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Sri Lankan Langham Preaching Trainers receive gift of the Africa Bible Commentary from LPA.



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In late August, the second Training of Trainers for Sri Lanka Langham Preaching was held in the capital Colombo. Contributing to the training for the first time was **Rev. Kanishka Raffel**, an Australian with Sri Lankan parents who is the Rector of St Matthew's Shenton Park in Perth. It was a most profitable week!

Alongside the training, there were meetings with church leaders in preparation for a re-launch of a Level 1 Langham Preaching in Sri Lanka next year. "It was a rare privilege", wrote Paul Windsor (International Director, Langham Preaching), "to hear them speak of their churches and the challenges of the Sri Lankan context." God-willing, Kanishka will take the lead in facilitating the Preaching training in Sri Lanka from this point forward.

He writes about the week they recently shared:

"Although my late parents were Sri Lankan, I have never lived on the island except for a brief eighteen months when I was eight years old. So it was an absolute thrill for me to spend a week with a diverse group of brothers in Christ – Sinhalese and Tamil made "all one in Christ Jesus". Each of them is committed to the faithful proclamation of God's Word for the strengthening and upbuilding of God's church. Their love for one another, and for the Lord and His people, and their humble and joyful dedication to the work of feeding and caring for the sheep was inspiring.



As we met with denominational church leaders, we were greatly encouraged by their support for the work of Langham Preaching. They were enthusiastic to promote careful attention to God's word and patient explanation of God's truth to equip all God's people for the works of service He has prepared in advance for them to do. The Sri Lankan church faces many challenges including shortage of native language resources, ministering to people in great need or poverty and even opposition from nationalist groups. It's a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the Sri Lankan church through the work of Langham Preaching."

Lokki, Country co-ordinator (left) and Kanishka (right) meeting with Rohan Ekanayaka from Margaya Church

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PREACHING:

- **Local Trainers:** The key people in this worldwide ministry are indigenous, mother-tongue trainers. There are hundreds of them being equipped to train others to preach the word of God with faithfulness, with clarity and with relevance. Pray that they will remain motivated and resourced with what they need to be active and effective.
- **Preaching Clubs:** The key strategy in this ministry is the preaching club, or the *escuelita* (in Latin America). This provides the opportunity to remain in community as the learning continues on beyond the seminar, as the spreading preaching movement is given energy and focus. Pray that there will be a desire to keep making them a priority and to keep participating in them.
- Please pray for upcoming **Preaching Events** over the next month in various countries – see calendar below.

LITERATURE:

- Preparation of the **Library Grant catalogue** for the coming year is underway which requires a significant amount of work. It is difficult to communicate with many colleges due to their lack of internet access and unreliable postal services; please pray that every college would receive the catalogue so they can benefit from the Grant this year.
- **Publishing:** Praise God that we were able to publish 3 titles in August. Please pray that the content of these books would have an impact on theological education and people's lives across the world and that there would be an interest in their uptake from retailers and wholesalers.
- Praise God for the Launch of the **Malagasy translation of the Africa Bible Commentary** this month, and please pray as they are distributed amongst the Pastors and Church Leaders in that country of Madagascar over these coming weeks, months and years. Pray for a deeper understanding of God's Word in the Christians of that country with a population close to 25 million.
- Please pray for the teams involved in working on our **large Commentary projects** – the Arabic, South Asia, Latin America and Slavic Bible Commentaries – that God will grant them wisdom and skill as they develop these important resources.

SCHOLARS:

- **United Kingdom:** Please pray this month for the Langham Postdoctoral Research Seminars, being held in Oxford (1-21 September) and Cambridge (21-27 September). Please pray for the 12 Langham postdoctoral fellows participating, for safe travel, and that all are able to make good progress on the research and writing projects they are currently engaged in. Ian Shaw (Associate Director, Langham Scholars) will be with them through this time.
- **New Scholars:** Please pray for new Langham Scholars starting their studies this year. Over 50% are now studying on doctoral programmes in the Majority World, but most still need to travel significant distances to their place of study, and are often away from their families.
- **West Africa:** Please continue to pray for Langham Scholars in this area of the world whose communities are affected by the Ebola virus.
- **Australia:** Please pray for Qaiser Julius (from Pakistan) as he prepares to speak at The Freedom of Religion Conference, being held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane late October; and for Ronald Lal Din Suah and his family (from Myanmar) as they continue to serve the Burmese refugee community in Melbourne while Ronald has some medical treatment.

Upcoming Langham Preaching events

Sept 7-13	Benin, Argentina	Sept 28 – Oct 4	Pakistan, Tanzania, Caribbean Consultation, Jamaica, Liberia, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Sept 14 -20	Argentina, Tanzania, Ghana	Oct 5 - 11	Jamaica, Bolivia, Benin, Tanzania, Romania, Nigeria
Sept 21-27	Ghana, Colombia, Burundi, Zimbabwe	Oct 12 - 18	Liberia, Trinidad & Tobago, Zimbabwe

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