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www.cambray.org

May 16,17 Jonathan Lamb speaking at the Baptist Assembly Week, in Lisburn, Northern Ireland

May 18 Belfast Prayer Meeting, Malone House, Barnett, Demesne, Malone Road, Belfast
brookemullan@btinternet.com or
Tel: 02891.863526

May 22 Ian Shaw speaking at Strathaven Evangelical Church

June 5 Chris Wright speaking at Martock Christian Fellowship, Somerset, mission weekend

June 12 Jonathan Lamb speaking at the Sunday services of St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh
www.pandgchurch.org.uk

June 16 Dublin Prayer Meeting, Kill 'O' The Grange Parish Church, Blackrock, Dublin

June 19 Jonathan Lamb speaking at Saltisford Evangelical Church, Warwick
www.saltisford.co.uk

July 7 Jonathan Lamb giving the annual sermon to the Bath & Wells Diocesan Fellowship

July 13 Jonathan giving the opening exposition at the Oxford Biblefest, St Aldate's church, Oxford
www.staldates.org.uk

July 16-23 Jonathan speaks at the Keswick Convention
www.keswickministries.org

July 18-19 Ian Shaw presenting seminars at the Keswick Convention on 'Great Missionary Heroes'

July 23-29 Chris Wright speaking at Keswick Week 2

August 21 Ian Shaw speaking at Strathaven Evangelical Church

October 1 Belfast Prayer Meeting, Malone House, Barnett, Demesne, Malone Road, Belfast

October 6 London/Northwood Prayer Meeting, London School of Theology, Northwood HA6 2UW

October 8 Jonathan speaks at the Banbury Bible Convention, Banbury,

October 15,16 Jonathan speaks at a preaching training day on Saturday and at the Sunday morning service, Bethany Christian Centre, Houghton-le-Spring
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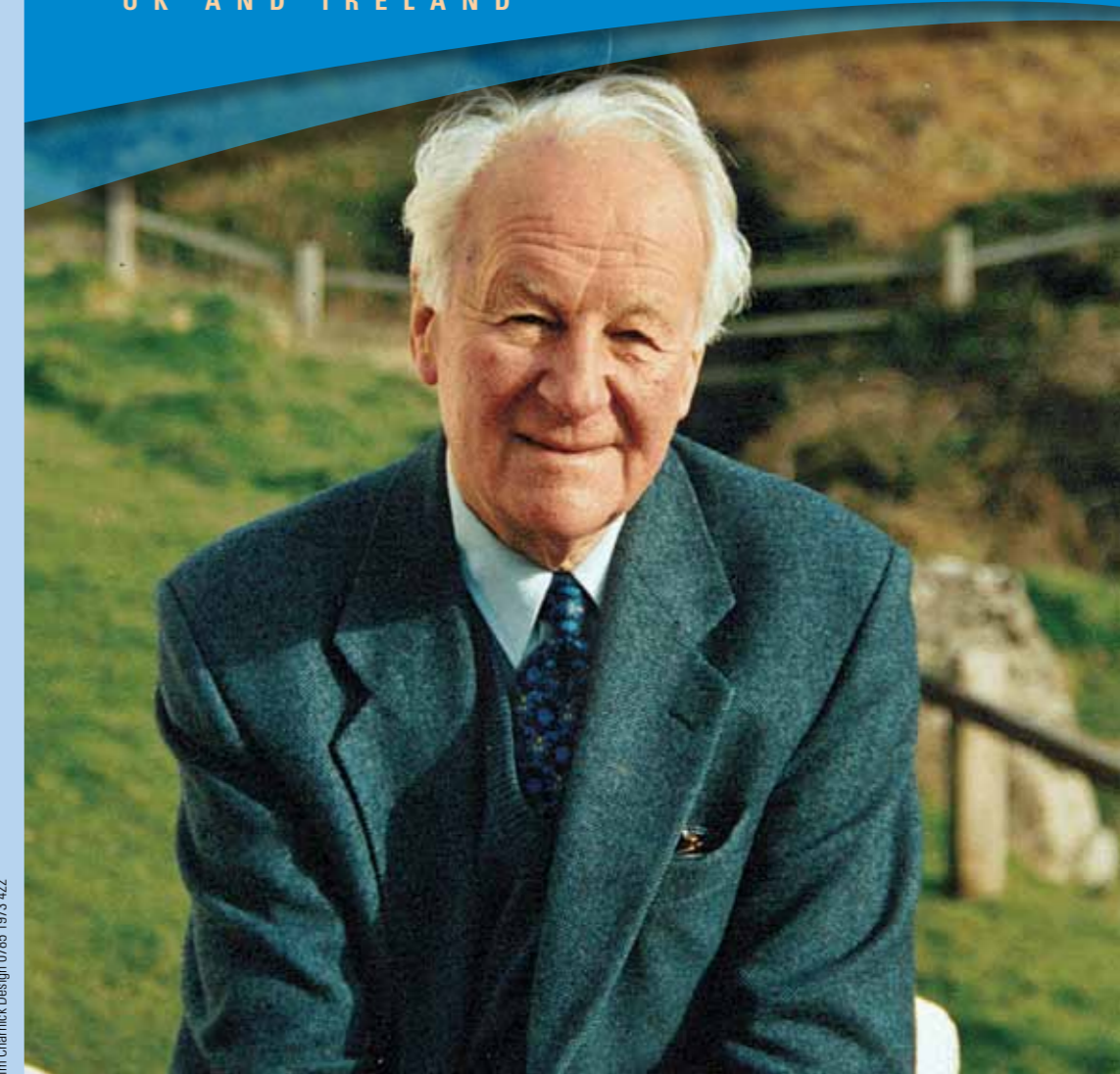
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Langham Partnership's Vision

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.

John Stott at 90

April 27th is John Stott's ninetieth birthday, so in this issue we invite you to celebrate with us the remarkable legacy of his lifetime.

Among the enormous range of his achievements, two things stand out as probably constituting his most enduring legacy: his writings and the ministries of the Langham Partnership International. From his first book (*Men With a Message*, 1954 – a



book introducing the main writers of the New Testament), to his last (*The Radical Disciple*, 2010), John wrote approximately 50 books ('approximately' since some went through various forms of revision and combination). They have been translated into many languages and are read all over the world

All of John Stott's writing had a common purpose – to help people understand the Bible and to insist that we must engage our study of the Bible with the realities of contemporary life in the world. This driving ambition is seen even in the Introduction to his first book, where we read (in 1954), 'There is no greater need among Christian people in our generation than that we should allow our minds to be conditioned, and our lives reformed, by the Word of God.' He would doubtless say the same today.

It was in 1969, at the age of 48, that he founded The Langham Trust, to provide funds for evangelical men and women from the developing world to study for doctorates and then return to teach the Bible and theology in seminaries in their own countries – and thus raise the standards of training for pastors and preachers. And it was in 1971 that he founded the Evangelical Literature Trust, recycling the royalties of his

own books into a fund to provide books for pastors all over the world, where good Christian books are so scarce. And in 2001, at the age of 80, he travelled with me to lead preaching seminars in Peru and Argentina, which led to the formation of Langham Preaching.

In congratulating him on this special milestone, we remember and thank Frances Whitehead, only a few years younger, who singlehandedly administered both Trusts for many years and has served John Stott for more than fifty.

Happy Birthday, Uncle John!

Chris Wright

“I am a branch that is on fire”

An expectant enthusiasm greeted the launch of Langham Preaching in Cambodia in October: Paul Windsor writes:

Midway through the week, Khai Bunsong, from the province of Kratie, testified, “I have been looking for a more effective approach. This is it. I am like a branch that is on fire – but the fire may go out. What can I do?” Watching him run from the back of the room to receive his books on the final day seems to be a good start.

Look at the joy on MP’s face (pictured) – with name disguised as she has a sense that God is calling her to be a missionary in a tough neighbouring country.

Against the backdrop of the ‘killing fields’, what about Neil Watkinson (Crosslinks, Singapore) working through his *Bible Overview* sessions, reaching Revelation and the Second Coming and being greeted not by a few quiet ‘hallelujahs’ – but with spontaneous, boisterous and sustained cheering and applause?

With one exposition, a participant spent the entire sixty minutes with arm outstretched recording the message on his cell phone.

Already orphaned, TH was a young teenager during the Khmer Rouge era. All his siblings died. His aunt escaped, becoming a Christian in a refugee camp

on the Thai border, before emigrating to the USA. Thirteen years later she returned and led TH to faith in Christ. He is now an Anglican vicar and returned home from the seminar to his twelve lay preachers with fresh vision - “now I have so much more to give them.”

Even the translators (Somnang and Sothea) relished the occasion, often operating in stereo - with one translating the spoken word, while the other worked with the written word on the whiteboard.

All together there were 55 leaders who gathered for the training, each with at least five years preaching experience. They came from across the denominations (Wesleyan, Baptist, Anglican, Khmer Evangelical...) and from fifteen of Cambodia’s provinces. The task which remains is to keep all these branches on fire.



Preaching Shoots in China

At the Level Two seminar in August it was encouraging to hear of initiatives sprouting in provinces across China:

In one province four pastors organised a condensed ‘Level One-like’ seminar for 100 pastors.

Encouragingly, in one area a group is introducing the principles to an ‘inter-church prayer fellowship’ in the hope of developing a systematic Bible preaching programme which they share together. Also on the agenda is a ‘preaching clinic’ where those whose preaching is ‘sick’ can receive treatment!

Elsewhere two Bible School lecturers are organising daylong seminars for new students as each semester starts.

In still another area one woman, working on her DMin in Preaching, is using Langham material in her hermeneutics and homiletics courses.

Meanwhile in another region seminars are being organised and there are strategies to cover the entire province with them.

In another province there is a pastor’s fellowship with 40 people – and just the one Langham participant. But when it is her turn to take the study, she models what she is learning. “People enjoy it and over time I hope to convince them all of its value for their preaching.”

Fortifying Thailand in Christian Faith

Faith life in Thailand appears to be pretty simple: Buddhism is the predominant religion, faith is the pillar of Thai society, and Thailand allows everyone to practice their faith openly.

But a closer look at different aspects of Buddhism may reveal its complex effect on Thai culture, not to mention – as **Langham Scholar Wiriya Tipvarakankoon** knows well – its effect on the Christian faith in Thailand. As Wiriya continues biblical studies in order to fulfill his calling to return to Bangkok in ministry and teaching, Wiriya reveals why fortifying Christians with sound biblical truth is essential to the health of the church and the welfare of the Thai people.

Wiriya had been serving for four years as an associate pastor at Sueb Sampanthawong church, a Presbyterian church in

Bangkok, Thailand, before beginning work on his Ph.D. He was also a part-time professor at Bangkok Institute of Theology and will be serving there as a full-time professor when he returns to Thailand.

Wiriya is dedicated to helping Christians in Thailand to understand the Word fully so that as the church there grows, it also matures into a community of faith that is deep and real.

Carrying forth this ministry starts with understanding the cultural ties that 80 percent of the

population has to Buddhism. According to Wiriya's opinion, Thai Buddhists may fall into two main groups: the "purist" Buddhists and those who fold Buddhist teachings into a mix with other faiths.

A pastor's most important job

On top of this complex cultural dialogue facing Christians in Thailand is the devaluation of Christian education by leadership in the church. Many Thai

pastors think that paying too much attention to studying the Bible means neglecting the importance of being servants of God to others. With all the duties and ministries they take on, Wiriya says, "they tend to forget their most important job, studying the Bible." These churches often ignore the significance of doctoral programmes for pastors and commonly lack leaders who can give good teaching and preaching of God's Word. As a result, they may only think about the Kingdom of God in terms of spiritual transformation, and not as an influential outreach to the oppressed, poor, or deprived—those who may not otherwise know the love of Christ.

This is why Wiriya expresses gratitude for Langham Partnership International's focus on improving Christian education for the Majority World. When he returns home, Wiriya hopes... "that I could

inspire my students (future pastors), through the Holy Spirit, to love to study the Bible and to explore God's wisdom for their congregations." He hopes that he can influence his church community to go beyond Sunday services and monetary offerings, to be Christlike, to allow the Gospel to be influential in every aspect of their lives. Wiriya also hopes to help churches understand their responsibility to society: to help the poor, sick, and needy, not only for evangelism but also just to offer Christ's love unconditionally.

The challenge for Thailand is colossal: currently Christians represent less than 1% of the population. But with the help of Langham Partnership International, pastors and scholars who are committed to deep, biblical training such as Wiriya are well on their way to sharing the love of Christ with their home countries for an impact of monumental – and eternal – proportions.



Lausanne III Congress: Cape Town 2010



Message of Greeting from John Stott

Owing to my ill health I shall be very sorry to miss being with you in Cape Town in October. But I will be with you all each day in prayer, expectation and confidence as you plan to make known the uniqueness of Jesus Christ all over the world.

I have been thanking God all through the years since 1974 for the growth of the Lausanne Movement and how God has used it for his own glory. Even more, however, I thank God for the growth of the worldwide church in those years, especially in the great continents of the majority world.

For that reason I rejoice that this Congress is being hosted in Africa and I pray that you will be able to share richly in the blessing God has poured out on the church in that continent, as well as sharing in the pain and suffering of his people there.

As you will be studying Ephesians together, my encouragement to you echoes the Apostle Paul:

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

John Stott

Available through any Christian bookshop or online retailer. Bulk discounts from www.ChristianBooksDirect.org.uk/partners/lausanne



Jesus showed up: Cape Town Reflections

Chris Wright

Jesus showed up. That was hardly surprising. The One who promised to be in the midst of two or three who meet in his name could hardly stay away when some 5,000 members of his worldwide body came together in his name. But still, there is no doubt that those who gathered for the Third Lausanne Congress in Cape Town, in October 2010 met with the Lord in remarkable ways.

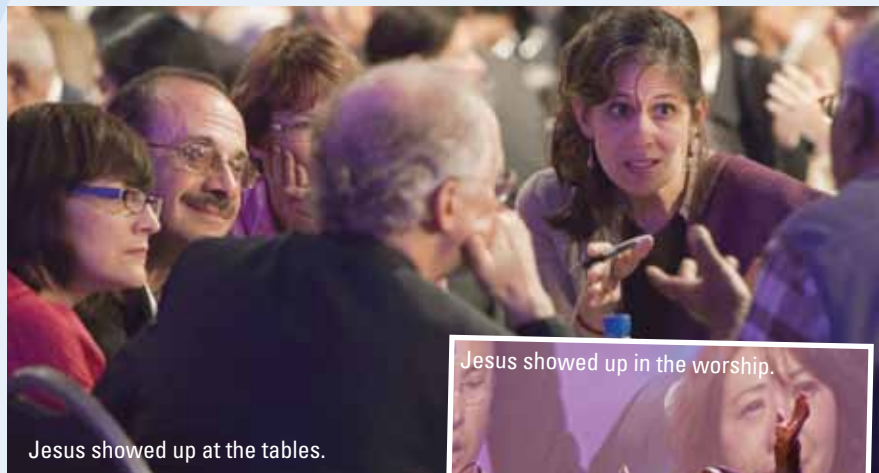
Jesus showed up on the platform.

He was most obviously present as seven men and women from all continents expounded the word of God daily from Ephesians, a letter that declares God's mission of cosmic reconciliation and the integration of all creation in Christ and calls us to live every dimension of life in the light of that and in obedience to him. But Jesus was present too in the many other speakers, morning and evening, who challenged, informed, inspired, rebuked and amazed us all. Jesus was there as we rejoiced with those who rejoice in God's mighty works around the world. Jesus was there as we wept (for we often did) with those who weep under the suffocating weight of persecution, the devastating loss of loved ones in the service of Christ, and the heart-breaking brutality endured by God's little people

– children and women in slavery, the diseased, the disabled, the displaced...

Jesus showed up at the tables.

Imagine all those people sat in groups of five or six around 750 tables in the vast auditorium – the same people meeting at the same table every day. It may never have been done before but it was a defining mark of the Congress for many, as the groups studied the Bible and prayed together, shared their lives, discussed every issue coming from the platform, grew in fellowship and love through the week – microcosms of the whole event. The presence of Jesus was almost tangible at times as the great ocean of table groups stood to pray, or sing, or repent, or embrace. Jesus is good at being with disciples round a table...



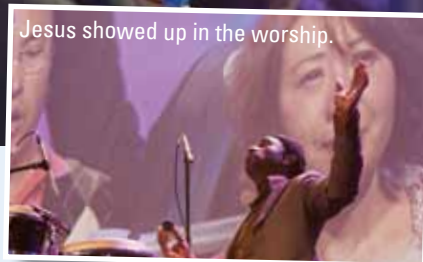
Jesus showed up at the tables.

Jesus showed up among the issues.

A great deal of thought, global consultation and prayer went into the choice of the six Congress Themes and all of them involved Christ in distinct ways. So he remained the focal point, even as the issues revolved around him:

- Making the case for the truth of Christ in a pluralistic, globalized world
- Building the peace of Christ in our divided and broken world
- Bearing witness to the love of Christ with people of other faiths
- Discerning the will of Christ for evangelization in our century
- Calling the church of Christ back to humility, integrity and simplicity
- Partnering in the body of Christ toward a new global equilibrium

None of us has the capacity to grasp all of these issues by



ourselves, but in submitting all of them to the Lordship of Christ in our thinking, talking, planning and working, we trust that he will be pointing people down many different paths of action that ultimately lead to the accomplishment of his will in the whole of our life in God's world.

Jesus showed up in the flesh – that is, in the sheer physicality of so many people from so many nations and tribes and speaking so many languages from all over the earth. Of course, we all know in our heads (or should know) that the majority of the world's Christians live in the majority world of the Global South and East. But knowing it and seeing-touching-feeling-hearing that reality are very different. The body of Christ was very real in its multi-cultural, multi-coloured human skin.

Jesus showed up in the worship.

Every day included worship, song, dance, alongside listening to the Scriptures. There was plenty of variety, morning and evening. But all of us who were present for the closing ceremony will never forget it. Everyone I meet who was there says something about it being the nearest they think they'll get to heaven in this life. That was partly the reality of worshipping with people from so many nations and cultures. With massed choirs in African dress, a full orchestra, and Christ-exalting leadership, it simply soared above and around us and led us to the foot of the cross and the glory of the resurrection and ascension.

Jesus showed up, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We thanked Jesus for the great leaders of yesterday, whom he lifted up and used so powerfully for his mission in their generation, including the founding of the Lausanne Movement itself. We received greetings from, and watched videos about, Billy Graham and John Stott, under the text: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." (Heb. 13:7). But from their yesterday, God has multiplied leaders of churches and world mission all over the globe, women and men who worked together to bring the Cape Town Congress to reality. And then, from their today, God is raising up the leaders of tomorrow, younger leaders who made up a high percentage of the participants.

Jesus showed up with a message.

My job at the Congress, which nobody envied but everybody was keen to

encourage, was to chair the Statement Working Group. We were tasked to listen for the voice of the Lord coming through the deluge of voices in all the plenaries and groups. Deluge it was. It was like standing under the Niagara Falls trying to catch it in a bucket. But what struck me suddenly towards the end was how often we had heard two themes coming through again and again. For me, it was the ultimate confirmation that Jesus was indeed among us. Why? Because it was the same voice, saying the same things, as he had so forcefully impressed on his disciples before his death and after his resurrection. And I thought to myself, "Two thousand years ago an Ethiopian met Jesus and brought him to the top end of Africa, through the scroll of Isaiah interpreted by Philp. How wonderful that two thousand years later he is meeting us at the bottom end of Africa, and giving us the same fundamental twin message: "Make disciples" (don't just count decisions), and "Love one another" (and stop chopping up my body among you with your brands and labels, your ignorance and arrogance).

You can read the Cape Town Commitment by visiting: <http://www.lausanne.org/ctcommitment>

Christopher J. H. Wright

Langham Partnership International

Chair of Lausanne Theology Working Group, and Cape Town 2010 Statement Working Group.



What's Going on in Carlisle?

a week in the Langham Literature warehouse



Luke Lewis, Supply Chain Manager

"It's been a busy week in the warehouse with books coming in and going out. We received in a container of 22 pallets from the US which among other books contained Study Bibles and stock of our African imprint, Hippo. After sorting and counting we put them into stock ready for orders to be supplied. We also have a large shipment of 200 Portuguese Africa Bible Commentaries leaving for Northern Mozambique. Due to the size and destination we have to prepare official documents and courier them ahead of the

shipment for customs approval. We just got the go ahead from Mozambique so we will load the shipment onto a truck to be booked on a flight straight to Maputo. Now it's time to move onto planning with our partners in Yangon, Myanmar how best we can get the majority of the library grants to our colleges there safe and securely!"

Wayne Johnston, Operations Assistant

"It's been a good week for Library Grants with over 50 different orders leaving the warehouse and going to several regions including Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. I've also had to pick and pack a few large orders of the ABC that are off



to Uganda, it's always a lot of packing with the one-volume commentaries so they are kept safe in transit. We get in several shipments each week from UK & French publishers which first have to be unpacked and sorted and then combined for the relevant orders. So a lot is going on in the packing room!"



Ruth Slater, Operations Manager

"Our director is off to Madagascar, USA and Kenya within the next few weeks so there are visas to apply for, air tickets to book, hotels to book, meetings to arrange, facilities and refreshments to organise. The Literature inbox is filling up quickly with Library Grants and Trade orders, college membership requests and book enquiries. In addition to this we just got in a lovely email with photos from a small college in Myanmar thanking us for their grant. Messages like this are always so encouraging and it's great to hear that books arrive safely, especially in hard to reach countries. As well as books we are

also transferring money around the world! This week I've had the pleasure of sending publisher and writer grants and making payments to proof readers, editors and cover designers of indigenously authored books. Traveling the world but never leaving the desk in Carlisle!"

Peter Fleck, IT Manager

This week continues the on-going projects of developing databases and maintaining the servers. Each week brings a number of new publications by our partner publishers, which are then imported into our book database. After reviewing new books the best of the selection are then added to the catalogue list which is circulated yearly. I have been working with the rest of the team on preparing our new online website. This will be a great resource for our MW Colleges and Scholars, allowing them to process their Library Grants and Books orders online rather than writing out forms. Outside of Distribution I have been liaising with writers and helping to prepare their manuscripts for production under Langham Creative Projects.



Langham Preaching calendar

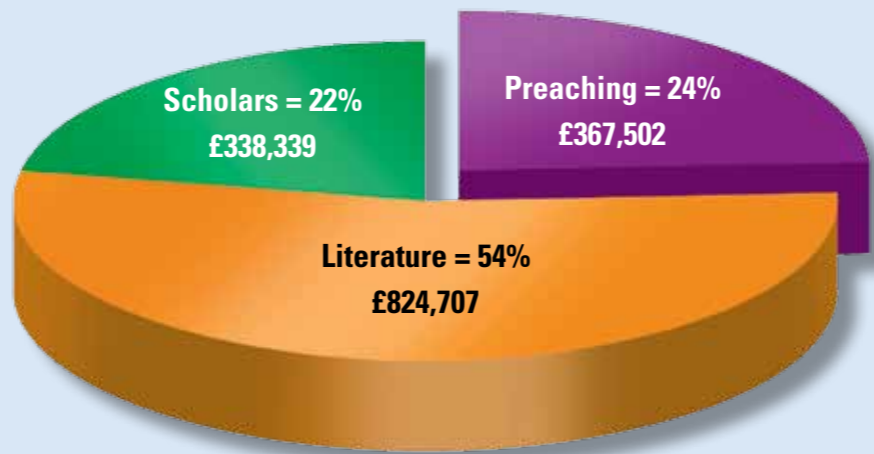
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April 1, 2	Uganda	June 7-10	Bolivia
April 12-16	Nigeria	June 13-17	Nigeria
April 11-15	Colombia	June 25-30	UK
April 25-30	Central Asia	July 2-9	Liberia
April 29, 30	Rwanda	July 3-8	Uganda
April 30	Benin	July 25-29	Solomon Islands
May Saturdays	Zimbabwe	July 30 - Aug 4	DRC, Aru
May 2-6	Chile	August 5-7	Kenya
May 2-6	Nigeria	August 8-12	Kenya
May 13-15	Kenya	August 9	Australia, indigenous programme
May 13, 14	Grenada	August 12-15	Argentina
May 16-20	Bolivia	August 22-28	China
May 16-20	Nigeria	August 29-31	Bolivia
May 13-15	Kenya	September 5-9	Brazil
May 21-26	European Bible Teachers Track, ELF Hungary	September 12-16	Cote d'Ivoire
May 23-27	South Africa	September 12-18	North India
May 26-28	Hungary	September 19-23	Indonesia
May 29-June 3	Uganda, West Nile	September 19-23	Benin
May 30-June 3	Indonesia, Jakarta	September 25-27	Australia, Melbourne
June 6-9	Vanuatu	September 26-30	Bolivia
June 6-12	Pakistan		Peru

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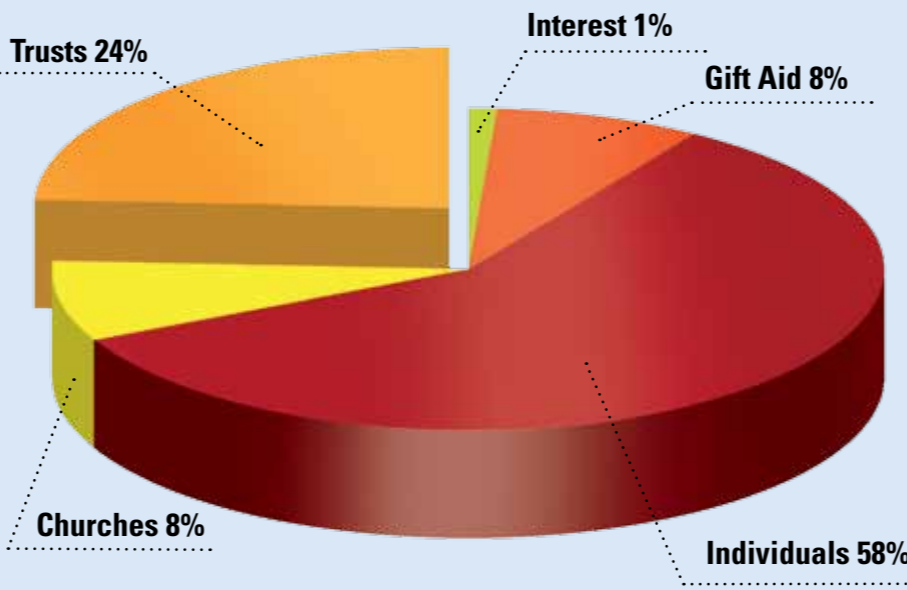
Dr. Mang Cin Pau, Trinity Seminary writes
 "Thanks for helping us with some beautiful books from your organization for our Bible seminary in Yangon. We are so blessed by your help with books."

Vice-Principal, Grace Theological College writes,
 "On behalf of the college and the students, I would like to express my thankfulness and indebtedness to you and Langham ministry for invaluable assistance for our students and the college."

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