

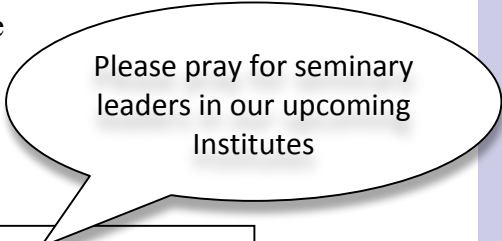
“How can seminaries around the world be financially sustainable?”

This question is the focal point of this year’s Institute for Excellence, which in the last several months has gathered seminary leaders in Latin America (one in Chile and the other in Costa Rica) and in Africa.



Seminary leaders work together in small groups during the Costa Rica Institute. Leaders pictured represent programs in Guatemala, Jamaica, and Costa Rica. During the week each school develops a MAP, Ministry Action Plan, describing the plans and action steps it intends to take in order to become increasingly financially sustainable.

- How can seminaries adapt to the changes they are facing, such as declining support from Western congregations, students preferring part-time programs, and higher costs of living and operations?
- How can seminaries be both financially viable as well as educationally effective?
- Is the mission of the school still in line with the needs of the church it was established to serve? How does this mission affect its financial sustainability?



Cairo, Egypt	Mid East, N Africa, Europe	August
Bangalore, India	South Asia	September
Manila, Philippines	SE Asia	September
Kiev, Ukraine	Russian world	October

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Cunningham eNews is a periodic news communication for prayer and information for the friends and ministry partners of Scott and Beth Cunningham, serving with SIM and Overseas Council.



Honoring the legacy of John R W Stott



No Christian of his generation has been more influential in the course of my ministry than John Stott.

One of the first serious Christian books I (Scott) read, as a junior in high school, as homework for a Young Life group, was *Basic Christianity* by John Stott. Since that time I learned to regularly depend on his writings for their depth of insight, clarity, scholarship, and the strength of evangelical commitments.

He was deeply involved the development of Christian scholarship and leadership for the Body of Christ, particularly in the Majority World. His focus on world mission led him to found, along with Billy Graham, the Lausanne Movement for World Evangelization, and then draft its founding document, the “Lausanne Covenant.”

We celebrate the wonderful legacy Uncle John, by God’s grace, has left: millions of Christians shaped by his writing and preaching, other young Christians he personally disciplined and encouraged, and organizations he founded or strengthened which continue to impact global Christianity. Thank you, Lord, for the gift you have given your Body!

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August prayer requests



- ❖ Pray for the 55 seminary leaders from around the Middle East and North Africa who are participating in the Cairo Institute for Excellence, 9-13 August.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for His hand on Marc, our middle son, who graduated with a degree in public health, and was awarded a post-graduate fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for His working in Terri’s heart. Terri is a friend of Beth here in Indianapolis who recently made a profession of faith in our Lord. Pray for Beth as she encourages Terri’s growth in Christ.
- ❖ We regularly volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank, a Christ-centered ministry whose director is in our small group. This year MFB is on target for distributing \$11 million worth of food to the needy in Indiana and beyond. Join us in thanking the Lord for this ministry opportunity.