

Rev. Ambroise Wang in his Study

An Emerging Leader in China:

An Interview with Rev. Ambroise Wang

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JSM Langham Scholars

Editor's Note: Several members of JSM's Senior Management Team (including our International Ministries Director and our International Program Directors for Scholars and Literature) have traveled to China and met with key church leaders. In close co-operation with the Langham Foundation East Asia, our sister organization based in Hong Kong, we are developing plans to increase our commitments to China, by providing scholarships for top leaders, like Ambroise, to get their Ph.D. degrees, to provide books for seminaries and teaching colleges, and to train pastors to preach and teach effectively. In future newsletters and on our website (www.johnstott.org) we will present reports and stories to track the progress of these efforts.

"We called the soldiers uncles..." said John Stott Ministries scholar, Ambroise Wang, as he described his childhood growing up in a non-Christian family in Jiangsu Province, China. Born in 1963, Ambroise grew up during the heart of China's ten-year Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). At age six, he began talking with a Catholic priest. Ambroise had little knowledge of Christianity, and it was this man who shared the Gospel with him for the first time.

Upon accepting Christ, Ambroise continued in dialogue with this priest, learning more about the Gospel and of the state of Christianity and the church in China. Over the years, Ambroise continued to strengthen his faith, and to pursue his dream of becoming a writer. However, in 1989, upon completing his studies in Western literature, he decided to be baptized in St Paul's Church, an Anglican Church in Nanjing. After his baptism, he felt a call to become a pastor and teacher.

In 1993, Ambroise began his M.A. in Religious Hermeneutics at Universite de Neuchatel in Switzerland. During and upon completion of his masters, Ambroise was provided with several key opportunities to share his vision for the church in China. In 1995, he was invited as a guest to the Vatican on Christmas Eve. In the spring of 2000, he was ordained in Nanjing's Saint Paul's Church by Bishop K.H. Ting. In 2001, he was invited by the U.S. State Department to visit Washington DC as a consultant concerning human rights and religious freedom in China.

Now a doctoral student of Theological Ethics of Systematic Theology at the University of Basel, Ambroise is studying and envisioning ways to build the church in China on biblically and theologically sound principles. He notes that twenty years ago theological education in China was nearly non-existent. Although great strides have been made, Ambroise observes that "there have always been Christians in China, but there is not a unified doctrinal church based on the Bible."

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Canada**

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In 2008, Ambroise will receive his Ph.D. and return with his wife, Penny, and son, Albert, to Nanjing Union Theological Seminary as Dean and Vice President. He attributes the fulfillment of his call to the church in China to God's work through John Stott Ministries, and wishes to express his gratitude to the entire JSM family. Ambroise asks for continued prayer for Christians in China, for the rebuilding of the church on biblical doctrine and for awareness of the difficult issues facing the people of China. Pray for Ambroise that his doctoral studies may deepen his own biblical faith and his passion to unleash the next generation of Bible-preaching pastors.

To conclude, Ambroise states with hope and confidence, "The Chinese Christian will soon discover that when the church becomes the social conscience of the Chinese society, she will have grown out of childhood and into a flourishing youth."

For more info on JSM-Langham Scholars, visit www.johnstott.org/scholars

National Preaching Movements Gain Momentum

JSM Langham Preaching

Preaching movements launched by JSM-Langham Preaching are gaining momentum, now in 22 countries with requests from 80 more. We offer preaching seminars to support these movements, with several countries already in the second year of a three-year curriculum.



Pastors gather for a group session in Poland

One Albanian Pastor said, "I knew I should be teaching my people from the Bible, but I didn't know how." At the conclusion of the level two seminar he said, "...last year you gave me a method and practical help; now I can do what I have always wanted -- preach from the Bible with clarity and power!"

Over the summer JSM-Langham Preaching helped launch movements in Poland and Kiev, Ukraine. There were 141 pastors who participated in these programs. To learn more about JSM-Langham Preaching visit www.johnstott.org

John Stott's presentation is translated into Polish



Polish pastors work together

Upcoming Preaching Calendar

Aug 29-Sept 2: Kenya
September 5-9: Tanzania
September 13-16: Congo
September 19-23: Cote d'Ivoire
October 3-6: Zimbabwe
October 24-28: Jamaica
January 23-27: Albania

JSM Annual Report

Another Great Year...Thanks to You!

Annual Ministry Report

The Board and Staff of JSM will look back at 2004-2005 as the year we truly went global! We now have an International Program Director (IPD) for each of our three major program areas: Scholars, Literature and Preaching. We are grateful that our own Meritt Sawyer is our IPD-Scholars, joining Pieter Kwant (Literature) and Jonathan Lamb (Preaching) on our Senior Management Team. These IPDs coordinate their program efforts through five Langham national movements: JSM in the USA, plus Langham Partnerships UK and Ireland, Canada, Australia, and Hong Kong. Our new website www.johnstott.org does a marvelous job linking our far-reaching ministry!



Books being distributed in Peru

Good news in 2004-05: 165 Langham Scholars are back home serving in positions of significant influence; 84 Langham Scholars are currently studying for their degrees. Through Langham Literature, we sent nearly 200,000 books to over 700 seminaries and 50,000 pastors; we also helped fund the writing of eight major books and the publishing of another 25 key texts. Langham Preaching has launched 22 national biblical preaching movements, with requests to start preaching movements in another 80 countries!

This year also marked our 30th anniversary as a ministry. To determine the impact from three decades of labors, we commissioned a detailed Outcomes Evaluation Study (OES). We were encouraged by the remarkable results God has enabled our ministry to have around the world. As primarily a volunteer movement throughout the first twenty years of our existence, we have seen rapid growth over the last decade. The OES shows substantial impact in many regions, and also highlights areas needing greater attention in the years to come. If you would like to receive an Executive Summary of the OES, email us at info@johnstott.org.



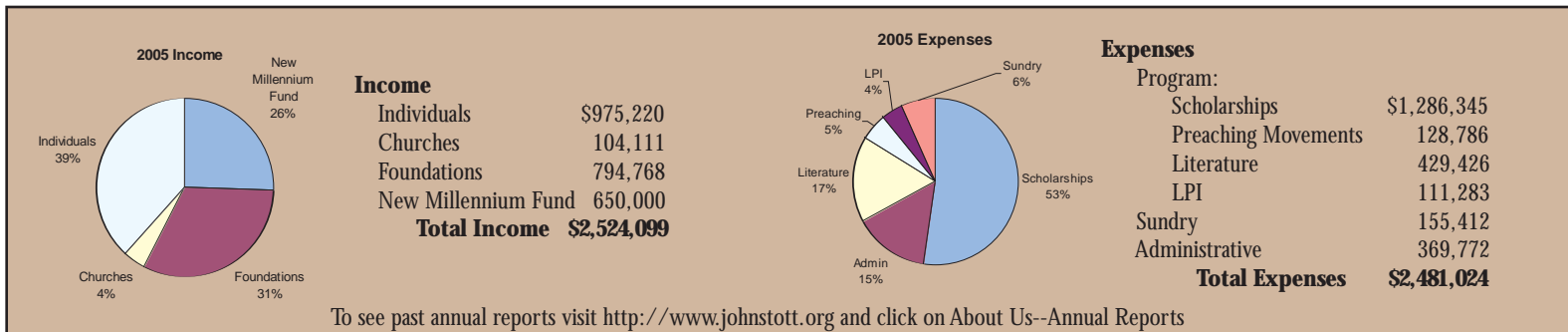
JSM-Langham Scholars studying at U.S. Seminaries meet in Chicago



Small Group discussion at a Jamaican Preaching Seminar

Annual Financial Report

We are still praising the Lord for the incredible finish to our 2004-2005 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2005. In fact, we sent a low-cost postcard to all our donors in July to celebrate that once again, we ended the year in the black, with a small surplus of around \$43,000! We thank God for His provision – and all of you for your support!



JSM has a small staff (three full-time and six part-time people) to coordinate our three large and growing programs: Scholars, Literature, and Preaching. The reason for such a staff structure is to make sure that we are able to push the vast majority of our funds, usually around 85%, into programs to help the international church grow in depth as well as breadth. As you can see in the pie charts above, we were once again able to leverage your investment in the international church through careful stewardship.

We are hoping to increase our support from both individuals and churches in the year ahead to reduce the need for large blocks of funding through foundations and our New Millennium Fund (declining balance fund, set to be spent in total by 2011). You can help by connecting us to your church's missions committee and/or increasing your annual support. We will soon launch a JSM Monthly Giving Program; check out our website for specific information on this brand new initiative. We thank God for this strong fiscal year– and we thank you for your faithful prayers and financial gifts!

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A Word from John Stott



"We are stewards of what God has said, but heralds of what God has done. Our stewardship is of an accomplished revelation; but an accomplished redemption is the good news which we proclaim as heralds."

John Stott named Honorary Chair

of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (Lausanne). Visit www.johnstott.org for more information.

John Stott preaching in Southern California on Oct. 30 and Nov 6.

Visit www.johnstott.org for details as they are confirmed.

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Upcoming Events

Regional Councils

Oct 28-30: Latin America meeting in El Salvador
Nov 11-13: Eastern Europe meeting in Prague, CZ

Staff Events

September 22-24: Langham Partnership International Council, London
September 24-25: Senior Management Team, London
Nov 4-5: JSM Board Meeting, Newport Beach, CA

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JSM Writers Program: New commentary on the Gospel of John helps pastors throughout India

JSM Langham Literature

JSM-Langham Scholar Jey Kanagaraj has completed his book, "The Gospel of John, A Commentary". In the forward of this book, Dr. Plamthodathil S. Jacob, Head of Contextual Theology Department, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune says: "The importance of this book is that it brings out points of thematic comparison with Indian religious thoughts and cultural practices in a comprehensive commentary form. Theological students, teachers, pastors and Christian workers could be considerably profited by using this commentary and frequent references to it will definitely help them to understand Christian truth in the same spirit."

Dr. Kanagaraj was able to write this book through a grant from the Langham Writers Program. These grants provide support for evangelical scholars in the Majority World to write books to benefit the church's in their regions. The Langham Writers Program has pledged 13 other grants to authors from 10 different countries that are writing in English, Spanish, French and Arabic.

We need your help to provide these much needed grants. If you would like to be part of making one of these books a reality, please visit our website at www.johnstott.org/donations and designate your gift to the literature program. To see Dr. Kanagaraj's complete article on the release of this book, visit www.langhampartnership.org and click on literature.

