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2024 Annual Report and Celebration of Impact

A woman with dark skin and long, thin braids is shown in profile, reaching up to a high shelf in a library. She is wearing a light pink, short-sleeved top. The shelves are filled with books of various colors. In the upper right corner, there is a decorative pattern of yellow dots. A large white semi-circle is positioned over the top left of the image, containing text. A dark teal semi-circle is at the bottom right, also containing text.

**Two thirds of Christians
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

In a time of such great uncertainty and unrest in so much of the world, we are grateful that the work of the Langham Partnership continues to bless the God's church in so many places.

This has been another busy year for us in Australia. In particular we were so glad to finally be able to announce Langham Literature Australia, an entity which has been granted Deductible Gift Recipient status for part of the work we do. A lot of work went into the submission for this: it is not something to be taken for granted. We pray that with this new entity in place, alongside our long-time Langham Partnership Australia, new opportunities to approach Charitable Foundations will enable our work to grow further.

As I write this in April 2025, it has been a delight in recent weeks to accompany Joseph Byamukama and his lovely wife Daphne, to the conferring of Joseph's PhD at Ridley College, Melbourne. Joseph is a man of great vision and energy who has a thriving and growing ministry in his home city of Kampala, Uganda, and he had the opportunity to meet some of our donors in Perth, Adelaide and Sydney as well as in Melbourne.

Our scholar Crystal is waiting for the results of her PhD, and we are very glad to have a new scholar, Emmy Veererasethsiri commencing her PhD through Sydney Missionary and Bible College.

We look forward to visits from other parts of our international Langham family during this year. The Regional Co-ordinators for Langham Preaching Asia will meet in Sydney, including Tukana from Fiji who now leads our work in the Pacific. We are hopeful for opportunities to meet Tukana and some of the other participants, as well as Lina Toth, Langham Scholars Director, when she also visits Australia in July, from her home in Scotland.

Mostly I want to say that we are so grateful to our faithful donors and prayer supporters who continue to make this work possible, by the grace of God. It was a special privilege to receive a couple of generous bequests during this year, which reminded me of what an important ongoing impact gifts in this form can make.

Perhaps this is something that you could consider. And please do pray for us and for all those who labour for the Lord in places of great difficulty, and for us to wisely support them in all that they do.



2024 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:

1,765,783
people served in 2024
(directly and indirectly)

There was
consistent growth
seen across all
programs in 2024.

343 
graduated Scholars
serving in 96 nations

7
PhD Scholars graduated
and all returned to serve
in the Majority World.

14,827
preachers were trained
at Langham Preaching
training events

28
indigenous publishers in
23 countries were
supported with the
production of 61 local
language titles.

182
Majority World Christian
authors were trained
and supported and MW
editors mentored

713 
seminary libraries across
78 countries were
provided with 11,159
Bible-centred books.

Rev Dr Riad Kassis
(previous Scholars
Director) was appointed
International Director of
the Partnership.





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.

During FY24, Dr Lina Toth from Lithuania assumed the role of Director of the Scholars program. Although she continues to care for some scholars in Continental Europe and Central Asia, the majority of her time is dedicated to leadership and management of the Scholars program.

In 2024...

99

scholars (13 new) from 46 Majority World countries were supported in their PhD studies

343+

Langham Scholars are now serving around the world

115,730

students were taught by Langham Scholars

176,782

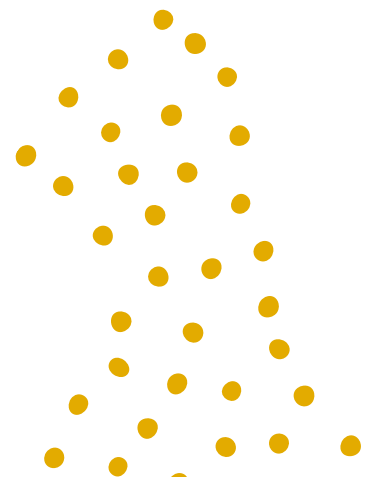
people were served by ministries started by Langham Scholars



Dr Lina Toth from Lithuania,
Director of the Scholars program

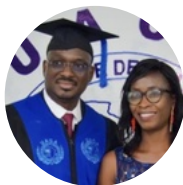
Consultations for Current Scholars

Scholar consultations help to provide training, networking, community, fellowship and encouragement to Scholars studying for their PhD. In FY24, three in-person and one online regional Scholar consultations were held, along with four in-person informal gatherings.



Graduating Scholars

Seven Scholars graduated with their PhDs, equipped to serve the church in their nations. Three of the Scholars who graduated are from sensitive countries - in the Middle East, SE Asia and East Asia - so we can't name them or their countries. Here are the others who graduated - four African men! All seven returned to serve in the Majority World.



Serge-Armand Yao
Cote d'Ivoire

Thesis title: A study of the salience of Jewish ethnicity in the Masoretic text of Esther by the interactional approach of Goffmanian inspiration. Lessons for the Evangelical CMA Protestant Church of Cote d'Ivoire.

Serge-Armand has been appointed as a full-time Professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology at the Université de l'Alliance Chrétienne d'Abidjan (UACA), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, and has also been entrusted with overseeing the works department of the University, including the UACA rental building. He is the Co-Regional Director of the Lausanne Movement for Francophone Africa and he also works as Quality Assurance Consultant for the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa.



John Wega
Kenya

Thesis title: Conflict and Cohesion: The Practice of "Giciaro" and its Significance to the Christian-Muslim Relations in Igembe, Meru County, Kenya

John remained in Kenya while working on his PhD studies on a split-site basis with OCMS, UK, generally undertaking residencies in the UK for up to two months each year. Alongside his study program, John continued to teach at St Andrew's Theological College, Kabare, Kenya, and he remains in this position now that he has completed his PhD. He also serves as an Assistant Pastor at St Peter's Cathedral, Siakago, and as a Chaplain at Kenyatta National Hospital.



Emmanuel Ndikumana
Burundi

Thesis title: Transforming Destructive Ethnic Violence: An Exploration of the Role of Forgiveness in Political Reconciliation in Burundi. He studied at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, UK

Emmanuel's Supervisor, Dr Everett Worthington, commented, "Emmanuel struggled long and hard to complete this work while living as a practical mediator and activist within Burundi. It is a great work of balance of the theological, psychological, and practical."



Samuel Sarkodie-Addo
Ghana

Thesis title: Church and Politics: A Case Study of the Engagement Between Some Selected Churches and Christian Politicians for the Promotion of Good Governance in Ghana. He studied at: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana

After completing his PhD, Samuel returned to his full-time role as Administrator for his church, St George's Church, Kumasi. He is also in a part-time lecturing position at Christian Service University College in Ghana where he is teaching an undergraduate course and one at Masters level. In addition to these responsibilities, he is involved in the work of the Institute of Christian Impact (ICI) in Ghana (which started in 2024) and he will continue to be involved as a trainer with Langham Preaching Ghana, helping to mobilise trainees. Samuel is keen to write journal articles and books on theological and practical issues affecting the church and also with a national or global perspective, especially focused on leadership, governance, Christian impact, stewardship and witness.



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.

In 2024...

439

preaching seminars were held in 79 countries with 4% of seminars run online

14,827

pastors and leaders were trained by 876 local facilitators and preaching club coordinators

1,382

preaching clubs were meeting

117

preaching movements were operating in 100 countries!

10

global or regional consultations, forums or leadership meetings were held, involving at least 246 leaders or coordinators from around the world to review, learn, train and plan.



Pastor Tukana Nakesu from Fiji took on the position of Regional Coordinator for Langham Preaching in the South Pacific, with support from Rev Stephen Williams, the previous Coordinator. Tukana's appointment reflects Langham's goal for each Preaching movement worldwide to be led by local, indigenous leaders.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a pink and white striped shirt, is smiling and reading a book titled 'LANGHAM LITERATURE'. She is in a library or bookstore, with shelves of books visible in the background.

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 2024...

11,159

biblical books were supplied to 713 Majority World colleges across 85 countries to help students grow and mature in Christ. 9,590 of these books were supplied to 703 colleges free of charge through the Library Grants program!

68,865

Bible-centred books were distributed to Majority World pastors, students and ministry partners in need of study materials. 15,462 of these books were supplied free of charge to participants at, or Coordinators of, Langham Preaching seminars and/or clubs.

219,563

books were distributed, including books that Langham distributes for ministry partners. Of the total books distributed by Langham, 89,325 (40%) were digital.

38

books were published, including 15 Langham Global Library, 20 Langham Academic, 2 Hippobooks and 1 LivresHippo books (Hippo books are for Francophone Africa). 34 of the books published were by MW authors or contributors, and 10 of these were by Langham Scholars.

182

Majority World writers were mentored and/or trained and some Majority World Editors.

28

Langham Literature was actively involved with 28 indigenous publishers, in 23 different countries, in the production of 61 local language titles, through the awarding of Publisher Grants (to 24 publishers in 16 countries), and/or mentoring and advice. Additionally, 11 local writers in 8 countries were supported through Writer Grants.

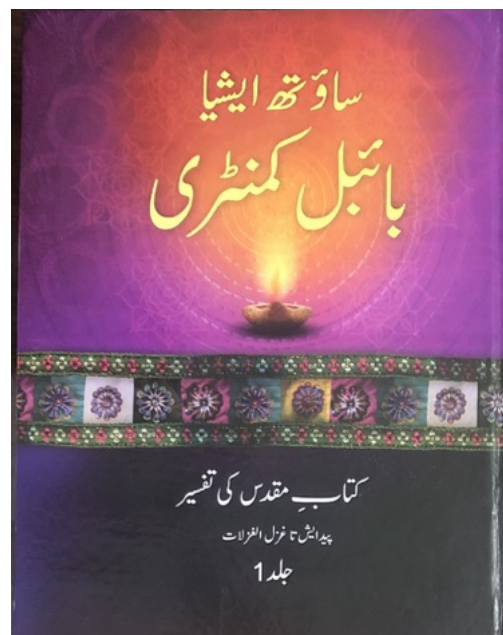
The South Asia Bible Commentary in Urdu

For Langham Literature, 2024 was a year of much work on Bible commentaries!

There are 14 Bible commentaries in process, but only one was completed and published in 2024: the South Asia Bible Commentary in Urdu. Urdu (along with English) is the official language of Pakistan.

Pakistan, officially the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, is a vast nation of over 241 million people, where over three million, or 1.37% of the population, identify as Christian. Persecution of Christians in Pakistan has been recorded since the country's independence in 1947. The persecution has taken many forms, including violence and discrimination, and results from a number of factors, including religious extremism, sectarian violence, and the country's blasphemy laws. Religious extremism is on the rise in Pakistan, and Christian churches and schools have been targeted in attacks. (Information from Wikipedia, 2024)

Langham Partnership is active in Pakistan, but because it is a sensitive country, we do not publicise our work there.



Cover of the South Asia Bible Commentary in Urdu

Please Pray...

For the church in Pakistan, that God would strengthen and grow the church, despite opposition. Pray that the SABC in Urdu would make it into the hands of many pastors and preachers across the country and that it would be a great blessing to them and their congregations.



Langham Literature Australia – a tax-deductible way to give to Langham

We're so grateful for the generous financial support for Langham Partnership by so many Australians over the years. Your financial partnership has enabled our programs in the Majority World to double in scope and impact over the past five years, and we look forward to continuing to deliver at this level, with God's gracious provision through supporters such as you.

In 2024, a change to our structure enabled us to achieve Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office. This is something that we had sought for quite some time and it was wonderful to finally achieve it!

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 are deposited into a different bank account. When we receive these gifts, we issue you the usual receipt, but at the end of the financial year we will issue you a tax receipt for all tax-deductible gifts given through that financial year.

We hope our regular supporters will continue to donate as they're currently doing. We 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!

How to make a tax-deductible donation

Do a **direct debit** (this is our preferred option as we pay no fees on these transactions):

Account name: Langham Literature Australia

BSB: 032 837

Account Number: 376 903

Alternatively, you can send a **cheque** made out to *Langham Literature Australia* to LPA at PO Box 530 Springwood NSW 2777

Or give via a **credit card** on our website au.langham.org/donate/donate-literature

A message from the CEO



Gilleen Smiley

CEO of Langham Partnership Australia

2024 saw the culmination of the Strategic Plan that underpinned our international Growth Campaign. Through the life of that Strategic Plan, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of Preaching Clubs established as part of National Preaching Movements, we have seen the completion of record numbers of one volume Bible Commentaries as well as publishing of titles by authors from within the culture they are addressing, and we have seen more Scholars supported in their PhD studies than ever before. These and other aspects of growth within Langham Partnership have led to an even greater impact than ever, as we continue to strive to equip and resource Christian leaders, teachers and preachers to be able to help their local Church grow in depth and maturity.

As we develop the Strategic Plan to take us to 2030 and beyond, we are now focused on maintaining that growth as well as developing our Programs to continue to respond to the increasing demand and need for our services. With new challenges in the areas of technology, the diaspora and displaced communities throughout the world as well as opposition and suffering arising from regions of conflict, there is much that remains to be done to support our brothers and sisters of the Majority World.

Langham Partnership Australia has been pleased to see growth and increased capacity here in Australia, as we continue our efforts to engage with new supporters as well as connect with the younger generations who have no personal experience of the vision or ministry of our founder, John Stott. Our Board is active and committed to developing our profile here in Australia as well as supporting and acknowledging the faithful and generous contributions made by you who have walked with Langham over many years.

We look forward to connecting with you further, as we share the opportunities to be part of the wonderful things God is doing throughout the world to grow His people in the image and likeness of His Son.



OUT OF THE MARGINS

A Young Langham Podcast



In a world where Christianity in the West is increasingly being pushed to the margins in the post-Christendom era, there is a wealth of wisdom and insight to be gained from voices that have long resided in the margins. *Out of the Margins* highlights the insights of the experiences and perspectives of Christians from the Majority World who are intimately familiar with being a minority and marginalised. Hosted by Simon Nugent and Edgar Solis.

***Out of the Margins* episodes cover topics like contextualisation, spiritual warfare, reverse mission, interfaith dialogue and more!**



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VOICES

**“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!

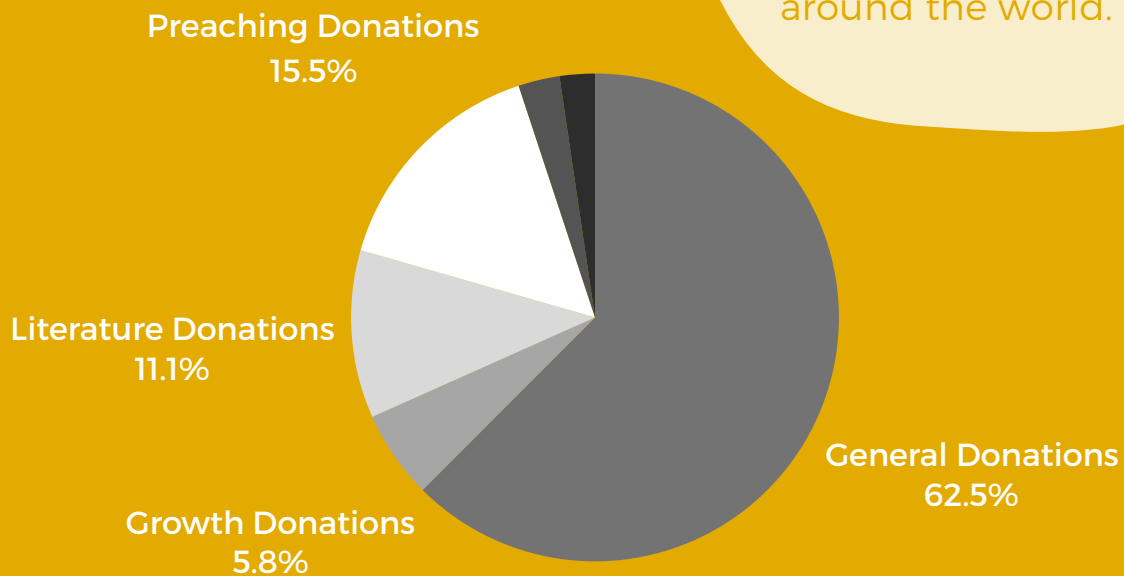


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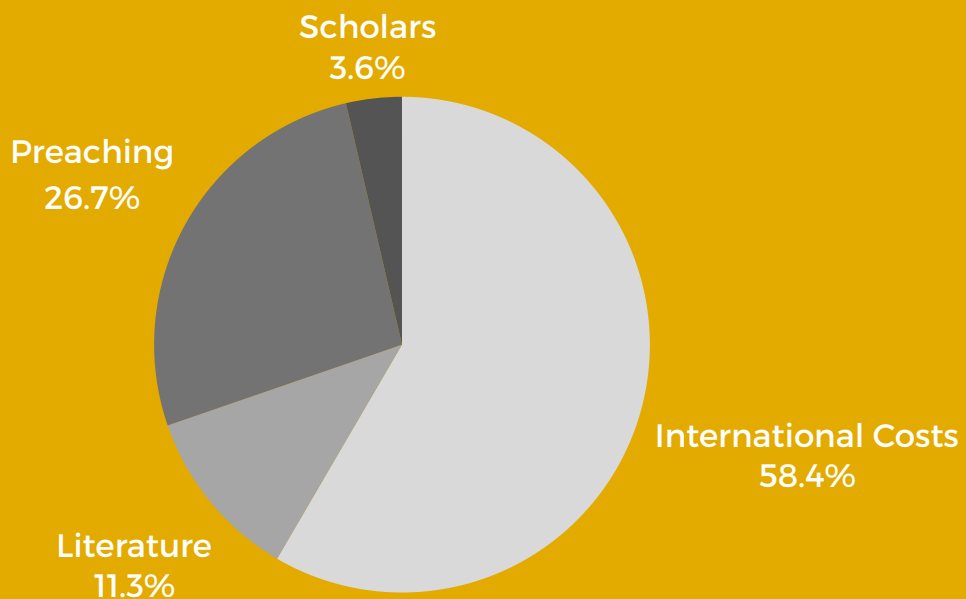
Financial Update

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

Income



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.



Dr Sue Wright

Treasurer

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



Anthony Passe-de Silva

Anthony is the CEO of One2Solutions which provides strategic, corporate and other advisory services to a range of organisations.



Rt Rev Dr Paul Barker

Paul is an Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Church in Melbourne. He also provides care to Langham Scholars studying in Australia and New Zealand.



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.



Samuel John

Sam is a Head of Sales for the Retirement Living division within BaptistCare. Before joining the Board he was an Intern with LPA through the CMA Board Internship Program



How you can partner with Langham Partnership

PRAY

Please email us at 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

Or you can post a cheque to the address below.