

Quarterly Legacy Newsletter

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Legacy International Spiritual



- Legacy is all about leaving behind Positive Values
- Legacy is all about Redeeming generation from Evil One
- Legacy is all about children & Youth healthy development
- Legacy all about developing Christian Culture in raising children
- Legacy is all about being revealed in difference, within dark world illuminating it
- Legacy is all about Biblical world view in defining the contemporary world
- Legacy all about serving in Love



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Legacy Message

"....So That Non-God Fearing Generation shall not emerge"

This message has focus on Parents, Church, as well as Society Leadership. It is often said that Family is the basis for church and society. The greatest responsibility of raising young ones falls on parents and/or guardians. Church and society, both, enjoy the valuable fruits of upbringing young ones or give support to parents and guardians so that they get valuable skills, information and get infrastructural support.

Currently there is a 'silent' cry that Fathers' societal values are being eroded and the upcoming generation is at risk. The erosion of respected values is also observed in the circle of Faith community, too. So it is time to rise up and guide the children given to us with benevolence of God.

Born again Christians have the 'lion share' responsibility in rearing a generation that can be revealed in making of difference. Often 'salt' and 'light' expresses this notion. There should not be any confusion to differentiate a person who professes God from the others in society. God fearing and redeemed Children have positive impact on society. If it is done in quality, the God fearing children when they grow up and ready to take over responsibilities, become change agents for love, justices and righteousness. Heart of society rests on them. They are not after vain gain but trustable. They are heavenly citizens living with integrity on earth.

Book of Judges gives us a warning regarding this issue (Judges 2:6-10). If we do not sow redeeming Love of God on the succeeding generation in due season, it is likely that we can easily loose it to evil. Time is running; we cannot delay more. The Basic unit where our young ones are shaped as Christian disciples is in the home. Where there are single mother headed homes or no general stability, the struggle gets heavy especially on single mothers. Church and society need to think of filling gaps through mobilization of volunteers and other resources.

Let us be vigilant so that God fearing and redeemed generation rises up to lead with integrity.

When parental homework is well done, their Hearts and that of church and society members will be restful and in peace.

Some tips are given here below to see rise up of God Fearing generation: a. Living exemplary faith life in walk with our God, leading a child in where he/she should go while playing role model (Prov 22:6); b. exhibit genuine leading to a child in the home by fair disciplining, while church and/or society give encouraging supports; c. continue establishing intergenerational celebration and/or testimonial events where the goodness of God continues to echo endlessly to coming generations (Psalms 78).

Legacy Message (Cont'd)

Let our Almighty God help us to save generation (s) that is mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.

Legacy Update-The Beginnings

This is the first Legacy Newsletter; so the beginnings of Legacy activities in and before 2017Gc are highlighted below. Legacy is about preparing generation in Leading, building Entrepreneurship Culture, Guidance, Advocacy so that Faith Groups can act to support the vulnerable in society within their faith circle, promotion of Christian Values, and Yarning or telling the story of Goodness of God to generations without stop.

Directional Vision was received from Above in February 2001 GC. LEGACY Design was set as a name and working framework for the Spiritual ministry in March 2014 GC. Informal establishment ceremony was conducted January 2016 followed by application for registration at Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) Federal and Religious Affairs in April 2016 GC. Legacy Registration was completed December 6, 2016 after a follow up process by ad hoc committee 15 Founding Members when (interdenominational) signed into it.

Legacy was officially organized by governing General Assembly & establishment of Board in January 2017. Founding Members and Vision sharers had "seed sowing" event February 26, 2017 followed by wider circles Ministry promotion and 'seed sowing' event of March 2, 2017. The first Official Board meeting was conducted on January 19, 2017.

Legacy was ushered into the real work by giving of block course for 25 students in cooperation with ETC in February 2017. Legacy co-organized hands on first Training by its team was conducted in August 2017 for Youth, Parents and Church Leaders (separately) in coordination with Misrak Hosana Kale Heywot (Sep 2017) followed by Trainings in Addis Ababa (2 Local churches) in November & December 2017, Kombolcha-Wello and Dangila in December 2017.

This was preceded by designing of Relevant Packages (earlier). Seven Spiritual Pillars for Parents and Five for Youth (separately) as well as 'ringing bell messages' for church leaders. In Total 154 Parents, 151 Youth, and 72 Church leaders (Grand Total 377 persons) were reached with face to face contacts in FY'2017. Coordinated by local Mulu Wongel Churches, various evangelical groups have participated in Kombolcha and Dangila. (This does not include the trainings conducted in various sites in Fiscal Year 2018).



Participation as lead trainer with Haggai Alumni in Debre Markos (July 2015), in another National training by Haggai Alumni in Debre Zeit (April 2017) in which Legacy president participated as member trainer was an opportunity for opening of door to the work with local churches, starting with Misrak Hosana KHC.

"Thousand Miles starts with One Step". Source, Unknown

Internalization and Consultation carried out for two days, early January 2018 for 12 Core Team members has created cohesion within the Legacy group to own and more enhance the ministry processes.

Legacy Update-Quarter I FY 2018

Training was delivered on Personal Quiet Time in cooperation with Scripture Union of Ethiopia, for more than 150 High School Fellowship leaders from Addis Ababa in January 2018 for half day.

Training for Youth and parents as well as 'bell ringing' sessions to alert Church leaders regarding the generation was conducted at Debre Markos Feb 2018 and Dessie March 2018. Debre Markos Mulu Wongel was able to mobilize other evangelical churches to participate in the training sessions.

Training Instant Feedbacks

These are Quotes from Participant Trainees in Fy'2017 & 2018 Gc Quarter I. "We, young people are successors for leadership of tomorrow, if work is not done on shaping youth today the result is failure, what (Legacy) has done is useful.... moreover, the training has helped me to ponder or reflect on myself...".



Dangila Parents Training

"I appreciate the presentation on the view we should have about concept of Government in general; from my observation, outlook about government is often confusing, you (as Legacy) need to share this point in other places, too". Youth Trainees, Hosana "Learning from fore fathers is an opportunity and privilegeGod Bless

You". Youth Trainee, Kombolcha

"The teaching is very helpful for parents and children....what I got, as parent, is very good, God Bless you".

"This is the moment we are losing our children; the training given to parents to give focus on our children is timely". Trainee Parents (Mothers), Kombolcha "We (as church) often give focus to witness and bring in new souls, (we forget what is in our custody). I have gained a lot from this training on how to raise up children, especially from womb up. The church needs to give focus on this matter so that we can get more training in this regard". Parent (Father) Trainee, Kombolcha

"Those of you (parents) who have gained from the training will be useful to generation". Church Pr, Kombolcha "I have often been worried on how I am supposed to raise my children; I have got a lot from this parenting training... It is helpful" Parent (Father) Participant, Dessie.



Dessie Youth Trainees Photo

"The training was more than I expected" Church Pastor, Dessie.

Looking Ahead

It is intention of Legacy to produce its 'likes' so that capacitated others can conduct training at local churches level. For this Zonal or Local Evangelical Fellowship are potential partners to coordinate Training of Trainers both for Youth and Parenting. Through this we can reach many at same time to save the generation from Evil One. The first TOT is planned to be launched in cooperation with Saris (AA) Area Evangelical Fellowship; local home (origin) of Legacy Ministry Vision.

Issue for Reflection & Conversation

This is Crucial Generational issue forwarded to probe interactive discussion. The Children and Youth population in Ethiopia is more than 60% and the proportion observed in churches has similarity. Young aged generation cannot be ignored if we really crave for development of genuine Servant Leadership that exhibits Integrity in tomorrow's nation or church. The shaping (with Love) need to begin and flourish in the BASIC Unit. HOME. Faith Communities and Society need to be sensitive to create home for the homeless and give support to struggling single mothers.

Dear Readers! Let us reflect and create conversation on this valuable matter of **HOME** importance for shaping Generation. This can be done during our gatherings for coffee or other fellowships. Creation of Discussion Groups on Social Media is an opportunity, too.

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"Learning from fathers is an opportunity & privilegeGod Bless You". Trainee

Appreciation

Legacy International Spiritual Ministry at this junction extends its appreciation and gratitude towards to its Founding members, Volunteers, Regular or General Assembly Members, Non Regular Supporting Members, Donors, etc

Invitation to Membership

Legacy invites new members to be part of this historical and Timely ministry to save the Generation from Evil One. Legacy is registered as non-political, interdenominational, religious/spiritual Ministry to promote Biblical and Christian Values to save generation from Evil One. Our Core Values are basic criteria for membership. Anyone who shares the values can be a non-regular member. To be a member only 25 Birr per month is required.

It can be sent to Legassi Alem Akef Menfesawi Agelgilot Bank Account # 2600010008458 at Berhan Bank. Special onetime donation or love gift is also encouraged. You need to write your name and keep the deposit slip for further recording/follow up.

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"God does not expect us to do everything but do what is in our capacity in His Grace"

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N.B This is the First Legacy News Letter; in addition to the First Quarter of 2018GC, it had to go back to the beginnings of the Ministry to give valuable background to readers.