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October–April

October 1 Belfast Prayer Meeting, Malone House, Malone Road – 7.30pm

October 2 Chris Wright speaking at All Souls morning service

October 6 London Prayer Meeting, London School of Theology, Northwood – 7.30pm

October 8 Jonathan Lamb speaking at the Banbury Christian Convention, held at the People's Church, Banbury

October 15 Jonathan Lamb leading a day seminar on preaching at Bethany Christian Centre, Houghton-le-Spring

October 16 Chris Wright speaking at All Souls evening service

October 16 Jonathan Lamb preaching at the morning service of Bethany Christian Centre, Houghton-le-Spring

October 18 Ireland Memorial Service for John Stott – Lisburn Cathedral, 7.30pm

October 21-23 Jonathan Lamb speaking on the theme of mission at the IFES Ireland Joint Colleges Conference at Ovoca Manor, County Wicklow

October 22 Dublin Prayer Meeting, Kill 'O' The Grange Parish Church, Blackrock, Dublin – 7.30pm

October 30 Ian Shaw preaching at New Cumnock Evangelical Church, Scotland

November 20 Ian Shaw preaching at Strathaven Evangelical Church, Scotland

November 21 Jonathan Lamb speaking at the Concordia Conference, on the theme of 'Biblical maturity in an age of superficiality', held at the Nazarene Theological College in Didsbury, Manchester

November 27 Ian Shaw preaching at Strathaven Evangelical Church, Scotland

November 29 Ian Shaw speaking at New College, University of Edinburgh, on Urban Mission in Kenya and Scotland

December 4 Ian Shaw preaching at Strathaven Evangelical Church, Scotland

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13th January John Stott Memorial Service at St Paul's, London

January 15 Jonathan Lamb preaching at the morning service of Hebron Evangelical Church, Carlisle

March 4 Jonathan Lamb speaking at the Missions Day of Headington Baptist Church, Oxford

March 31-April 5 Jonathan Lamb giving morning Bible expositions at New Word Alive, Prestatyn, North Wales.

April 17-20 Ian Shaw presenting Bible Readings at Langham Scholars Cambridge Consultation, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

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Langham Partnership's **Vision**

Langham Partnership seeks to strengthen the church in places where there is little access to resources and training. We work alongside Christian leaders around the world, especially in the global south and east, equipping them to grow the church with depth and maturity.

Have you considered including Langham Partnership in your will?

Like many mission organisations we can benefit greatly when friends make a final gift that continues to bless the ministries they have generously supported in life. Once you have made proper and primary provision for family and friends this can be a very effective way to go on making a difference to the church on earth when you have joined the church in glory! If you would like to consider this option in your will please let us know and we will send you a helpful legacy leaflet. Contact Ian Buchanan, whose details are on the side panel.

Remember your leaders

John Stott rejected flattery during his life and would not want it after his death. But while we rightly avoid shining on him the glory that he himself would want only to go to Christ, we can just as rightly give thanks to God for his life and for the enormous legacy of all that God accomplished through him – including especially the founding of the Langham ministries.

Only eternity will reveal (or perhaps it won't need to) the vast impact for the kingdom of God that has been made not only by John's own books, but also by the hundreds of thousands of books that have been received – and now also being written and published - all over the world because of his vision in creating **Langham Literature**. Or the impact not only of John's incomparable preaching at All Souls and all over the world – but also of the better biblical preaching of thousands of pastors and Christian leaders who have been trained by **Langham Preaching** movements and are now training others also. Or the impact not only of John's diligent research and scholarship that undergirded all his writing, but also of the three hundred **Langham Scholars** who are now teaching others and raising the standards of global evangelical theology.

As always, this issue of *LP News* brings you just a few snapshots of that incalculable legacy that continues to grow



and bear fruit around the world. For that, we thank John Stott, and as he would urge us, we thank God even more.

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

(Heb. 13:7)

Chris Wright

“It is a new beginning for **the same journey**”

“I’ve been on this journey of preaching for many years ... These few days have given me the map I’ve been looking for. I have found the right way. It is a new beginning for the same journey. I am feeling the winds of sweet liberation to go and speak what the Bible says.”

Alongla Aier, Assoc. Prof of Communication, Oriental Theological Seminary, Dimapur, Nagaland, India (second from left in the photo)

Wedged into the space between Bangladesh, China and Myanmar are the seven states of North-East India. While it is a volatile area politically, it is also an area where many have turned to Christ. Nagaland, for example, is listed as 90% Christian in *Operation World*.



So why is Langham Preaching making this region a priority? These peoples are mobile and can be found all over India. Strengthening the church in the North-East may contribute to a maturing of the church in pockets all around India.

Historically, this is a Baptist mission area with the Americans in the north and the British in

the South. The logical partner for Langham Preaching is the Council of Baptist Churches of North-East India (CBCNEI) – led by **Dr AK Lama**, a Langham Scholar - together with his wife, Dr Asangla Ao, who is now the coordinator for the work in the North-East.

The Level One training commenced in January with 65 participants – with each state represented. It was an educated group with doctors, college faculty members, politicians, a banker, numerous MDiv and MTh graduates, and 11 staff from the student IFES-affiliate, UESI.

People were so appreciative. Geter, a pastor in Arunachal Pradesh which shares a lengthy border with China, expressed how the training was “a blessing for a pastor like me, without education and working in a Christian minority region. Believe me, my preaching will never be the same after this seminar.”

James (on UESI staff in Tripura) noted, “I have been thoroughly soaked in the world of preaching – and the simplicity of this seminar makes it much easier to be a preacher of the Bible now.”

Pakistan is a country living in the global headlines for all the wrong reasons. And yet it is home to one of the longest running Langham Preaching programmes in the world. A feature of the movement is the number of respected senior leaders who are involved. **Dr Pervaiz Sultan** (St Thomas, Karachi) has been committed right from the beginning – and at the forthcoming Level Three programme in June 2011, **Ashkenaz Khan** (Principal, Zarephath Bible Institute, Islamabad), **Irfan Jamil** (Bishop of Lahore), **Asif John & Chris Hawke** (St Thomas, Karachi), and **Qaiser Julius** (Director, Open Theological Seminary, Lahore) will all be involved in delivering the training.

Local Leaders Shining in the Regions of Pakistan

In July 2009 it was decided not to have any programmes facilitated by overseas trainers for two years. Instead regional initiatives – in and radiating out from Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad – with local trainers taking Level Ones were to be encouraged. This has been happening. Asif and Chris have been active in Karachi for a number of years. In the picture to the right, Qaiser – beneath the ‘five looks’ diagram devised by Andrew Reid and so loved by Langham trainers globally – is seen taking a Level One seminar with 45 people in Lahore.



Qaiser writes: “It was exciting. People appreciated the method. We are now receiving requests from other areas and I am trying to develop a team of facilitators who will be able to help in leading the seminars in the future.”

Creation, Ecology, and Social Justice – **necessary themes for Myanmar (Burma)**

Robert Thang comes from Myanmar (Burma), a country with a deeply troubled social and political past and present. There are great differences between the majority Burmese Buddhist population, and the smaller tribes living in the country, many of whom have embraced Christianity. It is a country beset by conflict, and recent floods and famine, and in it the 'land' has become an important and contentious subject. In his Old Testament PhD research at the University of Gloucestershire, England, Robert decided to look at the theme of the land in the Old Testament book of Amos. His study of the biblical text raised important themes relating to creation, ecology, and social justice, that have significant relevance for his home country.

Robert has now returned to Myanmar, where he will continue his work as a Baptist pastor, and will also lecture in a local theological college. Robert feels much better equipped to continue his Old Testament lecturing work now he has completed his PhD. He is married to Kyu Kyu Win, and they have two daughters - Hannah Cer Dim Par who is 11 years old, and Abishag Saw Dim Tial who is 8.

As he completed his research Robert reflected 'I am delighted to thank God for His amazing love and presence over the past years. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the members of Langham Partnership. Thank you very much for your prayer and encouragement. May the God Lord continue to bless this ministry for the extension of His kingdom!'



WHAT DOES CHRISTLIKENESS LOOK LIKE?

Throughout the months ahead you will be able to hear key Christian leaders share stories of examples of **Christlikeness** they have witnessed.



Hear **Dr Tom Wright** talk about an extraordinary act of forgiveness.

Lyndon Bowring tells about the humility of foot washing.



Visit **www.langhampartnership.org.uk** to see stories as they are added.

John Stott at rest

John Stott died on 27th July 2011, but his work and his vision go on. Chris Wright shares memories of his funeral and burial.

"I tell you the truth," said Jesus, "unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (Jn. 12:24).

All around the world memorial services have been held to give thanks for the abundant fruitfulness of his life. His life will go on bearing fruit long after his death, through his books, his friendships, the organizations he founded, such as the Langham Partnership, and most of all through the example of his life itself. For the secret of John's fruitfulness was this – in words that Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, one of his Study Assistants, wrote on the day he died:

"John Stott did not die today. He died more than a half century ago, when he accepted the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on his behalf. And as Paul declares in 2 Corinthians, Uncle John bore that death every day since, until his last, as he sought to reveal with word and deed the life that was no longer his, but was hidden in Christ."

John Stott was indeed a single seed. But by dying to himself in the way Jesus meant, he has indeed produced more seeds than anybody will ever be able to count.



His funeral at All Souls Church on August 8th was marked by moving tributes spiced with joy and humour, along with an outpouring of praise to Jesus Christ. John had asked that I should preach. I chose two verses that John said were among his favourites. The first is **Galatians 6:14**:

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

"For John, the cross was not only (as it will say on his gravestone) 'the ground of his salvation and the subject of his ministry'. It was also the shape of his life - a life of dying to oneself, taking up the cross and following the Lord Jesus. Paul called this combination, "the obedience of faith". John Stott modelled this **"obedience**

of faith" in his life of Christlike humility, integrity and simplicity.

John's other favourite text is **John 14:21**:

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. Anyone who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Here, matching Paul's **"obedience of faith"** is John's "obedience of love". Three times in John's Gospel and five times in 1 John, we learn that Jesus commanded us to love one another. Our love for Christ is proved by the obedience that generates unity and love for one another. John worked tirelessly for unity, speaking with



love and grace even to those with whom he radically disagreed. May his example of obedience to the command of Jesus rebuke our dividedness and hostilities.

To faith and love must be added, of course, the third of Paul's great abiding trio – **hope**. Billy Graham has said: *"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."*

John Stott has changed his address. One day that address will be God's own address as he takes up residence with all of his redeemed people in the new creation. In the meantime, may we, like our brother John, walk in the obedience of faith, in the obedience of love, and in the certainty of hope."

A month later on **September 4th, John's ashes were buried**, as he had requested, **in the cemetery in Dale, Pembrokeshire**, close to **The Hookes**, his beloved writing retreat. The service, led by Rev Bill Lewis, took place in the church of St. James the Great, and was attended not only by family and close friends but also by many from the local community who remembered John fondly and paid their tributes in the service.

As I laid his casket in the earth, the place seemed utterly fitting for a man who, like Moses, was one of the greatest leaders God has ever given to his people, and yet one of the humblest men on earth. I can think of no more appropriate place for his earthly memorial than the green grass of that small corner of a tiny village cemetery, surrounded by birds and cattle, with ivy, wildflowers and brambles climbing over the ancient red sandstone walls, and the salty wind blowing in off the ocean.

You can read fuller accounts of these events at johnstottmemorial.org. The London memorial and thanksgiving service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on 13th January 2012. If you wish your gift to be added to the John Stott Memorial Fund please tick the appropriate box on the response form.

Ian Shaw, UK Scholar Director, reports on an exciting new initiative of Langham Scholars'

This is the opportunity for which I have been **waiting for six years.**

After several years of planning and raising funds, it is a delight to report on the first year of the Langham Partnership International Research and Training Seminar. On June 11 and 12, eleven former Langham scholars and two other Ph.D. scholars from the Majority World arrived at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago and made their way to Wheaton College. They had travelled from Brazil, Central African Republic, Colombia, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Kenya, Macedonia, Nigeria, Philippines, Romania, and Singapore.

This seminar programme was developed to help postdoctoral scholars who are serving faithfully in the Majority World gain further opportunities for research, writing, and training, and in this way to enhance their professional academic development. Many Langham Scholars move from their Ph.D. work into busy academic roles that allow them little time for research and writing, yet maintaining academic study is vital to staying fresh and relevant in teaching.

The **International Research and Training Seminar** programme involves a residency of three weeks a year, over four



■ *Relaxing over lunch*

years, starting in 2011 and finishing in 2014. These residencies are held in academic institutions where there are high-level study and research facilities, and Wheaton College was an excellent first location. Although committed to running the seminar, our desire was to avoid using funds from the existing Langham Scholarship budget, and so we were delighted with the support that came from three charitable foundations, together with Overseas Council, that made this year's programme possible.

Experienced, exhausted, excited!

Thirteen scholars were selected by a panel from the applications received. Each postdoctoral scholar came with a research or writing project, and has been assigned

an academic mentor to support them in their projects. With a college principal, several academic deans, and other heads of department all attending, the significance and potential of the group is tremendous.

As we met on the first day, the postdoctoral scholars all shared their hopes for the three weeks. One scholar said, "After five years of teaching, I'm exhausted emotionally, spiritually, physically and mentally." Another said "This is the opportunity for which I have been waiting for six years."

The three weeks comprised mainly library study and seminars, but not all! One Saturday morning, there was a pilgrimage to that great American cultural center, Wal-Mart. After an hour and a half one scholar lamented "I had only just found where everything was!" We also enjoyed a trip to the Adler Planetarium in central Chicago, and an open air concert in Grant Park. To sit in that urban space as the day faded into evening, surrounded by the lights of the skyscrapers shining forth brightly, and to hear the large choir sing Mendelssohn's setting from Lobgesang of "Nun danket alle Gott" (Now thank we all our God) was deeply moving. As we watched, silhouetted against the sky, a peregrine falcon dove amongst the lofty buildings. The founder of Langham Partnership, John Stott, an enthusiastic ornithologist would have approved!

With the presence of some of the world's leading evangelical academics in the seminar room, the postdoctoral scholars were understandably a little nervous as they presented the fruits of their work. Yet, as the scholars gave their papers, the spirit was

of gently probing scrutiny, encouragement, and celebration of achievement from all who spoke. Each scholar set out clear and imaginative projects of significant relevance to both global and local Christian communities.

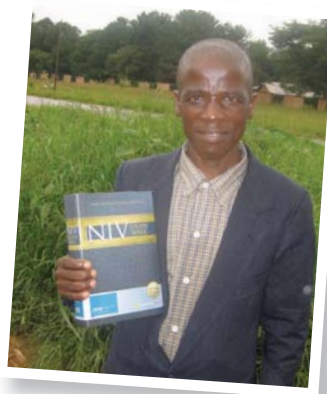
Stretched and strengthened

At the end of the three weeks, as the scholars gave their reflections on the residency, their testimonies were moving. One welcomed the camaraderie and working spirit of "this doctor club" compared with the isolation he sometimes felt in his own institution. To another, this was an "oasis" – a place for receiving, rather than just giving, in teaching. One who arrived feeling emotionally, spiritually and physically exhausted now felt able to pray again. Another scholar said, "Since I finished my Ph.D., for almost ten years I have been losing my brain." Working, praying, and being with one another was "a foretaste of the Book of Revelation when every tribe and nation and tongue will be gathered." Another said, "I have been stretched, and because of this I go home strengthened." We closed with a short farewell liturgy, provided by Athena Gorospe, and then we said the grace together. There were embraces, words of encouragement, and the sadness of parting, before heading back to far-flung fields of scholarly service for Christ in the Majority World.

The next residency is planned for Oxford University, in September 2012. We are thankful to God for this precious and significant time together.

We asked for your help and **you generously responded!**

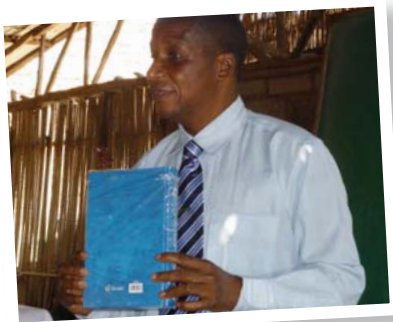
Thanks to the generous donations received from our UK supporters, Langham Literature was able to distribute 1681 copies of the NIV Study Bible in the English and French language across 28 majority world countries in Africa, Asia and the Far East. An opportunity arose which enabled us to send some of those Bibles into Malawi where they are a much needed and a vital resource for local Christians involved in preaching within their communities.



■ Joyous Jere with his Bible

Robin Quinn, Deputy Principal at the University of Livingstonia, Malawi, informed us they were able to distribute the Bibles to students based in the University as well as to those undertaking a distance learning course. Bibles were also given to each minister of the Synod, approximately 190 people, with the remainder being given to church elders involved with preaching. Joyous Jere, an evangelist at Viyele CCAP in Malawi, looks after the spiritual programme at a centre for the elderly and had been using

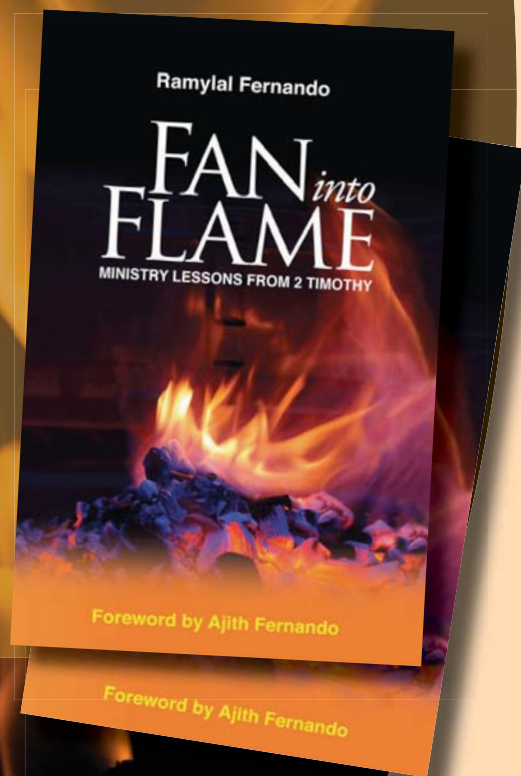
a borrowed Bible for many years until he received his copy of the NIV Study Bible. Robin writes *'We want to express our very sincere thanks to Langham Partnership for these gifts. They are such a blessing in a situation where commentaries and books of any sort are so scarce. We pray that they will be used to assist all who receive them in their personal study of God's Word and especially as they prepare to share the gospel through preaching.'*



■ Pastor with French Study Bible in DR Congo

Another useful resource from a Langham Writer's Grant

After 5 years of working on the book project, we thank God for the completion and publication of *Fan into Flame – Ministry Lessons from 2 Timothy*, the 1st book in English by Langham writer Ajith Fernando. We praise God for enabling us to have a dedication service beyond our wildest dreams. Please pray with us that the book will be a blessing to all those who read it.



Langham Preaching calendar

Dates	Country	Dates	Country
October 1st	Zimbabwe	December 20th	Liberia
October 3rd	Nigeria	January 3rd	Trinidad & Tobago
October 10th	Cambodia	January 6th	India
October 12th	Uganda	January 9th	India
October 24th	Rwanda	January 16th	Myanmar
October 31st	Burundi	February 1st	Solomon Islands
November 5th	Zimbabwe	February 13th	Sri Lanka
November 7th	Nigeria	February 18th	Liberia
November 10th	Bolivia	February 20th	Romania
November 15th	Liberia	February 22nd	Ecuador
November 17th	Greece	March 8th	Bolivia
November 19th	Uganda	March 23rd	Nigeria
November 21st	Nigeria	March 26th	Nigeria
November 24th	Ecuador	April 12th	Colombia
November 28th	Peru	April 16th	Ethiopia
December 2nd	Colombia	April 17th	Colombia
December 3rd	Zimbabwe	April 23rd	South Africa
December 5th	Papua New Guinea	April 30th	Chile
December 6th	Bosnia & Herzegovina		

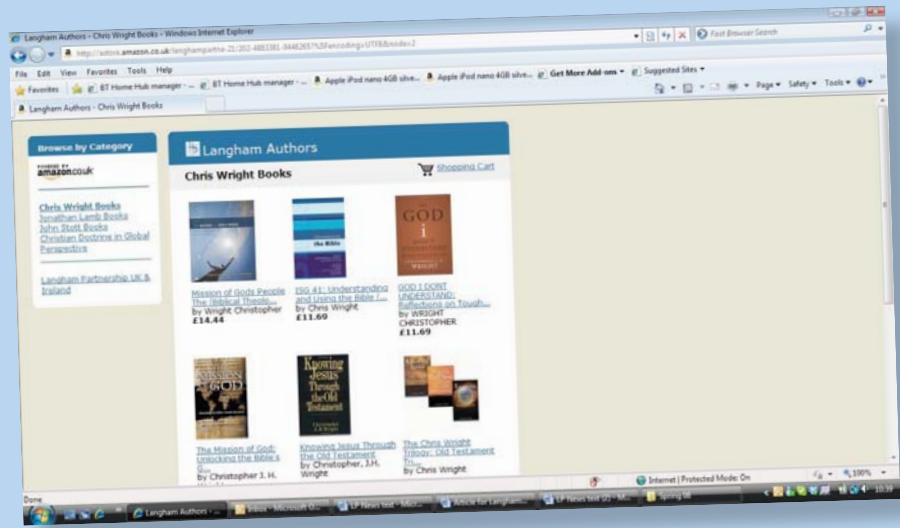
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