages. Pray that they will be able to build up a team of translators who have a passion for this work so that they can further equip preachers.
- Pray for the Preaching administrators around the world who work hard behind the scenes assisting in the smooth operational running of Langham Preaching. They are based in Bolivia, Ghana, the UK, Indonesia, India and the Middle East.

LITERATURE

- Pray for the Literature Team in the UK and the continued work of the editors around the world who are managing over 200 active projects, with about 50 titles due to be published in the next year.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up writers and publishers with a calling for the written word in every tribe, tongue and nation... so that the global church is resourced and helped to become mature in Christ.

Preaching Training Calendar

Please pray for these preaching training events. Where countries are considered sensitive, regions are given instead of the country name.

1-7 SEPT: UGANDA (2), SOUTH ASIA, ESWATINI

8-14 SEPT: SOUTH ASIA, UGANDA, AUSTRIA

15-21 SEPT: SPAIN, SOUTH ASIA

22-28 SEPT: SE ASIA, MIDDLE EAST

29 SEPT - 5 OCT: SOUTH ASIA, THAILAND

6-12 OCT: PHILIPPINES (2), SOUTH ASIA, AUSTRIA, ROMANIA

13-19 OCT: MIDDLE EAST, SLOVENIA, AUSTRIA

20-26 OCT: SE ASIA, SOUTH ASIA, THAILAND

27 OCT - 2 NOV: SOUTH ASIA, SERBIA

3-9 NOV: PHILIPPINES, SOUTH ASIA

10-16 NOV: EUROPEAN AND CARIBBEAN MEETING

17-23 NOV: SOUTH ASIA

1-7 DEC: SOUTH ASIA, AUSTRIA

8-14 DEC: SOUTH ASIA

FEB 2025: MIDDLE EAST, CAMBODIA

These are the Preaching events we know are scheduled at the time of printing. Many more will be added! To get regular prayer updates, subscribe to the weekly *Preaching Prayershot*. Contact Jenny at australia@langham.org to be added to the list.



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