



LeaDev-Langham

Highlights 2016

Thank you friends

for your sacrificial giving to support the development of leaders in the church in Asia-Pacific this last year.

You are the crucial third strand in our strong and growing relationships with partners across the region. Together, we are a Kiwi network of support for Christian leaders as they face the challenges of following and sharing Christ in contexts and cultures of great difficulty. Your participation makes what we do possible, so we are deeply grateful.

Here is a short update on some highlights of the past year. We look forward with joy, as together we continue to enable quality men and women to take the growing church forward.

Tony, Denis & the Team

We approach Christian mission in a way that sees an incredible multiplier effect: the support and development of emerging, local Asian and Pasifika leaders.

We enable the next generation of pastors, church planters, missionaries, translators and Bible teachers within their own context where God is already at work. We believe the best people to build God's church in a country, are the believers within a country – *they* know the culture and contextual challenges inside out! In partnership, we give them support to get appropriate training and resources; develop their leadership capability and capacity; and become strategic influencers for Christ in their communities and countries.

We do our work through two global networks: *Overseas Council* and *Langham Partnership International*. And when an area where one of our partners lives and works is hit by a disaster, we also respond immediately through our boutique disaster relief agency, *Humanitarian Development International*.



Leadership Development International

Equipping Emerging Leaders:
38 young leaders from impoverished backgrounds sponsored with tertiary training

Multiplying Radical Disciples:
9 senior regional and national leaders fully sponsored for masters or doctoral study

Bridging the Resource Gap:
2 campuses upgraded
7 libraries provided with books. Enabling a better-resourced and safe learning environment for trainee leaders.

Making it Happen:
1048 volunteer days contributed by skilled Kiwis

Our Leadership Development International work reaches into Asia-Pacific through our participation in the **Overseas Council Network**. Because of the generosity of New Zealanders, we've:

Provided full study scholarships for 38 students from Myanmar, India, Pakistan and Palestine. Without sponsorship, these young emerging leaders from deeply impoverished backgrounds would not be able to access this accredited tertiary training. Formal biblical education enables them to step up with confidence and capacity to be the leaders God has called them to be in their communities, cultures and countries.

Provided full doctoral scholarships for 9 faculty members from Indonesia, Thailand, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar. These strategically placed senior Christian leaders are doing work (or have completed it) which has, and in the future will have, a huge multiplier effect for the Christian faith within their countries.

Invested over \$98,000 in the development and upgrade of facilities and campuses, ensuring these are safe and healthy sites of learning for trainee leaders in cultures and contexts with few resources for Christians. Most of this money has been put towards Kalaymyo Consortium of Bible Colleges (KCBC) and Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (MEGST), both in Myanmar.

Gifted over \$39,000 to the equipping of libraries across seven Partner Schools in Thailand, Vietnam, Mongolia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Palestine, ensuring trainee leaders have up-to-date and culturally relevant resources to study well, learning how to follow Christ, and then go on to lead others.

Supported our Partner School MEGST to undertake an Impact Review of 137 graduates from the last 20 years of operation. An outstanding finding is virtually all the interviewees are involved or lead in active ministries addressing a wide variety of spiritual, physical and social needs within the contexts of churches, local communities and Myanmar society.

Enabled, supported and 'scaffolded' these financial contributions with 1048 volunteer days given by Kiwi programme staff working on site alongside our Partner Schools and their employees.



"Studying at MEGST helped me believe in my leadership gift, get important skills and confidence, and respond to God's call to reach out and lead those around me."

Dwe Nan, leader of three ministries and graduate from MEGST, Myanmar

Langham Partnership NZ

Equipping Emerging Leaders:
3800+ grassroots leaders received regular preaching training, materials and mentorship

Multiplying Radical Disciples:
3 senior regional and national leaders fully sponsored for doctoral study


Bridging the Resource Gap:
300+ commentaries gifted to local church leaders, enabling them to more effectively pastor over 165,000 new believers in a contextually relevant way

The work of Langham Partnership NZ in Asia-Pacific is through our participation in **Langham Partnership International** and has excellent outputs. Because of Kiwi generosity we've been able to:

Contribute over \$215,000 to the work of Langham Preaching which held 76 training events in Asia and Pacific, equipping 3,800+ pastors and lay leaders in 13 countries in need of solid biblical teaching. 45+ preaching groups of 10 to 12 pastors and leaders met regularly for ongoing training and mentoring.

Significantly support the doctoral scholarships for Langham Scholars Anna Sui Hluan, Aung Htoo, and George Mombi. These strategically placed senior Christian leaders hold influential positions in their respective fields in Myanmar and Papua New Guinea, and have a huge multiplier effect for the Christian faith.

Distribute over 300 South Asia Bible Commentaries (SABC) and Africa Bible Commentaries (ABC) to church leaders across the region through Langham Literature. The region is so scarce of biblical resources each commentary is used by between 10 to 12 church leaders, who on average each lead a congregation of at least 50 people.



"The Langham [preaching] resources are both inspirational and informative, and our own training of rural Indian pastors is enriched... There is a deep sense of comfort and strength in belonging to this godly family that strives to deepen and expand His Kingdom."

Praveen & Veena Bunyan, church planters in rural India training over 500 leaders.

Here in New Zealand

A leadership development approach to mission is the most strategic, long term, and sustainable contribution western Christians and churches can make in reaching, teaching and discipling the world's unreached billions.

An essential part of our work in New Zealand is Mission Education and Advocacy, so we've travelled throughout Aotearoa encouraging Kiwi Christians to get involved in the Kiwi network of support for Christian leaders in Asia-Pacific. This is an inter-country church partnership between brothers and sisters, and we thank you for your ongoing prayers, support and participation in the lives of our partners.

We hosted eight events with this in mind, and were delighted to bring several key international partners to New Zealand to speak about what God is doing in their regions: Dr Riad Kassis from the Middle East, Dr Aung Mang from Myanmar, * Esther and *Trelise from Lebanon and Dr Chris Wright from Langham Partnership International (UK). Bringing the exciting things God is doing in these countries or regions right to our doorstep means we receive a much clearer idea of how we can support our brothers and sisters as they stand for Christ.

Mobilising for Mission In Aotearoa:

32 preaching and speaking
engagements

5 international partners hosted in NZ

8 events hosted to share the work of
key leaders in Asia-Pacific

Humanitarian Development Int'l

Our disaster relief focus is the Syrian refugee crisis. Coming to us via Langham Partnership International, our partner on site is *Esther, who visited New Zealand in July.

Esther runs an accredited Lebanese not for profit, and leads a mostly volunteer team of courageous Christians. Working in high intensity situations on the border between Syria and Lebanon, they have a range of programmes which in the name of Jesus heal the physical, emotional, spiritual and economic wounds of displaced Syrian families.

We've focussed mostly on the healing and empowering of young women as one of the most marginalised groups, and also those with the most influence over young children. You gave over \$31,000 towards the running of trauma camps for young women, providing them with emergency supplies to care for their babies, and the establishment and equipping of two sewing schools for young women, widows and mums.

Most of the money was used for the sewing schools, where young women (many of whom previously had little or no schooling) gain much needed economic and small business skills, emotional and social support and healing, and a sewing machine on graduation as the basic equipment to move forward. Located within fully kitted out container conversions, and with highly skilled trainers including a renowned Syrian fashion designer heading up the work, the schools are appropriately named *She is Safe* and *Harmony*.

Safety & Skills for Syria's Young Women:

45 Graduates with sewing
and business skills

19 Graduates employed,
with others earning
revenue independently

Over 500 families across
2 camps experiencing increased
income, collective purpose and hope



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