LEGACY BUILDERS 2023

A word from Kristian & Caroline Thorpe

Lead Pastor of Arena Church

Dear friend,

Thank you for taking time to read this brochure. It's heartfelt!

We are in awe of what has been done and what 'we get to do'!

Legacy Builders is a fund that allows people to give generously and sacrificially above their tithes and regular giving. It enables Arena Church to do more, go further, serve greater and travel wider.

There are now dozens of people who are a part of this ministry and we are grateful to you all.
Come with us as we look back and remember the goodness of God and look forward to future victories and expansion. May it inspire some to go again and others to be involved in sowing generously into this fertile ministry

Thank you.

You are loved, valued and appreciated. We pray that "His goodness and mercy will pursue you all the days of your life" Psalm 23:6

Kristian and Caroline
Lead Pastor

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

April 2018 - March 2023

Started as 2020 Vision offering which ran for 3 years from 2018.

2018 LB

Income:-	£104,183
(We received our biggest single gift of £50,000)	
Given to:-	
Church Planting	£17,279
Community Transformation	£12,349
Ministry School	£4,998
World Ministries and Partnerships	£1,757
Total given in 2018	£36,383
(£67,800 carried forward to 2019)	

2019 LB

Income:-	£77,396
(Plus income brought forward from 2018)	
Given to:-	
Church Planting	£86,834
(launch of four campuses)	
Community Transformation	£16,542
Ministry School	£15,225
Total given in 2019	£118,601
(£26,595 carried forward to 2020)	
(Missions giving - Extra giving through our tithe fund in 2019)	

2020 LB

Income:-	£32,282
(Plus income brought forward from 2019)	
Given to:-	
Campus Development and Planting	£10,000
Community Transformation	£24,877
Ministry School	£19,000
Worldwide Partnerships	£5,000
Total given in 2020	£58,877

In 2021 we rebranded to our Legacy Fund.

2021 LB

Income:-	£67,145
Given to:-	
Community Transformation	£20,000
Campus Development	£12,145
Ministry School	£30,000
Worldwide Ministries	£5,000
Total given in 2021	£67,145

2022 LB

Income:-	£54,783
Given to:-	
Mission India *(Church planting in North East India)*	£8,500
Campus Development *(strengthen and support for Toulouse, Nottingham, Belper and The Hub)*	£20,000
Ministry School	£9,777
Community Work and Outreach	£16,506
Total given in 2022 *(a further £10,000 was given through Legacy for a specific need which is not included in this figure)*	£54,783

TOTAL INCOME OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS: £335,789

TOTAL GIVEN INTO COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION, CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT/PLANTING, WORLD MISSIONS AND MINISTRY SCHOOL: £335,789

BREAKDOWN OVER 5 YEARS:

• Community Transformation and Outreach	£90,274
• Campus Development and Planting *(launch of four campuses in 2019)*	£146,258
• Ministry School	£79,000
• World Missions	£20,257

(This figure is International Missions giving which is above and beyond what we already give every month through our giving and our tithe fund - this tithe giving amount is reported at our Vision Day annually. On top of this amount we give to local and national missions through our giving)

YOU ARE
WELCOME!
SUNDAY AT 7PM
SERVE DAY

THE 4 LEGS OF LEGACY BUILDERS

1. Local Community Support and Outreach

2. World Partnerships

3. Church Planting and Campus Development (including Training and Equipping)

4. Ministry Centre and Arena Ministry School

We take the picture of a 4 legged chair. The legs provide purpose to the seat and act as a stable foundation! Much like our Legacy Builders Ministry which provides 4 key areas we give into. These provide a framework for us to intentionally give into the following areas:

1. Local Community Support and Outreach

Sowing locally to alleviate poverty and to support the most vulnerable, broken and often most disenfranchised communities and people.

- Across the East Midlands region and into France, Toulouse we provide relief from poverty and hardship through foodbanks and clubs, hot meals, clothing, white goods and furniture. Serving people's basic needs. We partner with over 50 agencies, have a volunteer and staff team of over 80 people each week and serve over 5000 per month in Belper, Ilkeston, Mansfield and Nottingham.
- Partnering with local agencies to serve people in prison and those who are homeless through washing, shower and laundry facilities. Accommodation is offered through houses and sleeping bags and tents are made available too.
- Serving children in schools and working with social services and others to provide uniforms, meals, children's clubs, clothes and support for the families.

2. World Partnerships

Sowing into key relationships with men and women who are serving in other countries and continents in church planting, serving the poor, work amongst children and training.

Many of our partners serve in very complexed and difficult contexts. Some of these suffer discrimination, abuse and danger for the sake of the gospel. They rely on our prayers and support to carry the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

ALBANIA

The worker we support here is Rachel Wilson. Rachel has sowed into this nation for over twenty years, particularly with a heart for Children's ministry. Seeking to see an emerging generation know the good news of Jesus.

GREECE

Fakhrodin and Rodica Shafaati have recently relocated from Germany to the Greek city of Thessaloniki. Their desire is to reach Iranians no longer living in their homeland. Here is a large Farsi-speaking community they will be able to minister to.

FRANCE

Patrick and Lucile Nana-Gassa Gonga – A Campus of Arena Church but also a missions context. They are believing for a great prevailing church to emerge in Toulouse in SW France.

INDIA

Mission India supports 5 church planters and their families in Assam, North East India. They reached 2,950 families, 598 committed to following Jesus and new 9 churches were planted.

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors is an international ministry supporting persecuted Christians and Churches worldwide. Numbers of whom have to live out their faith in secret. Our heart in pray and giving is to express solidarity with those found in these immensely challenging situations.

KENYA

Some years ago Arena Church cemented a relationship with Compassion International. This has enabled many people in the church to sponsor a child by monthly contribution. The young people are based in Mugumo Village in Kenya, and we believe each one will fulfil their God-ordained destiny in life.

NAMIBIA

Sandu and Marinela Maghiar are a young couple with two children who are Romanian yet following God's call to the African nation of Namibia. They are particularly involved in Church Planting and Christian Education.

ROMANIA

Here we partner with Pastor Ghita Ritisan, the founder and leader of APME (External Pentecostal Missions Agency) one of the fastest growing missions groups in the world over the last decade, with now over seventy full-time workers in many varied contexts.

SLOVAKIA

Pastor Stefan Pap is a long standing associate of Arena Church. Stefan's passion is Teaching and Training. He travels many thousands of miles each year to numbers of Eastern European nations. At this time he is particularly helping Roma Community church leaders.

3. Church Planting and Campus Development (including Training and Equipping)

To finance the planting of new campuses and churches through Arena Church and our Moving Forward Partnership. The greatest form of evangelism and kingdom influence in our world is through the planting of new churches. Millions of people have never heard.

- Planting, supporting and establishing of the 4 new campuses in Belper, Ilkeston (Hub), Nottingham and Toulouse, France. Continued financial support for the pastors and the outreach ministries.
- For a war chest to develop so that we can again plant more campuses across the East Midlands (5.2 million people) and other campuses in Toulouse, France (1.2 million people France's 4th largest city)
- Moving Forward Partnership - presently as of 2023 we have 13 churches in partnership with Arena Church. Into our future as we work together we would like to see more churches planted and ministries birthed from this relational group that we could invest into.

Training and Equipping

To identify, train, equip and resource leaders and ministers to be influential in their worlds.

The passion is to train, equip and release people to become Kingdom Influencers in every area of their lives.

4. Ministry Centre Building update

A building was purchased in Ilkeston in 2019 that we are converting into a ministry centre that will enable further training of Ministry Leaders and Pastors. This building will also enable us to train and equip many more in the work of the ministry. It will now also provide a home for our Community Ilkeston Hub and Ilkeston Foodbank.

This is the work that has been completed so far:-

New Roof and Guttering	£19,518
Removal of Roof	£3,900
Management Fees	£1,224
Doors and Windows	£25,200
Electrics so far	£1800
Total spent so far	***£51,642***
Total left from Legacy Giving	***£27,358***

With the ever increasing costs it is estimated that the cost to complete the building will be around £85,000 which includes electrics, plumbing, heating, flooring, building a kitchen area, storage areas, all sanitary ware, new disabled toilet.

We are thankful for the thousands of pounds that are saved through the work of volunteers but there are certain key areas which we do need the necessary trades for. We are also speaking to various businesses to help provide their financial support or business expertise to complete the building whilst also applying for funding through our volunteer funding team.

TESTIMONIES
of Legacy Giving in 2022

£64,783 total given in 2022

We set a goal of £105,000 and we saw £64,783 given even in the midst of the uncertainty of financial markets and cost of living crisis. £10,000 of this money was given to meet a specific need which is beyond these four areas of giving.

The impact this money has had upon many lives and families is wonderful.

Read the following amazing stories...

In 2022 we invested £8500 into Mission India. This was to support 5 Indian Pastors for one year to plant a church that was in the NE of India near Assam. See what the UK Director said:

Andy Milligan - UK Director, Mission India

> "Thank you for your faithful partnership over the past year. Jesus' love worked miracles across India, and your gift helped empower our partners to share that love. Through your support 5 Church planters were trained and equipped and they reached 2,950 families, 598 committed to following Jesus and 9 new churches were planted. And this is just the beginning! These 5 Church Planters are now equipped for a lifetime of ministry. They will continue to grow these new churches and reach many more of their neighbours. Thank you so much for your passion and desire to help fulfill the Great Commission! It is truly a blessing to partner with you and transform India through the love of Christ."

Lisa Harrison - Arena Community Pastor

"When we talk about Arena Community we talk about 5 communities across the 5 locations of our Arena Church campuses. The Legacy offering is crucial to the work and outreach we do within these communities. Across the locations we impact these communities in a variety of ways, each way depending on the needs of that community.
Here are just some of the ways we serve and impact those communities:

- In Mansfield we operate a Food Club and Care for a Coffee support group
- In Ilkeston we operate a Foodbank, furniture programmes and support for the homeless
- In Nottingham we work with students and the homeless, and have put in a shower room with a washer and dryer
- In Belper we work with families and local schools
- We do house and garden restorations
- We do play area restorations at schools
- We do as much as we can while we can

The Legacy offering helps us restore homes, gardens, schools and most importantly lives. On behalf of the thousands that benefit from any of the services we provide, thank you. We couldn't do it without you."

Arena Church Toulouse - L'Eglise Arena

"Through our Legacy Fund we are able to support Patrick and Lucile and the small team in planting a life-giving church in Toulouse, France. From small beginnings we are making an impression, as L'Eglise Arena serves practically, gathers in groups and on Sundays, and reaches young professionals, students, immigrants and children. This is all made possible through Legacy Builders. We are in faith to build a Church of hundreds in France for the glory of God!"

Jonathan & Annie Kirk - Arena Church Nottingham Campus Pastors

"Without the incredible generosity from our Legacy partners, the campus plant in Nottingham would not have happened. With the restoration of an old and pretty much unused building, we are now able to restore lives and realise potential (GOLD) in many lives, that otherwise would not have been. We've been able to bless children at Easter and Christmas, many of which would have not been otherwise. The connections we have made in Nottingham with local businesses, charities, and members of the public, who are becoming aware of the love Jesus has for them, again would not have happened. Eternity will tell the difference your sacrificial giving has made. I'm all for investments on this earth, but this is the best investment that you and your family could have made!"

Phil Pye - Ministry School and Moving Forward

"Arena Ministry School has become firmly embedded into the life of the first part of the year across Arena. The conclusion of the 2023 school will have seen forty-four students complete the course over the years it has been held. Legacy giving creates legacy impact! Who knows what God will do with lives that have already committed to this season of teaching and training? And those yet to come! The casting of our seed goes way beyond our natural understanding, producing fruit that is both spiritual and eternal. Thank you"

"The Moving Forward Partnership started with a germ of an idea rooted in vision. Could we create a safe, empowering, instructing and encouraging environment for church pastors and leaders to come to and connect in friendship and relationship on a regular basis? The answer has proved to be a resounding affirmative yes! Periodically across the year leaders gather, travelling not inconsiderable distances to do so. The group is growing in every way, marked by some outstanding 'together times' and ongoing connection and communication. Arena Church supports this through Legacy. I could not put a price on the part you have made in this ongoing journey, but it is so much more than anyone could imagine or think. Big Thanks."

SO NOW TO TODAY

Our desire is always to seek to apply passion and vision into the outreach and ministries around Arena Church and Community. With our Legacy Giving we can see further, reach wider and continue in our mission to ***go, grow, love and serve our world.***

In 2023, our year of 'WE GET TO' we are thankful that we get to partner together again in our Legacy Fund; to do above and beyond what is possible because of your giving. As we do what we can we trust God will do what only HE can.

This year we again are looking to give into our 4 key areas:-

1. Worldwide Missions Giving - Church Planting in India

As we continue to sow monthly into our local, national and international missions through our tithe giving we also seek to financially support the work of Mission India:-

Specifically we wish to support 5 New Pastors who each, along with their family, plant up to 10 churches.

£1700 per person per annum = £8500

2. Arena Ministry Centre and School

Whilst continuing to work with volunteers, local businesses and our funding team to complete this building project, which we are hopeful can provide towards the cost to complete; **we require around £58,000.**

The building will be used for our Ministry School - training leaders of today and tomorrow, leaving a legacy for decades

to come. The building will also be used to create a ministry base for our community along with portable offices; we will be launching Care for a Coffee in Ilkeston, running Kids and Seniors events and housing our ever growing media ministry and team.

3. Community Outreach

This support will provide the financial resources needed for launching after school programs and Care for a Coffee in Ilkeston, Shower Hour and laundry facilities in Nottingham and seed money to launch Supported Living accommodation at our Mansfield Campus. Whilst establishing the ongoing Parent and Tots work in Belper, we are hoping to be able to further develop our work with schools. Whilst this work will exceed our Legacy giving **we seek to invest £24,000 through our Legacy 2023 Fund.**

4. Campus Development and Future Church Planting

Our heart and desire is to start to raise a "war chest fund" that allows us to start planning and thinking about future church plants. Currently, this is not possible. However, with your Legacy giving we can start to plan further into areas we feel God is leading us into. We also wish to continue to invest into our four developing campuses (Belper, Nottingham, Toulouse and The Hub). This enables us to strengthen and support these campuses financially as they seek to grow.

We are believing for £40,000 to assist in this area

Your financial giving supports pastors, teams and ministry outreach costs.

In total we are believing for: £130,500

A word regarding

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Whilst we endeavour to teach biblical principles regarding giving throughout the year we never aim to be constantly talking about money. To that end we take 2 special offerings through church each year; this giving is beyond our tithes and offerings.

1. Legacy

This is shared each year at our Vision Day.

2. Christmas Giving

Last year we gave away thousands of pounds through our Christmas giving for the most vulnerable, hurting and in need in our communities. Those who, without this extra giving, may not receive gifts and food at Christmas time. We will aim to launch this appeal in September/October which creates an opportunity for an additional offering to come specifically for Christmas.

This is because we have many local partners and businesses, who are not from a church background, who assist with our Christmas giveaways. Also for many, to think about Christmas giving in Spring time is just too soon. We want to always ensure transparency and this paragraph highlights this need which we will announce later in the year when more information will be available at that time.

What's the point of dreaming small?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DREAM,

DREAM BIG!

Will you dream with me? But will you also sow with me?

Me, my family and our team have sown financially and sacrificially as have so many others. Will you continue to do so, but will others arise who may have not done so before? You may be new to Arena, may have recently given your life to Jesus but will YOU help us with this great mission?

HERE
TO
SERVE

FAQ'S

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Legacy Builders in short?
This is an annual fund that we will look to create that will enable Arena Church to lay foundations and sow seeds into our future, creating a legacy for generations to come.

How can I get involved?
By prayerfully considering pledging or giving to this fund each year.

What happens if there is a surplus?
We desire to create a margin that would allow us to do so much more in these key areas. The more we give the more we are able to sow into ministry locally, nationally and across the world.

Who administers the fund?
The fund is administered by the Financial Team of Arena Church and the accountant auditors of Arena Church. It will be set aside as restricted funding for these areas only.

How can I give?
You can give weekly, monthly, annually or in whatever frequency you would like but please ensure when you give that you clearly mark on the envelope or on your online payment "Legacy" so that we can ensure this money is restricted for this purpose.

One off gift - £100 / £250 / £500 / £1,000
Monthly gift - £10 / £25 / £50 / £100
Business gift - £1,000 / £5,000 / £10,000

FAQ'S

Frequently Asked Questions:

Example:-
If 50 people gave £100p/m and another 100 people gave £50p/m we would see £120,000 given in one year!

The easiest way to give is to set up a standing order if you are able. The bank details for this purpose are:-
Account: Arena Church
Sort Code: 40-25-29
Account No: 61477196
Reference: Legacy

Can I Gift Aid on this amount?
Yes. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid of 25%, which means £100,000 from UK taxpayers gives us a massive £25,000 extra! Please complete an online Gift Aid form at www.arenachurch.co.uk/giftaid.

Can I give through my business?
Over the years we have also had a number of business owners who have wanted to sow into the fund from their businesses. This is possible and a very efficient way of giving.

We are a registered charity and you are able to give from your profits to Arena Church Legacy Builders, thus making you more tax efficient.

This can be done weekly, monthly, or as a one-off. Please speak to your accountant or financial adviser for further guidance with this.

The generosity of businesses and business people has really swelled the fund and has helped us to achieve our goals. We love our business people and we are grateful for many who sow generously, knowing it's not just individuals but also businesses that are making a difference.

Finally, Caroline and I would like to thank you Legacy Builders!

THANK YOU

Your generosity and service do not go unnoticed...
You are all champions!

Thank you for leveraging your resources for something bigger, greater and more powerful than we can even comprehend. Your giving and generosity will be a testimony for generations to come! Thank you and let's begin this good work (Nehemiah 2:17).

Kristian and Caroline Thorpe.

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