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Special points of interest

- Legacy is all about leaving behind Positive Values
- Legacy is all about Redeeming generation from Evil One
- Legacy is all about children's & Youth's healthy development
- Legacy is 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 is all about serving in Love
- Legacy is all about echoing Goodness of God from generation to generation with non-stop until Jesus comes back again
- Legacy all about serving in Love



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Legacy Message

"Parenting: the 'how' of raising a child"

Introduction

The main objective of this message is to give emphasis on the need to humble ourselves (as parents), in seeking the wisdom of God in how to raise our children, to care for young ones right from the womb. This message augments the last Legacy message that God expects us to lead young ones in His way (Prov 22:6).

The basis for this Legacy message is Book of **Judges 13:12**. This is the case in which Manoah asked the angel of the Lord; 'Now when your announcement comes true, how should the child (son) be raised and what should he do?'. Earlier, the messenger of God had made an announcement that a unique child (son) is to be born to the family to rescue Israelites, from Philistines, who have kept them under bondage for forty years.

Motivation was created in the parents (the wife was barren) to nurture such a child (son) in whom God's purpose is going to be fulfilled, moreover, a Nazarite right from womb. The parents, however, were not sure on how to do the right rearing of the child. In short, they felt inadequate to raise the unique child. The feeling was fueled by the fact that there was accompanying instruction that there is special care needed as he grows in womb and later.

Similarly, contemporary science is revealing that pregnant women need holistic care (Psychologically, physically, spiritually, socially, etc.). This includes avoiding of smoking, not to indulge in 'weed' addiction and alcoholic drinks, etc. that can negatively affect the health and physical well being of the fetus. In general the mother should avoid suffocation. The mother is also expected to take certain foods such as those rich in minerals contents e.g. iron, that is expected to benefit the mother and the fetus in the womb.

Legacy Vision

Harmoniously Inter-connected,
Inter-guided, Inter-caring
generations in which Goodness of
God is exhilarated and echoed,
positive value heritages threaded,
life and holistic human
development sustained.

In the early days, when Manoah and his wife lived, scientific knowledge of parenting was not much revealed. The cry of the couple was based on their limited knowledge of how the child (son) needs to be raised. They were not ashamed of seeking help. They were not over confident that they can do the job themselves. The couple was humble to seek the counsel of the Lord.

We have constructive points to learn from the couple under discussion (Judges 13). As they cried for counsel, or craved for more knowledge of how to raise the promised child, we(as parents), in the same way, in contemporary world, also need to seek God's face to get holistic knowledge and skill of how to raise our children. Human development is complex but the story implies that to help our children, we need to horde as much knowledge as possible so that the children bestowed to us by the benevolence of God can be raised up in godly way with holistic care (spiritual, physical, psychological, social, etc.).

The Bible clearly indicates that a child given or born to a certain family is a heritage (gift) of the Lord (Psalms 127: 3). As we give special value for the gift in our hand, it is wise to get holistic knowledge and skill on how to raise it. For example, as we often crave to get spiritual knowledge of how to raise children, there is nothing wrong to seek knowledge about psychological aspect of how children develop. It is an opportunity to have knowledge of how humans develop or grow. It gives parents skill and wisdom on how to respond to different developmental stages as related to changing behaviors of children. This is universal need and cannot be ignored.

**We, Parents need to
humble ourselves in
seeking Wisdom to
Raise Children in
godly way**

At some point in history, especially during middle ages, 'childhood' concept was not much known in society. From perspective of parents, there was difficulty on how to handle children for healthy development.

Similarly, it can be assumed that 'parenting' concept is also not much known in contemporary world. Much of what is practiced in parenting, especially in third world countries, such as ours mostly lacks professional backing. It is by God's Grace that many of the children are raised up safe. People who have opportunity to be exposed to such knowledge or have habit of reading on 'parenting' may be exceptional, though.

They can have a tool to confidently raise their children.

Legacy believes in 'nature-nurture' school of thought in raising children; implying that parental intervention and other environmental factors have significant portion in enhancement of child development.

Legacy in this issue, would like to leave behind a message that parents, as opportunity allows, need to be encouraged to have learning habits, by reading or attending training seminars and/or lectures to upgrade their respective knowledge of parenting or nurturing capacity. Because of lack of such knowledge, many homes are in unstable, as teens drop out of home, getting involved in various addictions, hurting themselves and being a cause of sadness to parents. This needs to be curbed, as much as possible.

In general, Legacy's primary focus of ministry is on 'the home', a basic unit of society and church. Therefore, Legacy also has a message for churches so that they can give attention to plan/budget and to carry out 'parenting' seminars in their own context. As supporting structure, Church Denominations, are also expected to give overall leadership in encouraging local churches so that 'parenting' has focal curriculum and that implementation plans placement is ensured. To make the task easier, in-house resource assessment can be done to benefit from Born Again professionals' 'knowledge bank' or relevant human resources that may be in our midst (in our very respective churches & Denominations).

Let us crave for more wisdom to raise godly children.

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Legacy Update

(July 2018 – September 2018)

Third quarter had focus on conducting **Training of Youth Trainers (TOT)** at South Addis Ababa in partnership with Nefas Silk Area Evangelical Churches Fellowship. Total of 14 potential Youth Trainers took

three days training completing with participation certificate. They were from 6 local churches in Nefas Silk area. Training was conducted at Ethiopian Red Cross Training Center from **July 12-14 2018** within International training standard. Content of the training included **Facilitation Skill, Youth Challenges and Possible Solutions, Five Spiritual Pillars of**

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Youth, Work Ethics, Quiet Time, Youth with a Purpose and Starting Family with Decency.

It was concluded with setting of Action plans to trickle down what is gained.



TOT Participants at Ethiopian Red Cross Training Center

As the result in process, trickle down training was implemented by participants from Nefas Silk MKC for young people attending Universities and those in preparatory high school.



TOT Trickle-down Trainees Photo @ Nefas Silk MKC

TOT was also carried out for **University Christian Students' Leaders on Quiet Time at Debre Zeit** in cooperation with EvaSUE during National Leadership Summit. Legacy was allowed to use afternoons of **August 13-16, 2018** (4days) for the purpose. Participants came up with action plans to trickle down what they have got in the training.

More than **190** Christian Students' leaders, from all over the country campuses, benefitted from the TOT and as the result some 20% who were not experiencing QT have made decisions to commence as indicated in their feedbacks. In general, majority have committed to strengthen.



Partial Photo of EvaSUE Participants at QUIET Time Training (Debre Zeit)



Quiet Time Trainees in Session (Partial)

A hand on Training for 50 Leaders, 44 Parents and 67 was conducted in partnership with **Harer Academy Mulu Wongel Church** from **August 24-26, 2018**.

The content for church leaders focused on: 'Ringing bell' messages so that non God fearing generation may not emerge. Content for Parents included **Seven Spiritual Pillars**, preceded by **Biblical Child Raising**, while that for Youth (separate session) covered **Five Spiritual Pillars**, especially prepared for them, preceded by **Youth Challenges & Possible Solutions**. **Starting Family in Decency** was also part of content for youth.

Rooted Youth in Christ can easily stand life Turmoil



Harer Youth Training Participants



**Harer Youth Trainees
(Praying Hand in Hand)**



Harer Leadership 'Bell Wringing' Session

A similar hand on training for **35 leaders, 53 Parents and 161 Youth** was conducted in cooperation with **Hawassa Piassa Mulu Wongel** from **September 21-23, 2018**. Contents are similar to the above except that instead of 'Starting Decent family'; Quiet Time with the Lord was given for Youth.



Hawassa Leadership 'Bell Wringing' Session Participants



Hawassa Parenting Training Participants

One day training was conducted at **Adama Ganda Gara Mulu Wongel** on September 27, 2018. **Seven Spiritual Pillars**, preceded by **Biblical Child Raising**, was delivered at

training. Maximum of **75 attendants** were in session.



Adama Parenting Trainees

Trainees Feedbacks from Nefas Silk Youth Trainers TOT

From Youth TOT at South Addis Ababa

"As candidate of Youth Trainer Trainee, I have gained lot of basic points that need to be trickled down to generations; moreover, I am challenged by diligence observed in the elderly Training Facilitator; for myself, I have learnt to show more diligence, since I am of younger age" (Youth Pastor Trainee from Participating Local Church).

From Quiet Time TOT conducted in cooperation with EvaSUE at D/Zeit

"Quiet Time renews spiritual life; Quiet Time is very important and transforms spiritual life style; Quiet time is a time of intimate Loving relationship with God; My life is empty without God; so Quiet Time helps me to grow more to godliness life" (Various Trainees on Quiet Time)

Trainees feedback from Harer Leaders, Parents, Youth Training (Paraphrased & Translated)

"There are challenges this generation is currently facing but there is hope if we work diligently; the sun has not set" (Church Leaders Training Participants)

Parents Training participants Feedbacks

"I have got a burden to serve the generation as the result of the training"

"I am alerted to minister to succeeding generation, with focus"

"Revolt (not complying with law) is wide spreading in Ethiopia, as the result of our slothfulness in not ministering to children, diligently. Taking this as fallen wall metaphor, I make decision to minister to children"

Children are God's Heritage

Youth training participants Feedbacks

"To help others grow in Christian life, I need to grow; that is what I gained from the training".

"The training has helped me to take personal Quiet Time and reflect..."

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Trainees Feedbacks from Hawassa Leaders, Parents and Youth Training

Hawassa- Quiet Time Youth Training participants

"From this day on, I will have Personal Quiet Time with the Lord" (20% of Training participants who did not have QT before).

"I want to have personal Quiet Time, so that my fellowship with God can be stronger"

"Personal Quiet Time with the Lord is a time of creation of very close intimate relationship with Him"

Trainees feedback from Adama Parents Training Participants

"Genuine Christian life helps a parent to live in revealed lifestyle to lead children in God's way"

"To save a generation from evil one, there is a need to understand that children are gift of God"

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Looking Ahead

Conducting training at Injibara in full package (Leaders, Parents and Youth), taking reflection time on past 3 quarters and closing of the Budget year are the

intentions. Board meeting and documentation of previous activities are part of this, too.

Follow up will be done on previously conducted trainings both at Evangelical Fellowships level and with EvaSUE. In the process cascading down effectiveness are to be checked.

Moreover, it is to be noted that at registration with government (2 years back), there was inclusion of Cultivators' Development & Transformation Center (CDTC). Legacy has began contacting relevant engineers, so that designing can commence. It will be a center where Cultivators of the Mind (Attitude change in holistic aspects) will be shaped through short Training, to be change agents in society transformation. In the long run, it is expected to evolve to Formal Holistic Transformation Education Center.

Crucial generational Issue for Reflection & Conversation

In Ethiopia, sanitation and related poor garbage disposal, is crucial issue, especially in large cities and towns. Though there are sporadic awareness creations to give attention to the issue, by environment activists, government and media, cleanliness culture or habit of detesting garbage still looks remote. This implies that sporadic actions and awareness creation efforts are not sustainable for realization of having clean and green city.



Garbage Photo at Piassa Bus Station (AA - Very Recent/Dec 2018)

Writer of this article presents two cases encountered in December (Addis Ababa) at writing of this issue.

Case 1: Three men (adults) were standing waiting for transport at one of the Squares in Addis. One of the men, in the middle, took out tissue paper, cleaned his nose and threw down the garbage on Asphalt side walk. On about 3-5 meters, there was a mini garbage bin made of steel on sidewalk. The writer of this article paused and apologizing for interruption said 'I would have liked that the tissue paper have been thrown into the garbage bin nearby, instead of throwing on street'. The person immediately reacted, jumping to pick the tissue paper from the ground... (Not sure where it ended up; in pocket or bin)

Case 2: A young lady threw a tissue paper on side walk at near Bus Stop shade. Noting the action, the writer of this article pointed out to the lady the availability of a garbage bin attached to the Bus Stop shade.



Sidewalk Mini Garbage Bin (Underutilized)

She immediately bent down, picked it and threw into the bin prepared for the purpose.



Garbage Bin at Bus Station (Not much noticeable)

The truth of the matter is that such reactive firefighting steps of trying to clean the city will not take us anywhere. Even casual preaching of Municipality Mayor will not take us anywhere. This had been tried many times in the past, especially for Addis, but did not sustain. Sanitation activist (in Addis) had tried to mobilize the Youth in the past to clean up the city of Addis for sometime but it has not sustained.

The writer of this issue recommends that at Family level, a commitment Document is needed as part of family code of conduct. For example, it can read, "No throwing Garbage everywhere" *. Every member of the family can commit to that and be accountable to each other. This can contribute to shaping of 'garbage detesting' children from early age. When this is augmented by educational system and practice, change could be at the door.

There is a need to give attention to create a generation that 'detests garbage'. It should be part of home shaping from early child hood, should be part of school club and continuous media activity. If shaping of small kids is diligently done to love clean and green environment that includes planting of Trees, in 15 – 20 years time, it is a possibility to have clean cities, clean toilets, clean and green beautiful parks, etc. Our rivers will be clean and will no more carry thousands of tons of soil to foreign land.

Dear Readers: Please discuss this issue at coffee ceremony or create Face Book Social Media on how we can best create a culture in generations that can loudly say "I hate garbage!!!".

The saying "There is somebody accountable for every garbage" may help you give force to your conversations.

Appreciation

Legacy International Spiritual Ministry, at this junction, would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude towards Christian Students Fellowships Promoters (SU & EvaSUE), local churches in various parts of the country and Addis Ababa who have opened their doors for partnership to work together.

Children are
Heritage of God;
so need to be
valued

Invitation to Membership

Time is running; we cannot delay more. Legacy invites new members to be part of this historical and timely ministry to redeem the Generation from Evil One. Legacy is registered as interdenominational and Spiritual Ministry. It is non- political entity that promotes Biblical/Christian and Fore fathers positive Values.

A basic criterion for membership is alignment with Our Core Values. Anyone who shares the values can be a non-regular member.

To be a member only 25 Birr per month (USD 25 for Diaspora) is required. It can be sent to Legassi Alem Akef Menfesawi Agelgilot Bank Account # 2600010008458 at Berhan Bank in Ethiopia. Diaspora can visit the web site to donate. In general, special onetime donation or love gift is also encouraged.

Clearly writing donor name and keeping the deposit slip for further recording/follow up is a requirement. The deposit slip can also be sent to P.O Box 192/1070 Addis Ababa or call can be put in place to collect by staff/volunteer.

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