


# Annual Report and Celebration of Impact



AUSTRALIA

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PARTNERSHIP



A smiling man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a light-colored patterned button-down shirt, holds a small white cup. He is looking off to the side with a joyful expression. The background is a blurred outdoor church service with people in white robes and a woman in a red dress. The image has a teal circular graphic on the left and a teal bar at the bottom.

By 2025, two thirds of  
**Christians will live in the  
Majority World** across  
Africa, Latin America  
and Asia.

8 out of 10 of their  
**pastors lack training  
and resources**  
to faithfully preach  
God's Word.

**Our vision is to  
change that.**

# Our Vision

Langham Partnership's vision is 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

Langham Partnership's mission is to strengthen the ministry of the Word of God through:

## LANGHAM LITERATURE

Fostering the creation and distribution of biblical literature

## LANGHAM PREACHING

Nurturing national movements for biblical preaching

## LANGHAM SCHOLARS

Enhancing biblical theological education

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# Chair's report



**Jill McGilvray**

*Chair of Langham Partnership Australia*

As we look back over 2022, at Langham Partnership Australia we have much to be thankful for.

We are glad for the Scholars who are working hard at their PhD studies, and rejoice with those who graduated during the year. Two scholars are studying through Australian institutions and we pray for them all the time.

We are delighted by the news of so many Preaching Movements around the world, and the positive changes in their ability to teach the Bible well that so many participants report. So many meet in their Preaching Clubs where they find a safe space to encourage and critique each other's preaching. Our own Indigenous preaching program is planning more events this year and we are also especially glad for the great work underway in many parts of the South Pacific.

We thank God for the good work of our Literature Team in publishing so many works by Majority World scholars and writers. As I write, people are gathering in Prague for the launch of the Central and Eastern European Commentary, a project which has taken several years to come to fruition and we pray that it will join the other one-volume Commentaries in being used by God for the furtherance of His kingdom. 2022 saw the retirement of our Langham Literature Director Pieter Kwant, and we look forward very soon

to being able to announce the name of his very able successor.

We are especially grateful to the continuing support from our generous donors without whom this work would not be possible. We pray that it will be a joy for each one to know what a significant part they play in God's Kingdom work around the world, and that our newsletters and this Annual Report will make that very clear.

2023 has already begun in such an encouraging way, with great new staff members, and new members of our Board as well. We are busy with plans for connections with churches and donors and for an Australian meeting of our International Leadership Team and International Council in May and numerous speaking events from our international Langham family.

None of this can happen without prayer, and I would ask each of you reading this report to join with us in prayer that we will always serve our Lord and Master in the best possible way, because that is the desire of all our hearts.



# 2023 at a glance

Thank you for your support over the past year. Under God, and in partnership with Langham supporters, staff and volunteers around the world, this is how you've made a difference:

**1,332,945**

people served in 2023  
(directly and indirectly)

**27,456**

preachers equipped by  
Langham-trained pastors

**325**

graduated scholars  
serving in 89 nations

**22**

Indigenous publishers  
supported in 17 countries  
with the production of 55  
local language titles

**72,475**

future biblical leaders  
taught by Langham Scholars

**14**

Christian authors and  
writers trained and  
supported and Majority World  
editors mentored

**119,925**

people served by ministries  
started by Langham Scholars

**693**

seminary libraries  
provided with 11,154  
Bible-centred books

**9,813**

preachers trained at  
Langham seminars

**259,310**

people impacted by  
Langham-trained preachers



# Langham Scholars

The Langham Scholars program seeks to develop Majority World theological teachers by providing doctoral scholarships for those who will lead churches and train the next generation of pastors and Bible teachers in their home countries.

## IN 2022...

**85** (22 new ones)  
Scholars from 44 MW countries were supported in their PhD studies

**7**  
Scholars graduated with PhDs, equipped to serve the church in their nations

**7**  
Scholars returned after completing their PhDs to serve in the Majority World

**325+**  
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

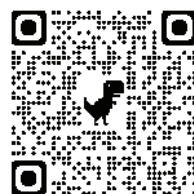
## THE LONG TERM IMPACT

**82%**  
of Scholars go on to start ministries

**1**  
Langham Scholar will train 7,733 students, 3x more than someone without a PhD

**44%**  
of Langham Scholars write the first relevant theological books for their nations

**69%**  
of Langham Scholars have added new degrees or courses to their seminary



Scan this code with your phone to see a 6 minute video about the Scholars program



## Consultations for current scholars

Regional gatherings of 12-15 currently enrolled PhD scholars for 3-4 days are invaluable for encouragement, training, spiritual refreshment and networking. COVID-19 restrictions meant that many face to face consultations did not take place during FY20, FY21 and early FY22. However, the team adapted and held a number of online consultations/gatherings for current scholars, including virtual consultations, and prayer/fellowship times. During FY22 the pandemic challenges continued and there were 15 virtual gatherings of scholars in UK, Latin America and Asia, and three in-person consultations in UK, Malaysia and Poland were held during the 2nd half of FY22.

"Anybody that is sponsoring a Langham Scholar should see that they are training somebody that is going to impact not just a community, but a nation."

**Langham Scholar Sunday Agang  
from Nigeria**



*2022 Asia-Pacific Scholars consultation*

## Scholars who graduated in FY22:



**Beatrice Ang** from The Philippines and **Sofanit Abebe** from Ethiopia pictured at their graduation.



**Marie Joy Pring** also from the Philippines also graduated in FY22. Above is a picture of her graduation ceremony.

**Four Scholars graduated from sensitive countries, therefore we can't name them or their countries.**



# Langham Preaching

Langham Preaching works in fellowship with national leaders to establish local and national preaching movements for pastors and lay preachers all around the world. Together we provide practical on-site support for pastors and lay preachers, organise multi-level training seminars focusing on practical, biblically-based training, and provide resources. Preachers are equipped to faithfully study and teach God's Word so they can shepherd congregations with hope in Christ.



Scan this code with your phone to see a 7 minute video about the Preaching program

## IN 2022...

# 276

preaching seminars were held in 63 countries with 34% being run online

# 9,813

pastors and leaders were trained

# 1,143

preaching clubs were meeting

## Preaching Clubs

A Preaching Club is 5-10 preachers who gather regularly under a designated leader, to practice what they have learned in Langham's preaching seminars, to peer-review each other's preaching, and to pray for and encourage one another. FY22 saw a slight decrease in the number of active Preaching Clubs (PCs). COVID-19 restrictions in places without reliable internet access, and with no option of virtual meetings, impacted some PCs. Preaching Movements with strong PCs maintained momentum more easily than those who were weaker in the establishment of PCs. This highlighted the need for PCs to be at the core of our Preaching Movements. So, the Latin American model of commencing with training PC Coordinators to start PCs and then provide seminars, is being adopted by the African

Team. In Latin America, PCs are known as 'escuelitas'. The Africa team decided to give PCs the name 'ushirika', a Kiswahili description that carries well across the continent. We celebrate the use of terminology that reflects the culture and context where the work is based.







# Langham Literature

Langham Literature provides Majority World pastors, scholars and seminary libraries with evangelical books and electronic resources. We also foster the creation of indigenous biblical books for pastors in many languages, through training workshops for writers and editors, sponsoring writers, translation, strengthening local evangelical publishing houses, and investment in major regional literature projects, such as one-volume Bible commentaries.

## IN 2022...

# 32,722

**biblical books supplied to Majority World pastors, students and ministry partners**

# 14,635

**biblical books supplied to 700 Majority World Bible colleges and seminaries across 80 countries**

# 23

**Indigenous publishers in 20 different countries supported in the production of 36 local language titles**

# 14

**local writers in 12 Majority World countries supported through grants**



Scan this code with your phone to see a 7 minute video about the Literature program

## Resourcing readers

Langham Literature provides Bible-centred books to hundreds of Majority World colleges for free through our Library Grants program. Through Library Grants, many students get access to learning resources they might never have been able to read.

Chasefu Theological College in Zambia was one of the colleges to receive books from a standard grant, and they expressed their gratitude for their partnership with Langham Literature.

"We thank God for a timely donation of the latest books. The gifts are a motivating tool for teaching staff and students as they do their research. Your contribution will go a long way in helping the upcoming upgrading of our library. We are so grateful for such a wonderful gesture of love."



# Updates on Literature projects

## Central and Eastern European Bible Commentary

A highlight of this past year has been the publishing of the Central and Eastern European Bible Commentary.

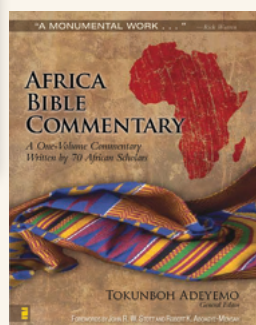
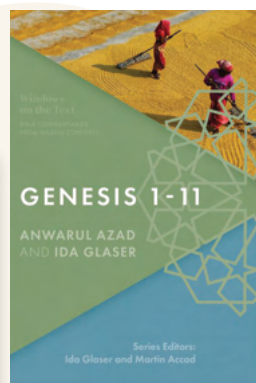
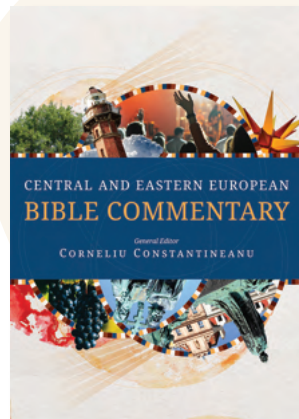
Those involved with this project say that it has taken more than six “challenging and rewarding years with many ups and downs”, the greatest down being the loss of the general editor, Corneliu Constantineanu to the COVID-19 virus. We pray that the final result will be a blessing to Central and Eastern Europe but also to worldwide Christianity.

The official release of the Commentary was celebrated on 3-4 March 2023 in Prague, Czech Republic, with Rev Dr Chris Wright speaking and many authors, all editors and several other Langham representatives present. Great care has been taken to make this a mutual project of all the evangelical community of Central and Eastern Europe, the region sandwiched between Western Europe and the former Soviet Union, between the Balkans and the Baltics. The Commentary is specifically written for 19 countries: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia.

## Africa Bible Commentary Revision

The ground-breaking Africa Bible Commentary was first published in 2006. This past year has seen a great deal of work done on its Revision, which will continue into the 2023-2024 year. So much work goes into creating a resource like this: writing, editing, type-setting, proofreading, copy-editing etc etc! The target date for publishing the English version is August 2024.

Pictured below is the ABC Revision team: Dr Yacouba Sanon (PhD), Prof. Edouard Kitoko-Nsiku (PhD), Rev. Dr. Nathan H. Chiroma (PhD), Prof. Elizabeth Mburu (PhD) and Ms. Dahlia Fraser.



## Windows on the Text: Genesis 1-11

This past year, Langham published the first in a pioneering new commentary series written by and for believers in Muslim contexts.

The virtual launch for ‘Windows on the Text: Genesis 1-11’ was held in September 2022, hosted by a Langham Scholar Emad Botros, who facilitated the project while serving as an Old Testament professor in Lebanon.

Written by Anwarul Azad and Ida Glaser, the book develops biblical insight in deliberate conversation with the Qur’an, the Hadith, and local Islamic cultures. It equips believers to live out their faith in loving service within their communities by being confident that the Bible in its entirety speaks directly into Muslim contexts.

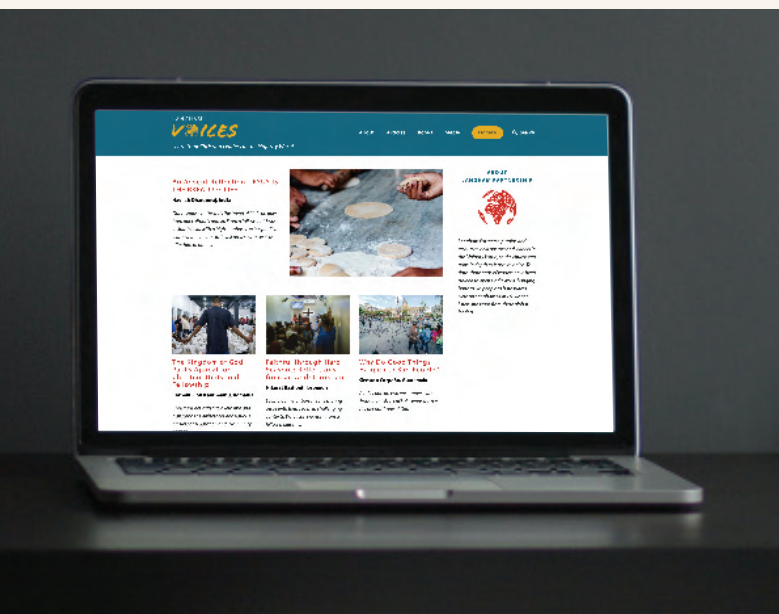
Retiring Langham Literature Director Pieter Kwant said “We pray that God will bless this book, as the first-fruit in a line of many volumes to follow.”

**Various other Literature projects in sensitive countries are well underway. Pray for the progress of these important works that will support the Church in places where it is difficult to be a Christian!**



# Resources to grow your faith

Draw near to your  
brothers and sisters  
in Christ around the  
world



**voices.langham.org**

*Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.*  
– 1 Corinthians 12:27

As Christians, we need each other, as we are all  
parts of the body of Christ.

Now you can 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. Just as they  
need our support, we need their voices to help  
equip and edify us!

## On Mission with Chris Wright

Chris Wright, Langham Partnership's Global  
Ambassador and Ministry Director, Bible scholar  
and award-winning author, is the presenter of  
'On Mission'. This engaging podcast features  
Chris chatting 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.



# Growth Campaign

To help meet the needs of the growing Church in the Majority World, Langham Partnership is seeking to grow more rapidly. Internationally we have committed to a Strategic Plan that enables a dramatic growth in capacity and impact.

To double our ministry over five years and carry forward the enhanced impact for an additional ten years, we need strategic growth funding in addition to our regular support.

## **BETWEEN 2018 AND 2032 WE INTEND, BY GOD'S GRACE, TO:**

### **Increase the quantity of PhD scholars by 50%**

Launching 270 new scholars by 2032.

### **Improve PhD Scholar Care, selection and training**

To better prepare scholars to sustainably serve the Majority World church, with increased focus on high priority regions such as the Muslim world, Francophone Africa and East Asia.

### **Maximize the influence of post-PhD Scholars**

Equipping 160 scholars by 2032 (a 150% increase), with advanced research and writing grants to address pressing social issues such as corruption, sex-trafficking and violence against women.

### **Produce 9 times more ground-breaking Bible Commentary projects**

Such as the Muslim Background Commentary, South Asia Study Bible, and African Bible Commentary Revision.

### **Amplify Majority World Voices**

More than double the creation of indigenously-written books that equip local leaders and believers, by producing 60 annually by 2032. Also increase by 90% the digitization and translation of these works to make them more widely and easily available to a global audience.

### **Increase Book Distribution**

Grow grants of relevant, in-demand books to Majority World theological institutions by 60%, with £4.4M (\$8.2M) worth of books provided to 630 colleges by 2032, and more than double global book distribution to ship 300,000 books annually.

### **Strengthen Local Literature Markets**

Mentor and provide publishing grants to indigenous publishers to produce 50 appropriate heart-language titles annually for local Christian audiences (a 25% increase). Also increase training of local editors, writers and publishers by 170%, and stimulate the desire for indigenously written literature in 10+ nations.





### **Increase Preachers trained annually**

Grow to 15,000 preachers trained annually by 2032 (a 50% increase above baseline 10,000 trained annually).

### **Develop more Preaching Clubs**

Grow to 2,500 clubs by 2032 (a 400% increase).

### **Launch Preaching Movements within new people groups**

Grow to 150 movements by 2032 (a 150% increase).

### **Strengthen Preaching Movements to become fully “Established”**

Established movements are able to further develop with minimal dependence on external assistance. Grow to 75 established movements in 2032 (an over 900% increase).

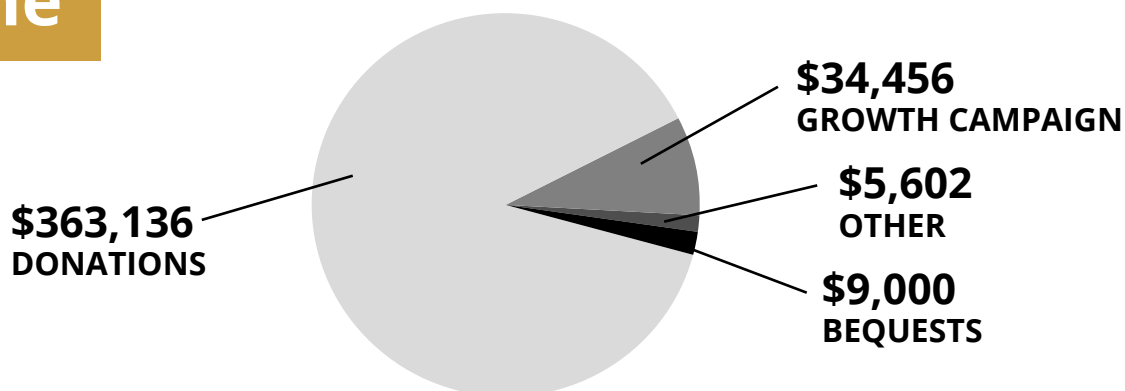
**The Australian funding goal for this bold new vision for Preaching, Literature and Scholars, is a \$1,000,000 contribution** to the global total of \$49,000,000 (Preaching: \$20M, Literature: \$19M and Scholars: \$20M). The 2023 annual Appeal will focus on this Growth Campaign, for expanding the impact of Langham beyond that which is possible through usual levels of giving.

# Financial update

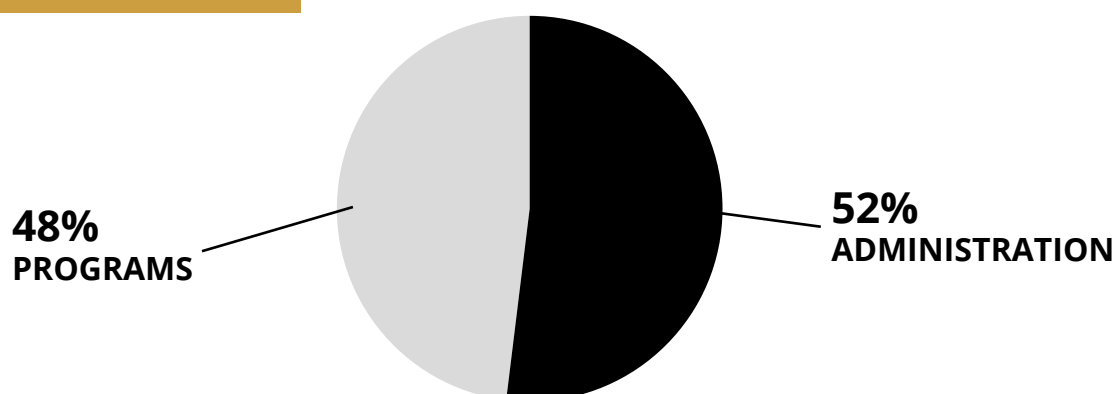
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We are exceedingly thankful to the generous donors who support the ministry of Langham Partnership around the world.

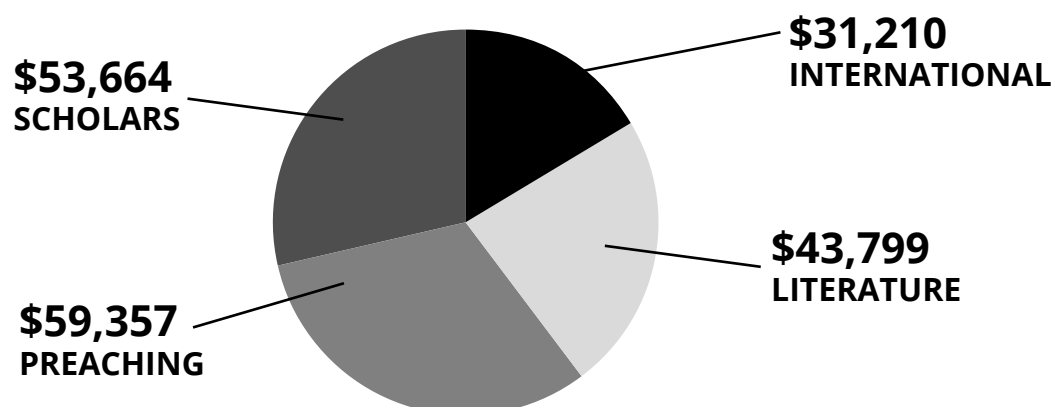
## Income



## Expenditure



## Program Expenditure





# The Langham Partnership Australia Board

The LPA Board is responsible for the governance and leadership of the company Langham Partnership Australia Ltd. It meets at least four times a year to monitor performance, provide strategic direction, manage risk and compliance requirements and keep a close eye on financial information. In addition, Board members are advocates and assist in the promotion of Langham within the Christian community.



**Jill McGilvray**

Chair of both LPA and LP International Council

Jill has retired from teaching pastoral care subjects at two theological colleges.



**Graham Collins**

Treasurer

Graham is a retired Chief Financial Officer of a NSW government agency. 2023 will be his last year on the Langham board.



**Grant Robinson**

Public Officer

Grant is a retired NSW public servant and works as a volunteer project officer with LPA International.



**Rt Rev Dr Paul Barker**

Paul is an Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Church in Melbourne.



**Dr Sue Wright**

Sue is Professor of Accounting and Head of Accounting Discipline Group in the Business School at the University of Technology, Sydney.



**Emily Burgess**

Emily is a solicitor employed by the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office.



**Neva Read**

Neva was born in Kenya (her mother is a Langham Scholar) and runs a consultancy in business strategy, PR, advertising, branding and marketing.



**John Cotter**

John is a professional pastoral supervisor helping Christians in ministry to be encouraged, healthy, reflective and aligned.

# A message from the CEO



**Gillean Smiley**

*CEO, Langham Partnership Australia*

We thank God for his ongoing provision for the work of Langham, through His faithful and generous people. This year has seen the growth of our staff team as well as increased contributions to the Programs. While we were sad to farewell Rebecca Storm from the Finance Assistant role, we have been pleased to subsequently partner with Exdia to deliver our financial recording and reporting needs. Similarly, we have partnered with Crossbeam Consulting to help us formulate our strategy for engaging with young adults, and to assist us with our communications and social media presence. Edgar Solis and Simon Nugent have joined us as Young Adult Engagement Coordinators, helping us to ensure the sustainability of Langham into the next generation.

I am also very grateful to the Langham Partnership Australia Board for the excellent governance, support and oversight it provides. Following our achievement of accreditation with Christian Ministry Advancement (CMA), we had the opportunity to welcome a Board Intern, Elton Teh, who gained Board experience and understanding of Langham's operations, while we benefitted from his financial acumen and perspective as a young adult. The Board has also recently welcomed two new members: John Cotter and Neva Reed bring much valued wisdom and experience to the table.

The legal structure of LPA changed this year from being an incorporated entity, to being a company limited by guarantee. While this has no impact on the day to day operations of the organisation, it does provide a national presence and identity, streamlining a number of administrative requirements.

The pandemic years provided a timely opportunity to review and improve our structures and policies, ensuring that LPA has been able to meet the standards for excellence identified not only by independent bodies such as CMA but also the Australian Commission for Not for Profits and Charities. Reduced activity through the pandemic also gave us the time needed to complete the review of our database, doing our best to ensure the information is as current as possible. All this places us in a good position for further growth in the future, particularly in the light of the Growth Campaign outlined in this report.

The challenges we face coming into 2023 continue to be around growing our donor base and increasing awareness of Langham Partnership right across Australia. Many churches are reducing the number of mission and parachurch agencies they support, in order to provide more focused and individual assistance to their partners. We welcome all opportunities to engage with churches, mission committees, home groups and other gatherings, in order to spread the news of what God has been doing globally, and connect Christians in Australia with their Majority World brothers and sisters.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for Langham Partnership Australia. We trust this report will be an encouragement to you and resource for further prayer and consideration of how you can partner with us in this exciting work with which God has entrusted us.







# How you can partner with Langham Partnership

## PRAY

Please **email us at [australia@langham.org](mailto:australia@langham.org)** to be added to our mailing list to receive news and prayer points from us. If you don't have email, call us instead and we can arrange for you to receive this information in hard copy via post.

If you would specifically like to pray for the Preaching Program, let us know and we can arrange for you to receive the Langham global Preaching Prayershot, a weekly email with more detailed Preaching prayer points.

## GIVE

To continue the work of Langham Partnership, we would deeply appreciate your financial support.

You can give a one-off gift or set up a regular donation.

Gifts can be given via direct deposit (our preferred option, as no fees are taken) to:

**Account name:** Langham Partnership Australia

**BSB:** 032 837

**Account number:** 144 002

Or you can give via credit or debit card online at **[au.langham.org/donate](https://au.langham.org/donate)**

Or you can post a cheque to the address below

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