

Langham Preaching

Equipping a new generation of Bible teachers

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Participants: 70 pastors/lay preachers
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Facilitators: Paul Windsor & Sam Reeve
Total cost: US\$ 9,000

Pakistan

Lying between India and Afghanistan in South Asia, Pakistan is the second largest Muslim country and the sixth most populous country in the world (127 million). Since Pakistan adopted its constitution in 1956, it has remained an Islamic republic. The vast majority (97%) of Pakistanis are Muslim. 70% of these are Sunni Muslims and 30% are Shi'a Muslims.

There is an established church in Pakistan, with many examples of steady growth despite the challenges of living and working in an Islamic republic. There is a substantial need for innovative ways of training Christian leaders, and of providing non-formal training for pastors and lay preachers across the country.

Langham Preaching seminars have been running in Pakistan since 2004. During this time, the support base has widened to include participants from a range of denominations and from different regions of the country. In 2007, nine participants who had been through all three levels of the Langham Preaching seminars were trained as local facilitators.

'Planting saplings' – that's how one leader described the training of this small team! Since the training, local level 1 events have happened in several cities, including Rawalpindi, Karachi, Lahore and Hyderabad. This has extended the reach of the training across the country, rooting the work in the local situation. Little by little, we hope for a small forest of saplings! The next stage of training will be to hold a national level 2 seminar in June this year, gathering all those who were involved in the local events last year. The Langham facilitators will also co-teach with some of the local trainers.

The development of the Langham Preaching movement is described in the panel to the right, with a three-level programme that is designed to sustain training over several years. We would welcome your prayerful support as we partner with the churches in Pakistan.



Langham Partnership International has been established in response to the request for partnerships within the global church to support preachers and teachers. Langham does so through its three

programmes of Literature, Scholars and Preaching. It is founded on a basic conviction: that God wants his church to grow up, that God's church grows through God's Word, and that God's Word comes to us mostly through effective preaching.

Langham Preaching works with national leaders to establish a movement for Biblical preaching through seminars, local preachers clubs, regional networks, and grass-roots training initiatives. First, there is a week-long seminar. From there, everyone is encouraged to join a local preachers club. There follows a level 2 and then a level 3 seminar. Next, a small team is selected who join a further level – the training of local facilitators. These local trainers run small events in their area. In this way there is a cascade effect, as practical training reaches preachers in towns and villages across each country.

During 2009, some 40 country programmes will be underway in many parts of Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Pacific, the Caribbean, Europe and Eurasia. We provide a range of materials which you are welcome to receive, including regular Newsletters, short prayer bulletins, and ways to sponsor a pastor to attend one of the country programmes. Response forms from your local LPI member are available with this brochure.

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