

# Langham Partnership ~ Canada news

## Canadian Appointed to Lead Langham Preaching Training Programme



Jennifer Cuthbertson (top left) with African country coordinators for Langham Preaching.

**D**r. Jennifer Cuthbertson of Richmond, B.C. has joined the Langham Preaching team as Coordinator for Trainer Development. Langham Preaching encourages indigenous preaching movements, locally owned and developed, with teams of local and national trainers who work to equip a new generation of preachers in their countries. Jennifer will be “training the trainers,” to help ensure that the Langham Preaching programmes continue to grow in excellence. Jennifer brings years of cross-cultural work and study to the Langham family.

**Q: Jennifer, what attracted you to Langham?**

**A:** Training people full time is my love. I heard Chris Wright speak at Regent College in Vancouver, and we began to talk. John Stott stressed that we can’t have growth in the Church

without depth. My focus has always been on the depth.

**Q. How do you see Langham’s preaching programmes helping with that vision?**

**A:** One of the most important parts of Langham preaching is its emphasis on training the trainers who are running the Preacher’s Clubs. Those clubs are so foundational. Without them, the program won’t be all they can be. The Preacher’s Clubs – where local preachers gather together for support, study and encouragement – can either emerge from the first level of Langham preaching programmes, and I like that there are three levels, or they may exist first, and then the Preaching Programmes begin. It’s essential that the preacher clubs are well developed. I believe this is where a lot of the learning happens. I was explaining my new calling to a

woman in my church. She found it hard to imagine that there are preachers who preach sometimes without access to Bibles, and based on a few verses that they know. It is hard to imagine, but that is where Langham steps into the gap. [page 2](#) ▶▶

**Please pray for Jennifer’s work with Langham Preaching**

- for safety in travel as she visits Langham Preaching programme sites around the world.
- that the rewriting of curriculum that will be part of her mandate will be a collaborative and clear process.
- that the training of trainers will multiply the efforts of Langham Preaching around the world, to grow the church in depth, even as it grows in numbers.

**Q: Can you explain how important preaching is to the Church of the Majority World?**

**A:** For those of us in North America, it can be difficult to understand situations where people don't read, where they don't have books at their disposal, where not everyone who comes to Church has a Bible, or if they do, they can't read it. That word preached is the word they hear. That is what they know and learn. It is of utmost importance that what is preached is the word, and not somebody's idea of what the word is. That it's not an adulterated version. Right now in Africa, for example, the prosperity gospel is just sweeping the continent.

**Q: What would you like supporters of Langham Partnership Canada to know about your work?**

**A:** We don't just want to teach a methodology, we want a model that can be contextualized and personalized for each trainer. I really want everything we do to be appropriate culturally, it needs to be reproducible within each area. Our training will empower people, not just give them information. An African colleague of mine said that we need to be training Africans so they don't lose their African-ness. I really like that. I'm very excited. ■

## Nearly 300 Gather for John Stott Memorial in Toronto

John Stott's legacy was clear: in the personal remembrances of those who knew him well; in the sermon preached by Dr. Charles Price of The People's Church, Toronto; in the piles of John Stott books on the book table, and in the memories of the nearly 300 who gathered at St. Paul's Bloor St on Sun. March 25.

"I spent a year as John Stott's twelfth and penultimate Study Assistant – a post created at the start of his global ministry in the 1970s," said Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, who spoke at the service. "Early study assistants tell me that the position entailed great stress, as young men ran themselves ragged in an attempt to keep up with, and meet the exacting standards of, their preternaturally vigorous and almost inhumanly disciplined and prolific employer."

Stephen Nduati, Langham Canada's most recently appointed scholar, also shared. "John Stott's name is a household name in Africa both in the Church and in the Academy. It is a name you mention and immediately you are given a chair (welcome), a cup (hospitality) and a hearing (acceptance). To many young scholars and Church leaders the name of John is

### In his own Words: Introducing Langham Partnership Canada's Newest Langham Scholar: Stephen Nduati

**P**rior to embarking on the PhD program at Wycliffe (University of Toronto) I served as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop (The Diocesan Administrative Secretary) of the Anglican Diocese of Thika in Kenya.

My area of studies is Biblical: New Testament with special attention to the Gospels.

I am happy to be doing the studies at Wycliffe College because it has distinguished professors in the area of Biblical studies, while at the same time advocating and upholding the authority of scripture.

Being a Langham scholar is primarily "a prayer answered." It means all a student would require: peace of mind which enables one to concentrate and work hard. Lastly, it means identifying with an honourable Christian organisation which over the years has faithfully sponsored and therefore made leaders/teachers for the Majority World to and for the glory of God.

Upon completion of my program, I will return home where I will either do pastoral work/ministry in the Church or teach in one of the theological institutions of the Angli-



**Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.**

can Church of Kenya.

I am married to Rev. Regina Kinuthia and we are blessed with three children namely Gloria Kinuthia (age: 10), Benjamin Kinuthia (age: 8) and Melody Kinuthia (age: 6).

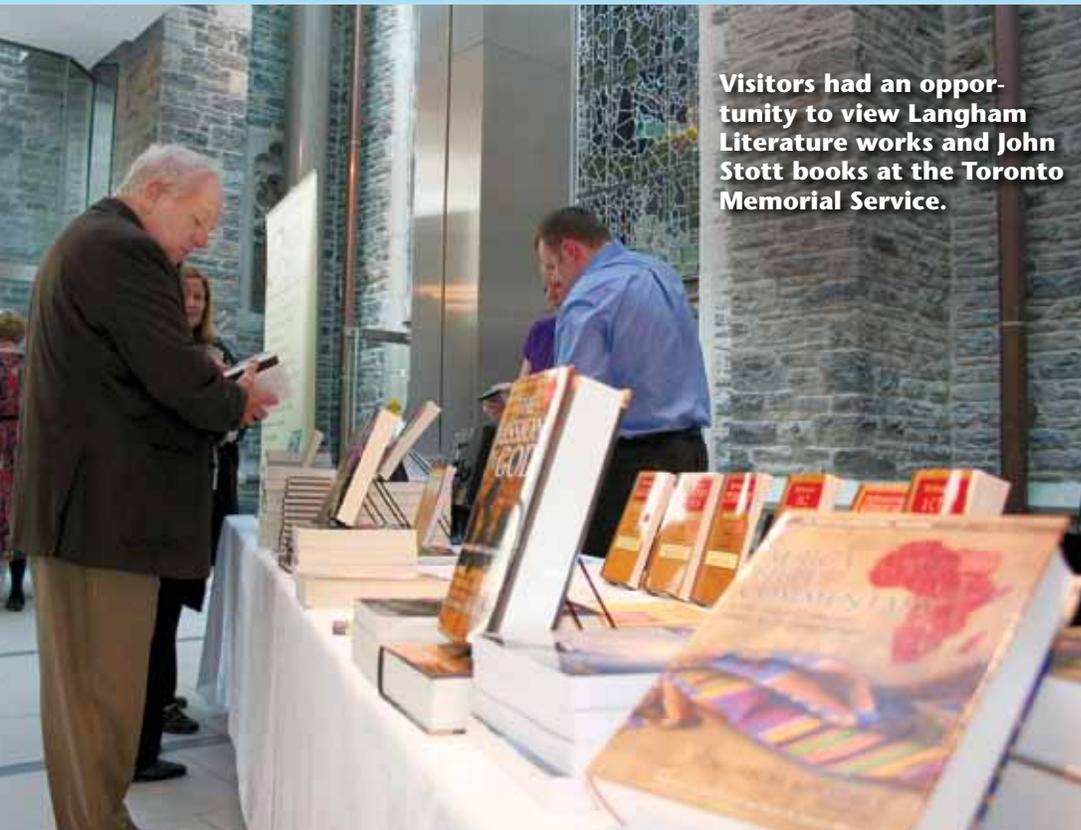
To the Canadian supporters of Langham Partnership my message is "Thank you and may God bless you."

We have a Swahili saying which goes 'Kutoa ni moyo usambe ni utajiri.' It means "Giving comes from the heart; it is not a matter of how rich one is."

The Gospel we preach is based on God's love – seen in the giving of His only begotten Son Jesus for the salvation of mankind.

I therefore encourage the Langham Partnership Canada supporters to keep doing the good they know and have been doing. It amounts to a noble course and shows the love of God in their lives. May the Lord's name be praised in the doings of His people. ■

–Stephen Nduati



**Visitors had an opportunity to view Langham Literature works and John Stott books at the Toronto Memorial Service.**

with a global vision, in contrast to a narrow focus and short-term goals.

In the sermon, Charles Price reminded attendees of one of the guiding questions of John Stott's life: What is God's purpose for his people? "All his life he had revisited the question," said Price. He shared John Stott's own words from one of his final sermons: "Now I want to share with you where my mind has come to rest as I approach the end of my pilgrimage on earth, and it is – God wants his people to become like Christ. Christlikeness is the will of God for the people of God."

Gerald Griffiths, a personal friend of John Stott's, began the remembrances with these words: "I have the honour of speaking to you now

the name of an angel – a messenger of God – who brought good tidings to the otherwise desperate person."

Don Macleod, board member of Langham Canada shared the three things he believed John Stott taught Canadians. They were: (1) The value of expository preaching ministry which he modeled and encouraged. (2) The discipline of a focused life in contrast to a more relaxed and casual approach. His razor-sharp intellect challenged easy complacencies and compromises. (3) His strategic thinking, constantly strategizing, using limited resources to the best advantage, and always

because I am a dinosaur. I am old enough to remember the young John Stott...And as I remember the young John Stott, I thank God particularly for his insistence that the evangelizing of the world and the healthy growth of the church depends on the full and faithful proclamation of God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. "

Bishop Stephen Andrews, chair of Langham Partnership Canada, ended the service by reminding the congregation that John Stott's vision for the healthy growth of the church lives on, through the work of Langham. ■

## Help Carry on the Legacy in a Simple Way

**W**e have copies of *Investing in the Future of the Global Church*, a one page document created especially for John Stott's memorial service in Toronto, that briefly explains the vision of Langham Partnership Canada, and invites people to find out more and become involved. We can provide copies to you that you can give to your church's mission board and friends or colleagues that might be interested in the vision of Langham Partnership Canada. It is a great introductory tool for our work of

helping the Majority World Church grow in depth, even as it grows in numbers. **Please email us at [info.lpc@langhampartnership.ca](mailto:info.lpc@langhampartnership.ca) to request copies** ■

## Langham Literature Grant Leads to Arabic Leadership Book

**T**he *Secret for Successful Governance: Practical Counsel for Boards of Trustees*, by Riad Kassis, is a new release made possible by a Langham Literature writer's grant.

"This book addresses the problem that most heads of seminaries and Bible colleges in the Arab world

are fine theologians, Bible scholars and academics, but know very little about administration, until they are thrust into the position of running an institution," explains Isobel Stevenson, Langham Literature editor based in Windsor, Ont. The book includes an acknowledgement –in Arabic of course – to the support of Chris Wright, international director of Langham Partnership International, Isobel Stevenson and Pieter Kwant, director of Langham Literature. "This book is an excellent example of literature by and for members of the church in the Majority World. It will help seminaries perform better and be more effective in their mission," says Isobel. ■

## Become an On-going Building Partner in the Work of Langham Partnership Canada

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