

Diary Dates:

June – September 2007

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- 2nd June:** Langham Prayer Meeting, Belfast
- 16-21st June:** Preaching Seminar, Hungary
- 17-21st June:** Chris Wright at Lusanne International Leadership Meeting, Budapest
- 23rd June:** Langham Prayer Meeting, Dublin
- 16-19th July:** Preaching Seminar, Lebanon
- 16-20th July:** Preaching Seminar, Philippines
- 17th July:** John Stott speaking at Keswick Conference
- 6-8th Aug:** Chris Wright speaking at Keswick Buckie
- 6-10th Aug:** Preaching Seminar, Kenya
- 10-15 Sept:** Preaching Seminar, Congo

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Langham Partnership's Vision

Our vision is to see Majority World churches being equipped for mission and growing to maturity through the ministry of Christian leaders and pastors who sincerely believe, diligently study, faithfully expound and relevantly apply the Word of God through:

- Preaching
- Literature
- Scholars

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.

Langham Scholars in action around the world

One of the privileges of the International Director is to meet Langham Scholars in different parts of the world, fully engaged in Christian leadership, teaching and writing. Chris Wright has managed to meet fourteen Langham Scholars from nine different countries in just three months of travel in four countries. He writes:

In February I was in **Nigeria** for the launch of the Langham Preaching programme there, pioneered by the Nigerian Initiative for the Promotion of Expository Preaching. The Chair of their committee was **Dr Pandang Yamsat**. Pandang is the President of the Church of Christ in Nigeria (with 3 million members), and of the Board of the Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN). His support for this new movement in biblical preaching is vital, and was matched by the encouragement of senior leaders of other large Nigerian churches.



■ Chris Wright with five doctoral candidates at JETS. Sam Kunhiyop on left.

Dr Randee Morphee is also on the faculty of JETS, and the increasing number of PhDs on the faculty there is enabling them to offer a doctoral programme in biblical studies. I met the first group of five candidates in this programme, and was impressed with their quality and the good facilities provided by the seminary. One of this group, Matthew Michael, has been selected as a Langham Scholar for support by JSM.



■ Pandang Yamsat, in full Nigerian dress and in full flow preaching at the Preaching Seminar in Jos in February.

In Nigeria I also visited Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS), where **Dr Sam Kunhiyop** is Provost. Sam has Langham Scholars on his faculty who are producing books for their own context. One of his own latest is African Christian Ethics.

■ Sam Kunhiyop, Provost of JETS, Nigeria, with one of his recent books, available in the seminary bookstore.

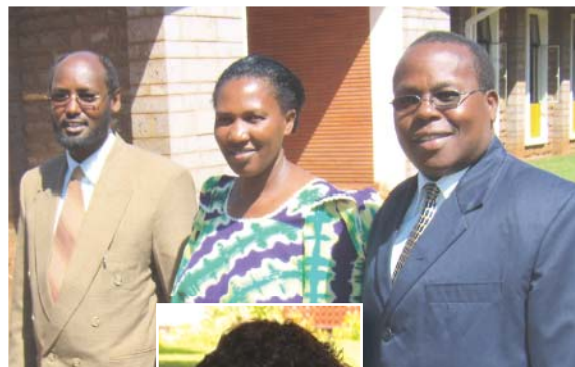
Lausanne and Langham together in Kenya

The Lausanne movement, like the Langham Partnership, owes much to the vision of John Stott. Apart from playing a major role in drafting the Lausanne Covenant in 1974, he was the Chair of the Lausanne Theology Working Group throughout the 1980s. Chris Wright took on that role last year, and in February 2007 a small international consultation of the LTWG was convened in Limuru, Kenya, examining several dimensions of what it means, for Christian mission, to be 'Following Jesus in Our Broken World'. At Chris's invitation several Langham Scholars participated. These included: **Dr Athena Gorospe** (teaching Old Testament at the Asia Theological Seminary, Philippines), **Dr Ng Kam Weng** (who runs the Kairos Centre, with a vision for Christian impact on culture and media in Malaysia),

Dr Danut Manastireanu (working for World Vision and in theological education in Romania), and **Cristian Romocea** (a current Langham Scholar from Romania, studying in Oxford).

The Lausanne consultation was held next door to **St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru**. This is a fine seminary which can now boast three

■ Athena Gorospe



■ Joseph Galgalo (left), Emily Onyango and Kabiru Gatumu



■ Cristian Romocea



■ Ng Kam-Weng

Langham Scholars on its faculty. Chris met with all three on campus, on the day the College was having an inspection from the Kenyan Commission for Higher Education, in relation to its status as a university degree awarding institution. So our three Langham Scholars were glad of a break and a chat. They are: **Dr Joseph Galgalo** (teaching Old Testament), **Dr Kabiru Gatumu** (teaching New Testament), and **Dr Emily Onyango** (teaching Church History). All are in good form and said they are enjoying their teaching, and encouraged by the positive developments at St. Paul's.



Regional Council for Francophone Africa

In March, Chris Wright, along with three of our Programme staff – Jonathan Lamb, Meritt Sawyer and Winton Gibbs – travelled to Douala, Cameroon, to convene the first meeting of the Langham Partnership Regional Council for Francophone Africa. This brought together representatives from as far apart as Cote d'Ivoire in the west and Madagascar in the East, with others from Burkina Faso, Togo, Chad, Cameroon, Central African Republic and D.R. Congo. Among them were two Langham Scholars, **Dr Moussa Bongoyok** from Cameroon and **Dr Sangumai Mossai** from Congo. Both teach at the premier seminary in French-speaking Africa – Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (BEST, or FATEB in French), in the Central African Republic.



■ Dr Moussa Bongoyok



■ Dr Sangumai Mossai

Training in South Africa for Zimbabwe

With the increasing diversification of places where our Langham Scholars study for their doctorates, South Africa has become a growing location. We already have a Ugandan Scholar who received his doctorate through the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in Pietermaritzburg. In April Chris Wright was in Cape Town, and met **Dr Victor Nakah** from Zimbabwe. Victor has just completed his ThD at the prestigious University of Stellenbosch, and has returned to Zimbabwe, where he is the Principal of the Theological College of Zimbabwe in Bulawayo. While studying in South Africa, Victor was also part of the Postgraduate Research Fellowship of the George Whitefield College, Muizenberg – an evangelical seminary near Cape Town. To have a quality university programme alongside an evangelical institution providing fellowship and pastoral support is a strong combination.

During the same visit, Chris also met **Dr Silviu Rogobete**, a Langham Scholar who has taken a post as the Consul General for Romania in South Africa, and is finding other opportunities for church ministry and some teaching also at George Whitefield College.



■ Dr Victor Nakah

News of Current Scholars in the UK

The Monastery of Saint Catherine, situated between the granite mountains and the desert of the Sinai peninsula in Egypt, is the world's most famous Monastery as it contains invaluable and numerous ancient works of art and holy treasures. **Hikmat Kachouh** visited it, and writes:

In June 2006, the Archbishop of Sinai and the Holy Council of the Fathers kindly granted me permission to examine the Arabic manuscripts of the Gospels from their newly-discovered collection—discovered in 1975 in a room alongside one of the chapels of the Monastery. Being the first to examine and extract test-passages from these manuscripts shall add great value to my research. The findings are noted in my thesis and will not be presented here. It is worth mentioning, however, that these manuscripts contain the earliest dated and undated surviving Arabic Gospel texts. Some are translated from old Greek recension and others from the Syriac version. Moreover, some of these Arabic manuscripts were used as exemplars for copying later manuscripts.

Spending two weeks in a Monastery which represents fifteen centuries of uninterrupted life, learning from the pious and modest life of the monks, and examining some of the earliest extant Biblical manuscripts is a once in a life-time experience which I was privileged, among very few, to have had. It was indeed an unforgettable experience!



■ Hikmat Kachouh, PhD Candidate at the University of Birmingham UK, working on the Arabic manuscripts of the Gospels

Elena Narinskaya passed her viva on 21 March in Durham. Her mum visited in April to enjoy England and to help her pack before returning to Moscow.

Fabiano Fernandes passed his viva on 4 April with minimal corrections. A long slog since 1996!

Oliver Igwe had his viva on 15 May prior to returning to Theological College of Northern Nigeria, Jos.

Mark Jason returned from family visit to India to take up orientation with Methodist Missionary Society in Birmingham till the summer when he goes to be Director of Theological Education in Gambia.

Robert and Emilia Merecz had their second child, Daniel, on 21 February in Edinburgh. Robert has won scholarships to both Paris and Tubingen for further research on the Old Testament.

Kosta Milkov is recovering from a serious bike accident in Oxford. He required 7 plates in his upper jaw. There has been some temporary teeth displacement, but his recovery is on schedule. He and his wife have been



■ Balint Zaban - 2nd left (Langham Scholar in Belfast), with his bride Emma.

encouraged by MANY letters, especially from Macedonia

Fabulous Moyo completed field work researching preachers in Zimbabwe and Malawi. Curiously he found the research in Malawi more difficult.

Rodrigo de Sousa of Brazil has also been researching in Paris.

Gabriela Tijerina, from Mexico, whose studies in Aberdeen were disrupted by her mother's serious illness, has completed and will return to Aberdeen for viva later in the year.

Balint married Emma in Belfast on 13 Jan.

Living an Integrated Life

Cambridge was looking its springtime best for the Langham Scholars' consultation at Westminster College 27-30 March. The theme of the consultation was 'Living an Integrated Life' – a major goal of the Langham vision for godly scholars. Chris Wright enabled us to focus on this theme with a meditation on Psalm 86, focusing on verse 11. Dr Monty Barker began by questioning us about the way we set our priorities. Sessions by Mark Greene of LICC (on evangelism and culture), David Instone-Brewer (on research and the internet) and Dr Philip Jenson (on integrating scholarship and life) were particularly appreciated.

Rev Dr. John Stott: Retirement and Move

John Stott would like his many friends around the world to know that, having reached the age of 86 in April, he has taken the decision finally to retire from public ministry after fulfilling one final speaking engagement at the upcoming Keswick Convention in July.

He will also be moving home from his flat in Bridford Mews, London, where he has lived for more than 30 years, to a retirement community for Anglican clergy in the south of England which will be able to provide more fully for his present and future needs. Dr Stott has made this decision with the strong belief that it is God's provision for him at this stage.

Dr Stott will greatly value your prayer for him in the challenges and opportunities involved in this transition. John Stott is also happy to reassure his friends that the Langham Partnership

International (or John Stott Ministries, in USA), is well prepared to continue its work, even after his retirement.



Dr Stott will greatly value your prayer for him in the challenges and opportunities involved in this transition.

Chris Wright took over the leadership of the organisation from John Stott in 2001, and there is now a strong team of international programme managers and other staff and volunteers all over the world making sure that the work develops strongly into the future.

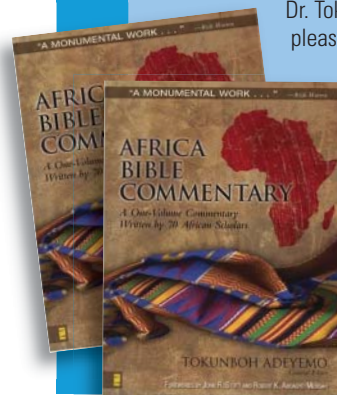
ABC – 2007 Reference Book of the Year

The *Africa Bible Commentary* was recently named "2007 Reference Book of the Year" by the United Kingdom's Christian Booksellers Convention. Each year the convention presents awards in 13 categories, including Book of the Year, Children's Book of the Year, and Best Worship Album. The award was accepted by Zondervan, the publisher of the book in the US and the UK.

Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo, the commentary's general editor, was pleased to learn of the award, saying, "It is a great honour for [*the Commentary*] ... It's all of God and to Him be the glory!"

Authored by over 70 African theologians, the *Africa Bible Commentary* is the first reference book of its kind. It is a one-volume commentary on the entire Bible, including articles on issues confronting the African church such as HIV and AIDS, corruption, widows and orphans, and burial rites.

The Commentary has also been selected as a finalist in the US Christianity Today Book Awards. To find out more please visit www.langhampartnership.org



Thank you from Sri Lanka

Greetings from Lanka Bible College & Seminary! This is to thank you all very sincerely for the help Langham Partnership has been doing for our Graduate Centre Library. The books have been coming in and we are grateful to Langham for the great role it is playing in equipping leaders for the Kingdom of God.

We count it a privilege to share with you all the Good News of the opening of our LBC Centre for Graduate Studies – 1st phase on 4th May. As Langham has played a big role in the life of our College, you all are always in our thoughts and prayers.

As you might be aware, this new Centre in Colombo will enable us to cater to the needs

of the Church in Sri Lanka in a very significant way. We have been having many evangelical scholars going abroad and not returning due to various reasons. LBCS has taken the initiative to reduce this brain drain by offering M. Div, MA in Organisational Development, MA in Theology and MA in Holistic Child Development degrees.

LBCS is moving on from strength to strength and would like to take this time to thank you for the genuine partnership with us. May the Lord bless your ministry with Langham Partnership.

Lanka Bible College & Seminary, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

From Australia to Egypt

... **Lynn Pryor** a Theological Librarian from Melbourne Australia writes:

The Alexandria School of Theology (AST) began its first academic year in August 2005 with 60 men and women enrolled to study at its two non-residential campuses, in Alexandria and Cairo. In early January 2006, I arrived in Cairo to set about the task of developing the library services for the two campuses. Up to then, no library facilities were available to assist the students with their studies. The library is an essential part of any educational institution. I found approximately 400 books on a few shelves, unsorted and certainly not ready for student use. During the first year of studies students were dependent on class notes and any resources they could borrow from faculty and others.



■ Lynn at the Library of Alexandria School of Theology

read, not remain on the shelves unopened. Some theological literature is now becoming available in Arabic (and Langham Literature is helping that process).

While there I set up various processes of library management including processes for the selection and acquisition of new resources, computer facilities with software and internet facilities and a web-based cataloguing system.

One particular ongoing challenge is provision of suitable resources in Arabic, as most theological materials are published in English. Most students, however, understand very little spoken English and read none. Library books are meant to be

I became familiar with the work of Langham Partnership before traveling to Egypt, so quite early in my time there I registered the School with LP, so that they could benefit from the services offered. The school has now placed their first order from the Grant Catalogue and soon all students will be benefiting from the generosity of the Partnership and their supporters. The principal of the School, Rev Dr Emad Azmy, and his staff are indeed most appreciative of all that Langham Partnership offers. We thank you all most sincerely for your partnering with us in the task of providing good theological education in the Middle East.

Health Check for Rapidly Growing Churches

Energetic church planting and many evangelistic initiatives have meant rapid church growth throughout many parts of the world but this has put pressures on the church, not least in terms of training and resourcing. Langham Partnership has been working with a number of other organisations to help equip pastors and lay preachers in these areas.

Tanzania is one of the fastest growing preaching movements with over 300 participants taking part in the new regionalised seminars in February and March. Significantly, a group of 7 pastors travelled from **Zambia** to take part in the programme. Writing to **Jonathan Lamb, Director of Langham Preaching**, recently, the Zambian delegates said: *'After being invited to Langham Preaching in Morogoro, we came to realise the importance and need of Bible exposition. Despite the numerical growth of the church, it is evident that the health of the church is below par. Facing this challenge, and seeing how beneficial the Langham Preaching seminar was in Morogoro, we hereby request that the same programme be established in Zambia'*. And they have since reported: *'In my district we are having the first preachers' club meeting on March 23rd with 36 pastors from different denominations.'*

Langham Partnership has recently held similar preaching workshops in **Albania** where 55 delegates gathered together. Plans are underway for a special conference in 2008 led by Chris Wright, International Director of Langham Partnership.

Working in fellowship with national leaders, a new Langham preaching initiative has

been launched in **Croatia**, seeking to serve local pastors and lay preachers in part of the Balkans. In addition to some 50 Croatian participants, small groups travelled from **Serbia** and from **Bosnia-Herzegovina**. Even whilst the group was in the midst of the training programme, the Sarajevo delegates met to plan their first preachers' club, which they started once they were home.



■ One man from each country praying for each other - Croatia, Bosnia, and Serbia, with the leader of the event, Toma Magda, on the right.

As the Zambian delegates requested, so Langham is getting pleas from many countries to come and establish preaching programmes and pastor's networks. It is Langham's prayer to be able to respond to these calls at the earliest opportunity.



A new face in the Langham team

In January, **Cindy Crossley** joined the Langham team as Executive Assistant for UK & Ireland. Langham Partnership News interviewed her:

What were you doing, Cindy, before joining the Langham Partnership?

I worked for CARE, of which John Stott is patron, and who are seeking to make a Christian difference in society. I started in their Education Department working with school governors, teachers, etc helping them to see how their very strategic roles could be fulfilled Christianly. We also worked at influencing public policy in the educational field. I then became Events Manager as well as PA to the Director of UK and Church Development. Previous to CARE I worked with my husband at Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre. A fantastic place for young people to have an incredible amount of fun, but most importantly to learn about God and how he has done everything necessary for them to know him personally through his Son, Jesus. It is unique in that the accommodation is on an old Royal Naval Minesweeper which is permanently moored but floats every high tide! For a number of those years my husband pastored the Baptist Church in our village with me working alongside.

What did you most enjoy about your last ministry?

I have a real heart for those working in education. I feel that teachers have such a major influence on our children and young people and those who are Christians and well supported by their churches and others can make a huge difference in the life of a child. School governors are probably one of the biggest volunteer workforces in our country and they have one of the most strategic roles in a school. To equip people to do their job Christianly and to see the differences brought about in individual schools as a result was very exciting.

What brought you to Langham Partnership?

The ministry of John Stott and Chris Wright has been instrumental in my life. John Stott's books were very helpful as I grew in my Christian faith. Through their writing and hearing them speak, both have brought encouragement and insights as my husband and I have sought to minister to and teach

others. Langham Partnership's vision of 'church growth with depth' is something that I can buy into 100% and when I saw they were looking for an Executive Assistant I wanted to join the team.

What does an 'Executive Assistant' do?

Well, my role involves working with Ian Buchanan, Jonathan Lamb and Chris Wright. The responsibilities are varied. Things like corresponding with Trusts, marketing, helping with the administration of Regional Councils and working with Chris in putting together the Langham Partnership News and lots of other tasks thrown in for good measure. So far I am really enjoying it!

Tell us a bit more about you and your family.

You don't have to talk to me too long before you realise that I am from the 'other side' of the Atlantic. I grew up in northern New York State right in the middle of the Adirondack Mountains, shared with all manor of wildlife, everything from squirrels and racoons to deer and even bear! It is one of the most beautiful places on earth and where I lived there were about 3 houses to the mile and the nearest shop of any kind was about 7 miles away. In the heat of the summer we would go swimming in the Hudson River which flowed over white water rapids just behind our house. Winters saw several feet of snow with lots of ice skating and tobogganing.

After finishing school at 18, I went on to Bible College and there had the opportunity to develop my singing. I had the unbelievable

privilege for a small-town girl like myself to perform in Madison Square Garden in New York City and also Disney World, Florida.

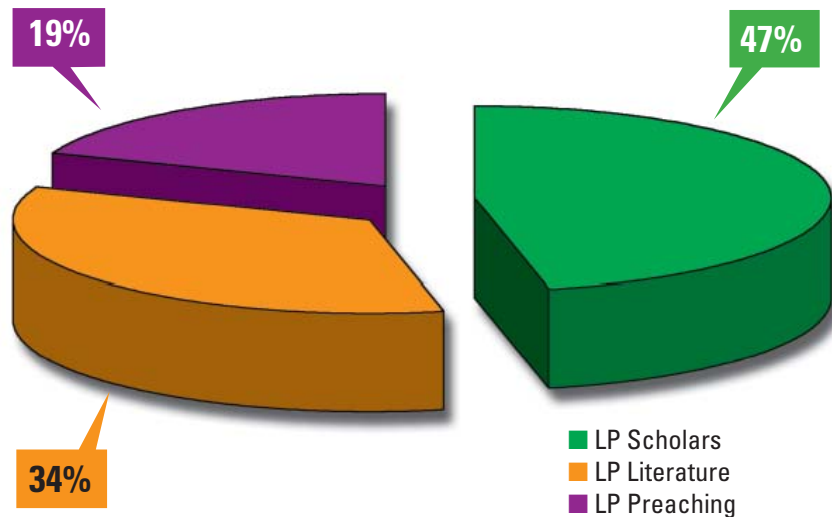
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I met my husband Ian when he came across to go to the same Bible College that I had attended and we married some 3 years later and eventually moved back here where we now live near Chichester. We have two sons, Nathan 20 and Tim 18 who are truly great fun to be around. Nathan is working towards joining the Royal Marines Band Service. He is gifted on both trumpet and drums but also, as the medic corps for the marines, this role fulfils his interest in paramedics as well. Tim is a keen rugby player and has played for Sussex under 17s as well as for

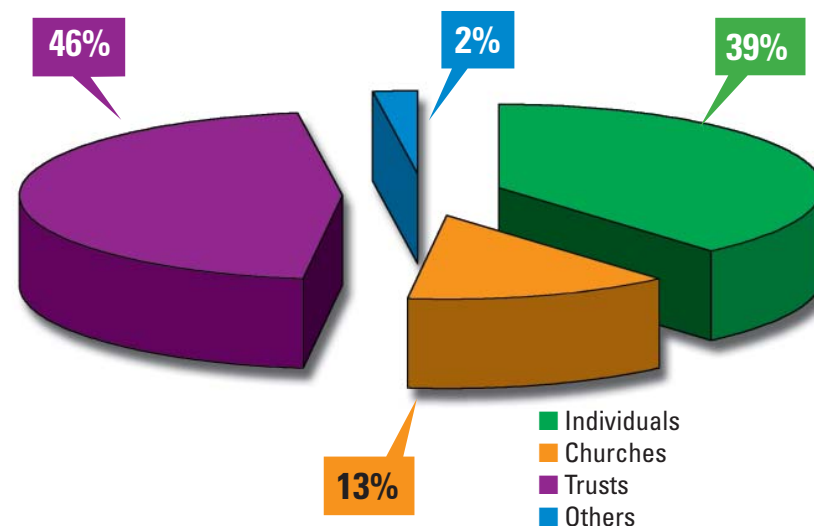
Chichester and his school. After finishing A Levels he plans on taking at least one year out to work at the Sailing Centre, a return to his roots as that's where we were when he was born! Ian is employed by a database company as Training Manager. He teaches Walk Thru the Bible and is Church Secretary for Chichester Baptist Church where I am also in the Worship Ministry Team.

ANNUAL REPORT

% programme expenditure breakdown



Supporter type % (July 05 - June 06)



Ian Buchanan
Executive Director

We in Langham Partnership would like to thank our supporters for their generosity over the past year. The graphs show how the money has come in and how it has been used within the organisation. We thank God for the work he has enabled us to do and would ask you to pray with us that through his people he would supply the necessary funding to see these programmes continue and grow.

- The figures are taken from the audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 2006
- A full set of these accounts are available on request from Cindy Crossley, Langham Partnership, PO Box 97, Emsworth, PO10 9AQ