## Langham Partnership Prayer Points – April 2021 – September 2021

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#### **April 2021**

- With the need to provide remote learning, an exciting project called 'Langham
   Preaching Connect' has commenced. 13 Langham Preaching representatives from
   around the world are meeting regularly to research and develop remote learning
   practice and resources. This important work will have an impact on Langham
   Preaching both in the short and longer term. Pray for wisdom and clarity for them as
   they listen to one another and work together.
- Give thanks for the perseverance of those Scholars who have continued to resolutely study and write throughout the past year or so, despite restrictions in their home or study countries, caring for children at home, health concerns, unable to access library resources, and many other pressures. Pray for continued focus and concentration for them, particularly for those coming toward the end of their studies with deadlines looming.
- Myanmar: Pray for all our authors and publishers in Myanmar at this time of uncertainty. Give thanks that they are all safe and well and able to continue operations reasonably well. The military regime is not a religious or ideological one so freedom of religion remains, but frustrating restrictions will abound if the past decades are a guide to the future.
- Pray for Tayo Arikawe, who starts his official employment with Langham this month, but will take the month as a study break, since he is also working on a PhD in Pauline Studies.
- Pray for the international Leadership Team, meeting from 12 14 April, by Zoom
- Pray for the John Stott Centenary events, taking place at All Souls Church, 25th -27th April. Details on <a href="https://www.johnstott.org">www.johnstott.org</a>.

#### May 2021

- Give thanks as we come to the end of this year's Library Grant Programme and pray
  that the books selected by each college will be a blessing and encouragement to
  those who use them.
  - As Covid-19 continues to impact our world, pray for our Preaching Movement Coordinators as they work hard to maintain contact with participants and support preaching clubs. Many are meeting online while face-to-face gatherings are not permitted.
- Pray for Scholars, Graduates and those connected to our Anglophone IRTS (International Research and Training Seminar) and Francophone IRTS Programmes who had their study/research residencies postponed and are looking to re-arrange these in the next year. Give thanks for the increased number of partnership agreements that Langham Partnership now has with various institutions around the world and pray that we will work well with these institutions on behalf of the individuals and ultimately to promote the Gospel around the world.
- Pray for Tayo Arikawe, as he takes on his full responsibilities as International Director: for him to quickly understand the breadth of our ministries and structures, and get to know the staff he will be working with.
- Pray for the LP International Council, which will have extensive Zoom sessions 20th-23<sup>rd</sup> May.

#### June 2021

- Work is continuing on the construction of the new Langham Service Centre in Carlisle. Pray that the project will remain on-time and that there will be no unnecessary delays. Pray for the work that is taking place in preparation for the move from our current premises
- Please continue to pray for the various editorial teams involved in the large onevolume commentary projects, particularly those involved in the Africa Bible Commentary (revised edition), the Central and Eastern European Bible Commentary, and the Central Asian Bible Commentary. The projects are all at various stages, pray for effective and efficient work as these important resources are edited and proofread.
- A key commitment of Langham Preaching is to further enable the translation of resources into indigenous languages. Pray for the Lord to raise up those who are passionate about translation so that we can develop this strategically in the months to come and provide much needed resources.
- Praise God for those Scholars who have been able to complete their PhDs and graduate during this past year. We are grateful for institutions that have adapted to online teaching, supervision and even to online defences in order to make this happen. Pray for these new Graduates and their families as they return to their home countries and settle into new roles and responsibilities with their church or seminary.
- Pray for Chris Wright as he adjusts to his continuing role as Global Ambassador and Ministry Director, with several speaking engagements to prepare for.

# **July 2021**

- Our Langham Preaching Global Leadership Team continue to meet 3 times a month online. They are precious times of prayer, sharing and business. Pray for continued productive meetings and for good communication between them all as they lead this work and care for many who are working in difficult situations and contexts.
- With all in-person Scholar Consultations and Forums having been postponed over the
  last 18 months, the Scholars' Team is hoping that plans will move ahead for a MENA
  Consultation/Forum during July 2021, an Asia Consultation in October 2021 and the
  possibility of others in the pipeline. Pray for wisdom in the decision-making process and
  for each of these events to be a support and encouragement to the scholars and
  graduates, whether they are held in-person or online.
- Indigenous publishing under a year of pandemic: Give thanks that not one of the 20+ indigenous publishing ministries we partner with has been squeezed out of business. It has been very difficult for some and challenging for all but give thanks for the level of creativity and sheer perseverance involved. Pray for health and political safety, for renewed vision, opportunity and vigour going forward.
- 19,20, 21 July pray for the international Leadership Team, meeting by Zoom again for extended sessions. Pray that they can sustain good working relationships and mutual support, after many months of not meeting face-to-face.

### August 2021

 If everything has remained on schedule the new Langham Service Centre in Carlisle should be completed this month. Give thanks for this new facility and pray for the logistics of the move

- The Langham Preaching work is involved in several countries where persecution is a
  day to day reality for Christians. Often in these countries the work flourishes despite
  these huge personal challenges. Pray for the Langham Preaching leaders in these
  contexts for their strength and protection.
- Pray for the new Scholars who will be given a Langham Scholarship for the first time
  this year. Some will be moving to a new country to start their PhD studies while others
  will be attending an induction seminar in the coming months. Pray for all their
  preparations as well as smooth transitions to the study world.
- Mongolia: Give thanks for a new publishing partnership with the Mongolian branch of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). They have been energised to follow something like the IVP model for Mongolia as FCS IVP. We will walk with them for the next few years as they get more established. Please pray for them.

#### September 2021

- Our Langham Preaching Continental Teams are meeting online on a regular basis. Pray
  for our Directors and Regional Coordinators as they continue to lead the work in their
  various continents. Pray for refreshment and renewal and for strong relationships
  despite not be able to be together physically at this time.
- The Scholars' Team is planning to meet together in the UK from 12-17 September 2021. Pray that it will be possible for this meeting to take place safely and that it will inspire new ideas, provide fellowship and strengthen the overall team as they come together during these days.
- Angola: Pray for pastor and writer Tomas, currently living and working in Brazil. He is burdened to return to Angola and establish a publishing ministry which will speak to the national church and society and foster local authorship. Pray that doors will open and that seed capital will be found. And please pray for vision, wisdom, energy, and stamina for Tomas himself.