

JSM-LPI Programs Internationalize

What does it mean to internationalize the programs of John Stott Ministries and the other national movements of Langham Partnership International? For starters, it means getting the right people in the right places.

And who are the right people? First is the Rev. Dr. Chris Wright (author, theologian, preacher) as our International Ministries Director. Next are the new International Program Directors (IPDs) that will be leading each of our programs.

Meritt Sawyer is now the IPD for Scholars. Meritt has moved from VP of John Stott Ministries to this new role that will take advantage of her experience with seminars and scholars around the world.

Jonathan Lamb is the IPD for Preaching. He is working to build local movements committed to Bible exposition and to provide training, resources and support for a new generation of preachers.

The IPD for Literature is Pieter Kwant. Pieter brings strong connections with publishers and writers in the Majority World to this growing program.

With the right people in the right places, we have been able to establish a truly global look at our programs, budgets, and the impacts they have.

Please pray for these programs and their leaders as we work to support and strengthen Christian leaders in the Majority World. For more information on these programs and leaders, visit our website at <http://www.johnstott.org>

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.

“Lord, why did you not prepare me before you called me?”



US Pastor, Brian Morgan (left front) and several of the attendees of the Albanian seminar gather by the Adriatic Sea outside of Durres.

This was the heart cry of one of the pastors who came to the second JSM-Langham Preaching Seminar in Albania in January 2005. He was testifying to what a difference the first seminar a year ago had made to his life and ministry.

JSM Langham Preaching

**By Rev. Dr. Chris Wright
International Ministries Director**

‘I have been in Christ for nine years and a pastor for four,’ he told us. ‘For all those years I knew that I should be teaching my people from the Bible, but I didn’t know how. I read books but found no help.’ Hence his questioning prayer. ‘But last year you gave me a method and practical help and now I have been able to do what I always wanted.’ This kind of testimony makes the work of JSM-Langham Preaching so worthwhile.

Once again the Albanian Evangelical Alliance (VUSH), through its energetic leader, Genci Shehu, was the main sponsor of the Preaching Seminar in Albania, supported by Andy Oliver of European Christian Mission, and the Rruga e Pages Church. Participants came from a wide range of different denominational backgrounds. They attended workshops on two levels: Chris Wright taught basic Bible skills to those who had come for the first time, while Brian Morgan, a pastor from California, led the second year group on a very creative journey of preaching from Gospel narratives, using Mark’s Gospel as a key text.

The Albanian evangelical publishing house, Beselidhja, with its director Romeo Mano, provided a book table, assisted by Colin McPherson of EELAC (East European Literature Advisory Committee) which has close associations with JSM-Langham Literature. They had Albanian copies of Chris Wright’s commentary on Ezekiel, published just in time!

The program in Albania is set to continue in the years ahead as an annual event, owned and sponsored by VUSH, in co-operation with JSM-Langham Preaching. Pray that it will significantly deepen the biblical foundations of this national church which is only 14 years old and yet in another sense goes right back to the New Testament. Albania is the ancient Roman province of Illyricum and Dalmatia, which Paul refers to in Romans 15:19 (it was just across the mountains from Thessalonica and Philippi), and which Titus certainly visited (2 Tim. 4:10). Were we following in his footsteps? Durres, the coastal town where the seminar was held, was ancient Duracum, and an early historian tells us that there were 70 Christian families there in AD 55. ‘You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine,’ Paul told Titus, ‘and in your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech’ (Tit. 2:1,7). Our prayer and the goal of JSM-Langham Preaching is that a new generation of Tituses will be encouraged in Albania to do just that.

For a brief bio on International Ministries Director, Chris Wright, visit our website at <http://www.johnstott.org>

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A Word from John Stott



“The most instrumental leaders in history...have been men and women of action, because they have been men and women of thought and passion.”

Our internationalization effort is bearing dividends for all three programs. We are well positioned to help the emerging church in the Majority World to grow in both breadth and depth though biblical preaching.

In order to sustain these programs, we need your prayers and financial support. Our fiscal year ends on June 30 and we would encourage you to prayerfully consider investing financially in these programs, if you have not already done so. Many Thanks!

Donations can be made online or please send donations to:

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News and Events

John Stott named to Time magazine list of the world’s 100 most influential people.

This article was in the April 18th issue of Time magazine. Go to <http://www.johnstott.org> for more details.

Graduation of current Scholars (see scholar list on page 2)

May 14 - Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

June 11 - Fuller Seminary

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Regional Councils

May 17-20: Missoori, India

Preaching Seminars

May 16-19: Poland

June 19-25: Kiev, Ukraine

July 4-9: Pakistan



New International Website Launched!

Our new international website is launched and is already helping people learn about John Stott Ministries and Langham Partnership International. Visit the new site at <http://www.johnstott.org> or <http://www.langhampartnership.org>

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Current JSM-Langham Scholars in the U.S.
* Graduating in June 2005

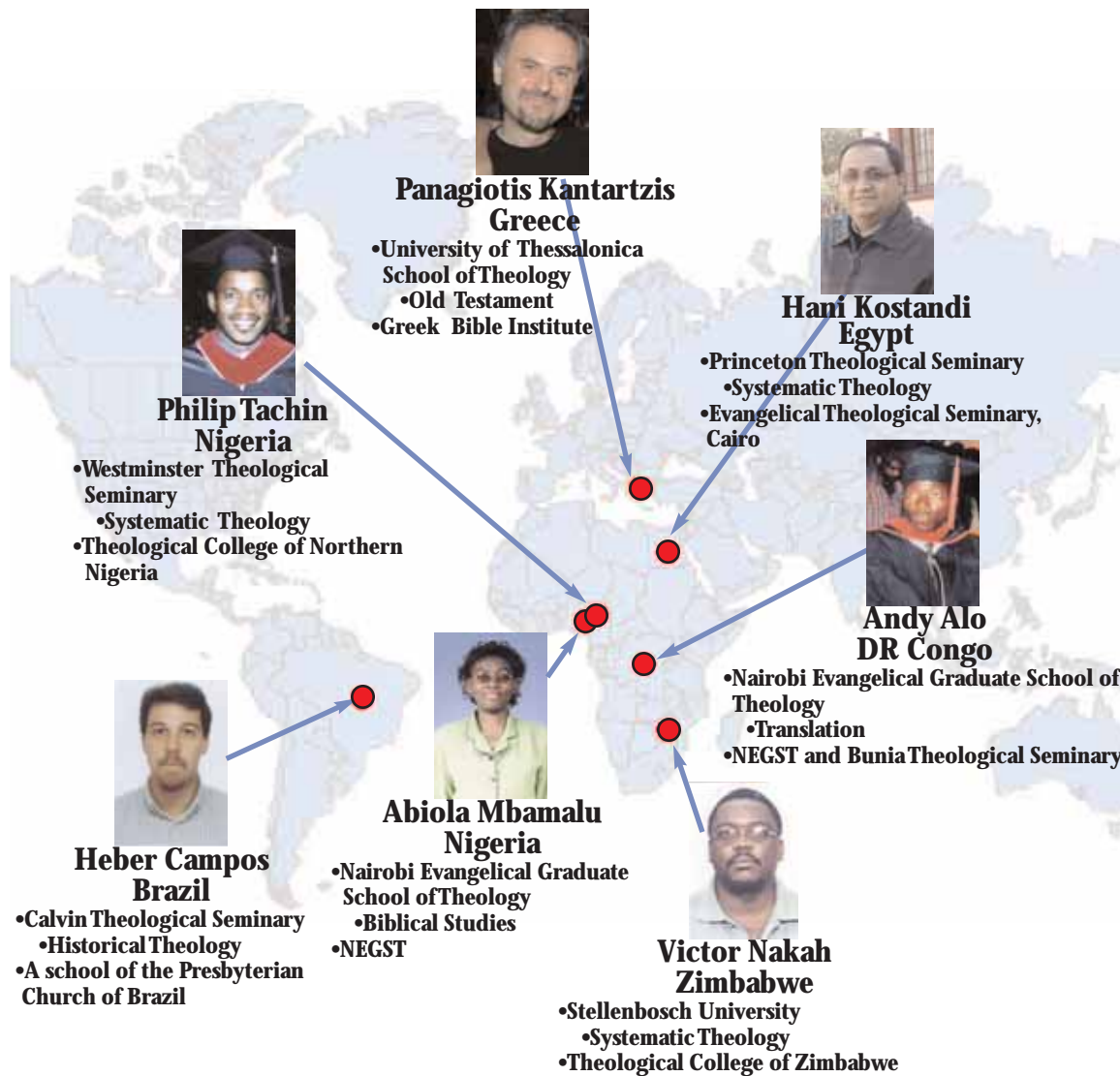
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Jairton De Melo
Carlucci dos Santos
Daniel Santos
- Bukina Faso**
Elisee Ouoba
- Cameroun**
Moussa Bongoyok
Pierre Ndoumai
- China**
Ambroise Wang
Joseph Yang
- Costa Rica**
Sadrac Meza
- Croatia**
Antonia Lucic
- Ethiopia**
Wondaferahu Ersulo
Ermias Mamo
- Ghana**
James Kissi-Ayittey
- India**
Jacob Cherian
Kamalakar Duvvuru
Sanyu Iralu
Pravinkumar Israel
Joshua Iyadurai
Sunny John
A.K. Lama
Samuel Matthew
Bharathi Nuthalapati
John Prasad
Nimai C. Suna
Premkumar Williams*
- Kenya**
Bernard Boyo*
Julius Gathogo
- Madagascar**
Edmond Razafimanantsoa*
- Malaysia**
Eng Hock Ng
Chin How Wong
- Nigeria**
Sunday Agang
C. Fyne Nsofor*
Johnson Okoroafor
- Palestine**
Yohanna Katanacho
- Philippines**
Azriel Azarcon
Athena Gorospe
Shirley Ho
- Poland**
Dariusz Brycko
- Romania**
Cristian Barbosa
Daniel Bud
Calin Pop
- Russia**
Gennadi Sergienko
- Thailand**
Satanun Boonyakiat
- Uganda**
Edison Kalengyo
Philip Wandawa

John Stott Ministries also supports 50 Langham Scholars in the U.K.

New Selections!

JSM Langham Scholars

These scholars were approved at the JSM spring board meeting held at Newton Presbyterian Church in Newton, MA on April 15-17. The new scholars are shown along with the institutions where they will be studying, their majors and the Majority World institutions that will receive them as faculty members upon completion of their Ph.D.'s.



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JSM is a member of Langham Partnership International (LPI).

30Year Impact of JSM Scholars bearing great fruit

Earlier this year, John Stott wrote, "We look forward to the day when Majority World seminaries will be able to offer their own Ph.D's, without any lowering of academic standards."

This dream is becoming reality. JSM's strategy is bearing fruit: our previous JSM-Langham Scholars are training others in their own culture and their own language. After receiving their Ph.D.'s, JSM-Langham Scholars are now on faculties and serving as principals of key institutions in the Majority World. As a result, several of these seminaries are now able to offer Ph.D. programs with high academic standards.

Two current JSM-Langham Scholars are among the first Ph.D. students at NEGST (Nairobi, Kenya) and one is a Ph.D. student at SAIACS (Bangalore, India).

For more info on JSM-Langham Scholars, visit <http://www.johnstott.org>

JSM Langham Literature

Every little bit helps. But a little more would help a lot. Because of the growing number of seminaries to whom we make an annual grant to order books from the JSM-Langham Literature Catalog, we have had to reduce the grant to each institution. It is now \$200. Institutions can order extra books for their libraries, of course, if they have other funds to pay for them. But many simply do not, and so the annual JSM-Langham gift provides the only addition they can make to their libraries each year. While our discounts provide a real value of about \$350, the letter below illustrates both the joy of receiving books, and the frustration of not being able to order more and take advantage of the excellent discount we are able to offer. We would love to be able to increase (and preferably double) the annual library grant, but we can only do that if our donation income increases too.

Dear sister Tina Lowe,

I am so glad to inform you that we have received one consignment containing three books namely, Confronting the New Age, Dictionary of New Testament Background and Dictionary of Old Testament: Pentateuch, from IVP.

We thank you very much for this help towards the development of our library. We are sorry we are not able to make any order of other books, though the discount is so coveted.

Yours sincerely in His Service,

A.M.Kuriachan
Principal,
Trivandrum Bible College, Kerala, India

Spreading in Spanish

Spanish is the language spoken by the largest number of evangelical Christians in the world, after English. The JSM-Langham Literature program in Latin America, in Spanish and Portuguese, has been an integral part of the ministry for many years, but not on the same scale as our English and French programs. Over the course of several visits to most of the countries in the continent, Pieter Kwant, International Program Director of Langham Literature, and Brad Palmer, his Program Manager with John Stott Ministries, have revised and revived the program in some countries and introduced it in others. This is being done in full cooperation with Latin American evangelical publishers and distribution agents. A new list of books in Spanish has been chosen as the Students' Basic Library and a new catalog will be produced entirely in Spanish.



JSM-Langham Literature distributed needed books at a recent pastors conference in Peru.



All of this fresh effort is greatly assisted by the formation of Regional Councils (RCs). In addition to the RC highlighted below, another RC met in El Salvador in October of 2004. Their advice and practical cooperation will be a huge help.

JSM-Langham scholars are making a difference in the Majority World: Dr. Dario Lopez, a JSM-Langham Scholar from Peru, and South American RC Member, has written another book published in Spanish: 'The Seduction of Power: Evangelicals and Politics in Peru in the Nineties'.

This book was made possible with a grant from the JSM-Langham Writers program.

First South America Regional Council Meeting



René Padilla (left), Director of the Kairos Center with Milton Accosta (JSM-Langham Scholar, and current Academic Dean of Seminario Biblico de Colombia in Medellin)

On April 10, 2005, 21 Christian Leaders from 8 countries joined together at the Kairos Center in Buenos Aires to explore the formation of a JSM-Langham Regional Council in South America. These leaders included JSM-Langham Scholars Marcelo Vargas from Bolivia and Daniel Salinas and Milton Acosta from Columbia. Chris Wright, Meritt Sawyer and Brad Palmer joined them in Buenos Aires to help organize this group that will serve as an advisory group for JSM-Langham Partnership in this part of the world. JSM's strategies were embraced by these leaders, as many feel the need for biblically-sound pastor training that is relevant to the needs and issues of their communities.

These leaders estimate that 90% of the preachers are lay people, taking the pulpit because they are the only ones available. Because of this desperate need, they voted to start their own Regional Council with the hope that it will eventually become a full JSM-Langham member.

What is a Regional Council?

The purpose of JSM-Langham Regional Councils is to give to the International Program Directors high quality advice and guidance in each of our programs (Scholarships, Literature, and Preaching). This will include:

- Monitoring the effectiveness of our programs
- Articulating and summarizing the most urgent needs that JSM-LPI programs could address in their regions
- Identifying key and strategic persons, institutions and places, that JSM-LPI should invest in – e.g. seminaries, scholars, writers, and pastors' networks
- Vision-casting for creative and imaginative future strategy for LPI

Already, Regional Councils have been formed in eight regions, with plans in place to create at least four more.