

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 — June 30, 2007

Helping
the
Majority
World
Church
Mature
in Christ

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Words from JSM-Langham Scholars

A mature church can only be built on the foundation of solid biblical and theological research. JSM is unique in how well it supports and encourages both the most advanced academic education as well as scholarship rooted in and designed for the local church.

Dr. Adonis Vidu,

*Adjunct Professor, Liberty University,
Lynchburg, Romania*

John Stott Ministries is a unique Christian organization focused on building spiritually healthy and Bible-based churches across nations, races, cultures and denominations. It addresses our needs in secularized Central and Eastern Europe by combining scholarly theological training with Christian maturity and ethical dimension of our follow-up.

Dr. Pavel Cerny,

President of the Evangelical Free Church in the Czech Republic

The ministry of John Stott has influenced my life since my college years. It has spanned from understanding the Gospel to expounding the Gospel to helping others understand and expound the Gospel. With the help of John Stott Ministries I received my degrees, now I teach the Bible and help others do the same, thanks to the ministry of John Stott.

Dr. Milton Acosta Benitez,

*Profesor de Antiguo Testamento,
Seminario Biblico de Colombia – Medellín*

John Stott Ministries – especially in the preaching circuit – is very needed. We are working to change the culture of preaching away from the prosperity Gospel and to a return to the Bible. My experience as a John Stott Ministries Scholar has given me the training needed to help make this happen.

Dr. Daniel Salinas,

IFES, Paraguay

John Stott Ministries has trained one Palestinian to serve 5 million in the Holy Land. But don't be misled by numbers for all the darkness of the world cannot put off the light of one candle let alone the light of the word of God that is growing stronger because of training one more man.

Dr. Yohanna Katanacho,

*Director of the Academic Affairs
at Bethlehem Bible College –
Galilee Extension*

The values and vision of John Stott Ministries are an inspiration for the church as it brings the message of peace, reconciliation, and hope to the troubled Middle East.

Dr. Riad A. Kassis,

*Overseas Council Regional Director
for Middle East and Central Europe*

A Breakthrough Ministry Year for JSM

Praise God for all He accomplished through JSM over the past year! In virtually every way we evaluate our work, in categories across the board, there have been great improvements and exciting progress.

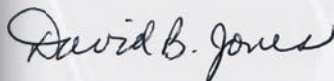
Our International Program Directors (for our Scholars, Literature, and Preaching Programs) will all present their good news elsewhere in this report. All three programs are bearing great fruit, and they are all working together in a strategic and synergistic fashion to maximize our ministry's impact.

In 2007, we had the highest number of supporters giving the largest amount of needed funding in our history; although the numbers are not quite finalized, it appears that we now have approximately 1100 donors — and our national budget topped the \$3 million mark for the first time ever. Praise the Lord!

This past year we also received the coveted “Four-Star Rating” from Charity Navigators, a ministry watchdog group, putting us in the top range of ministries in our country. And, we have attracted a good deal of support from new friends and churches, and some good notice in the media as well.

In the year ahead, we will launch our Global Church Tour events, exciting opportunities for you to learn firsthand from international Christian leaders and to consider how Americans can best partner with the growing global church. Be sure to locate a tour event that you can attend by checking www.johnstott.org. We will also keep in touch through our regular newsletters and email updates.

2006-2007 was a great year; we thank God for His faithful guidance and for your faithful support. On behalf of the board and staff of JSM, thanks and God bless you!



David B. Jones, President

Scholars



Significant changes have taken place in the world and in theological education since Langham was birthed 35 years ago. With 174 JSM-Langham Scholars working in the Majority World and 94 currently being funded, we began the year with a scholars consultation. Nineteen Majority World academics and six JSM-Langham staff members came together to reflect on our history and to consider current global trends.



The consultation was significant and positive. These advisors affirmed the emphasis of the Scholars Program on scholarship and contextualization to equip and foster the maturity and growth of the church. One scholar said, “From our perspective, there is no doubt that John Stott’s vision and JSM have succeeded remarkably.”

The exciting vital internationalization of the Scholars Program has inspired us to look at formalizing the Fellowship of Langham Scholars (FLS - the network of graduated JSM-Langham scholars), producing the FLS newsletter to facilitate the networking and resourcing of FLS members, and beginning regionally-based FLS meetings. It is my hope and desire that these will not become exclusive “clubs” but will become hubs to carry the torch for scholarship and contemporary biblical discussions, perhaps sponsoring seminars and roundtable discussions for the church in the Majority World.



Meritt Sawyer

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International Program Director, Scholars

Preaching



Although the program is less than five years old, we are very thankful to be in touch with some 70 countries. We are presently active in half of these, and are working hard to schedule the launch of preaching movement in new countries.

The team of JSM-Langham Preaching facilitators – all volunteers from around the world-has grown in order to meet the demand. We are delighted that this past year has seen the launch of a Level 4 event – specially geared toward training a hand-picked group of trainers, who will begin to teach Level 1 programs within their own towns or regions. This is the next stage towards the development of indigenous preaching movements, and is a significant milestone in the development in several countries. A further significant milestone this year has been the appointment of the first Preaching Regional Facilitator, Igor Amestegui for Latin America. We hope that other regional facilitators will be appointed in due course – most urgently, to coordinate the growing number of preaching movements in Africa.

The other major development has been the growing emphasis on grassroots initiatives. In many countries there has been growth in local preachers' clubs which meet on a regular basis for study, fellowship and the sharing of preaching ideas. In several countries, regional networks have been established, with coordinators encouraging the development of preachers' clubs and supporting them with literature and pastoral visits.

This next year, we will be launching projects whereby small teams of pastors and preachers will meet together for four training sessions over a two-year period. This will then lead to the launch of “in country” preaching initiatives, led by these small teams. The first of these will be the Mekong Project, and planning is underway for the Pacific, with the hope of launching an initial training program for three of the Pacific Islands.



Jonathan Lamb,

International Program Director, Preaching

Literature



Our JSM-Langham Literature programs provide Majority World pastors and institutions with theological texts needed for serious and faithful study of the Scriptures. Our programs support the writing, publishing and distribution of books within local markets, with a particular focus on the appropriate level and cost for local pastors.

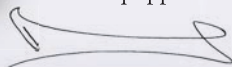


Over the past year our literature efforts have produced:

- Grants to 800 Bible college libraries to receive evangelical theological titles from our catalogs.
- The launch of online wishlists for these and other colleges to select needed texts from our catalog so that donors from around the world can provide the books that our grants cannot cover.
- Successful start of *Southeast Asia Bible Commentary* (SABC), the first one-volume commentary on the whole Bible written in Southeast Asia for its pastors.
- The launch of the *Africa Bible Commentary*, Kiswahili translation to provide Swahili-speaking pastors a first readable commentary by African church leaders.
- The start of a new Africa publishers co-op – “Hippo” – including the training of two African editors to develop critical talent for local publishing.
- 16 publishing grants for evangelical study texts, each written in the local language.
- 10 writers’ grants in eight countries to create contextual study books for pastors.



In the coming year, we will focus creative programs heavily in the languages of Arabic, Kiswahili and Portuguese, and the distribution programs will focus particularly on French, Spanish and Portuguese, with all programs continuing to serve in English. In this way we offer services in the areas of greatest need where we are most equipped to help.



Pieter Kwant, *International Program Director, Literature*

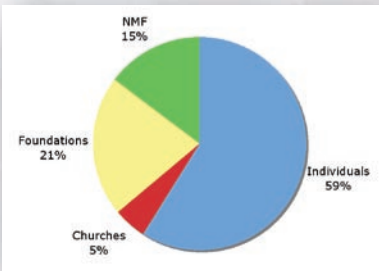
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INCOME

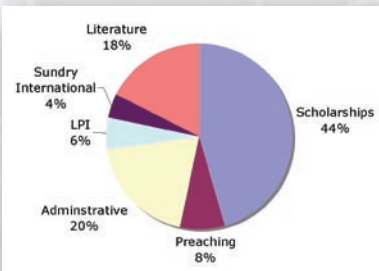
Individuals	\$1,787,175
Churches	\$148,771
Foundations	\$642,994
New Millenium Fund (NMF)* ..	\$450,000
Total Income.....	\$3,028,940

*The NMF is a declining balance fund due to expire in 2010



EXPENSES

Program Scholarships	\$1,336,200
Literature	\$517,500
Preaching	\$230,600
LPI	\$165,000
Sundry International	\$118,000
Administrative	\$574,300
Total Expense	\$2,941,600



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