



**LEGACY BUILDERS 2022**



## **A word from Kristian and Caroline Thorpe**

*Lead Pastor of Arena Church*

Dear Friend,

Over the past 4 years (April 2018-April 2022) we have collectively given over £300,000 through our 2020 offering and now through Legacy Builders.

This has been wisely invested into; our locations, our buildings, practically serving 100's of families and 1000's of people, leadership training, world partnership ministries across many continents and countries, and ministry expansion. To God be the glory.

This has not been done from 1000's of people in a city location, but from 100's of people in unknown locations!

Proverbs 29:18 says that “Without a vision people perish,” or another version says “without a compelling vision people cast off restraint”. People wander aimlessly. Vision is powerful but when we get a God Vision this becomes unstoppable!

Legacy Builders is centered around people who have grasped a God given vision and are willing to plant significant ADDITIONAL finance into the vision that will leave a legacy in people for decades to come!

Thank you for your partnership with us in this Legacy Builders ministry. You will see an update of what was achieved and where the money was invested over the next few pages.

However, I also would ask that you would consider joining with us in this valuable life changing ministry.

Can I be bold? Would you consider giving as you have done previously or for some give even more! We will need around £100,000 this year so an additional £30,000 on last year. This will enable us to not only maintain what we are presently doing but also do so much more!

I’ve had the privilege and joy of sitting with numbers of very Godly senior and seasoned Church leaders. Numbers of them are now elderly and even some have been promoted to glory! Every time I asked them this question I received the same few answers.

I asked “If you had your time again in Christian ministry, what would you do differently?”

Their answers... “I would take more risks, I would push the limits of faith more, I would pray more, I would

give more, I would spend more time discipling and training leaders, I would be more courageous.”

Lets not live with the same regrets or thoughts of what could have been.

We still have time!

So let’s sow, give, plant and pray. Believing for people, lives, families, communities and nations to be changed by Jesus; knowing that we played our part!

We love and appreciate you all and again we thank you for standing with us as we plant the seeds of Legacy!

If I can help you in any way or you have any questions then please feel free to reach out to me!

Take courage,  
Kristian and Caroline.

***WHAT HAS BEEN  
ACCOMPLISHED  
OVER THE LAST  
4 YEARS?***

## Building Spaces + Resources

Significant investment into building spaces within our campuses that have facilitated the launch of new ministry outreaches. One example of this is the new kitchen in Mansfield / Food Club storage and space that has allowed Care for a Coffee and Food Club to launch and thrive.

Purchase of a minibus that is used for our kids and youth ministry, plus our community ministry uses this vehicle to transport our supported living residents for invaluable days out!



# World Partnerships

## **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.

## **Albania-**

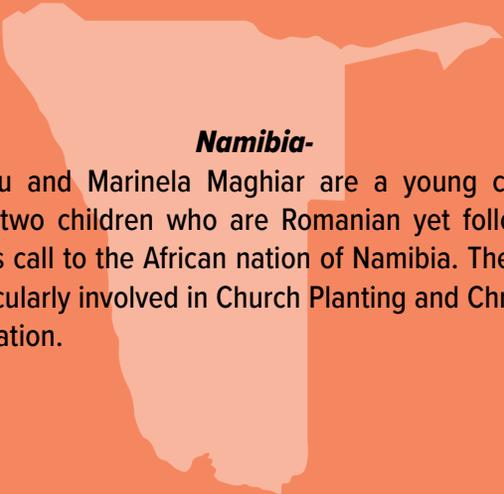
The worker we support here is Rachel Wilson. Rachel has sowed into this nation for over twenty years, particularly with a heart for Children's ministry. Seeking to see an emerging generation know the good news of Jesus.

## **France-**

Patrick and Lucile Nana-Gassa Gongu – 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

## **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 Ritsan, 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.

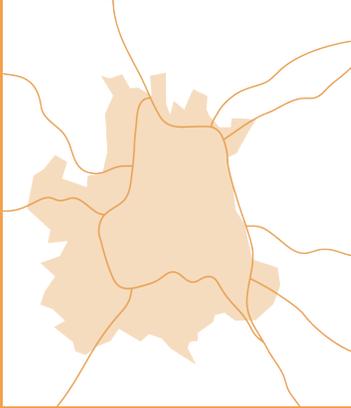


***Slovakia-***

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.

# Campus Planting

*Toulouse, France*



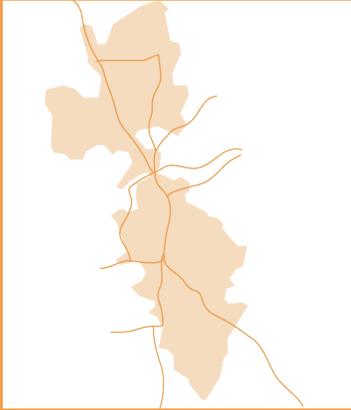
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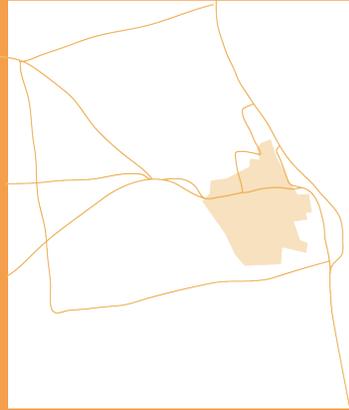
## **Planting of Toulouse Campus**

Support to Patrick and Lucile planting a new church in France and also support for their work amongst immigrants, children and youth. They also are teaching English lessons and providing food.

*Ilkeston Hub*



*Nottingham*



## **Planting of Belper, Hub and Nottingham**

All 3 are still fledgling works with all 3 averaging 20 people but all are planted in communities and in geographical areas that Jesus wants to bring his light. All of these locations are serving their locations practically in small ways and are looking to grow and serve more people in the days ahead.



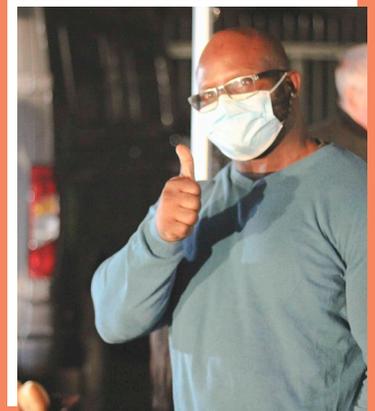
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## ***Moving Forward and Arena Ministry School***

Supporting other church leaders in the UK through Moving Forward Partnership. Ilkeston is the central point for the gathering and we love, encourage, support and help these pastors. There are about 12 churches connected, providing valuable insight, input and resources. We buy them books and training materials that help them in their localities! Many are in pioneer or revitalizing scenarios that need help!

Investment into the Arena Ministry School, building and training. In the recent years we've trained 33 students and many are thriving in existing and new ministry opportunities.

We have 75% of the total refurbishment cost in hand. This has allowed us to put in new electrics, roof, windows and services.

# ***Arena Community***

I would simply point you to our Arena Community website [arenacommunity.co.uk](http://arenacommunity.co.uk) and video [arenacommunity.co.uk/video](http://arenacommunity.co.uk/video). This will show you the impact that Legacy Builders is having as it pours thousands of pounds into our local communities. Serving the poor, elderly, lonely, forgotten, hurting, vulnerable, rejected and confused of society. It is a source of help particularly at Christmas through hampers, chocolates, toys, dinner boxes and gifts. Our Community work provides places of refuge, homes for ex-prisoners, support for one parent families and hope for the hopeless. It really is a ministry of Jesus!

Your £300,000 has stretched, and through wise stewarding, favour from authorities and businesses and thousands of volunteer hours, this amount could be doubled when considering the real cost of impact!

I hope you will agree we have wisely invested into what God told us to do!



*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

**ACTS 1:8**

# ***LEGACY STORIES***

Stories from people from Arena and beyond about how the Legacy fund has impacted them and their ministry.

## ***Christine Austin - Seniors***

The Legacy giving has enabled us to support Seniors through the pandemic by running the Buddies befriending group, sending cards and gifts and giving practical help. It was so good to be able to run the Harvest Festival in September plus the Seniors Christmas party and Carol Service in December. Our Seniors are always so grateful and blessed by the generosity Arena Church shows them.

Thank you so much for partnering with us through your giving!

## ***Josh Turner - Mansfield Campus***

Legacy builders has enabled us to keep our community outreach moving forward. It has given us the opportunity to open a new Food Club which is already blessing those in our community. I know that the faithful giving of Arena Church will mean that future generations will reap the blessing of what we are sowing now.

## ***Andi Richardson - Arena Church Board***

One of the principle aims of the Arena Church Board is to leave a healthy, thriving, growing church in perpetuity for future generations.

‘Blessed is he who plants trees under whose shade he will never sit’ is not in the Bible but is true nevertheless. I prefer Jeremiah 29:5 ‘Plant gardens and eat the fruit’. That’s planning for longevity AND fruitfulness.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the board is knowingly sowing for a harvest we will likely never see, and our joy is seeing Christians coming to maturity in their understanding of the power of giving. You see when a mature Christian gives, it is always from a position of reflecting the goodness and grace of God on our lives which is always for the benefit of the recipient!

## ***Elliott Gilbert - Business Owner***

Hi guys, it’s a pleasure to share my experience on being a part of the Legacy Builders!

I’ve owned my own business for approx 5 years, but have been around great businessmen my whole life. During my time in business I’ve always strived to give of my best in all ways, but since reading the “kingdom builders” my vision and purpose has become a whole lot clearer! Personally there is no better purpose than for me to financially push the kingdom and to continuously be blessed to be a blessing to others.

In the kingdom builders it says “the real risk is to go through life and play it safe”. I will continuously strive to take wise risks to experience the blessings I can make on the kingdom.

The importance to starting now and not when you’re “rich” is so important as it’s not to do with the amount you give but the heart of generosity. I’d say take that risk, take a big gulp and step into the generosity of giving!

## ***Phil Pye - Arena Ministry School***

You will be aware that one of the major thrusts of Legacy Giving is to enable and empower the training of men and women of all ages in ministry and leadership, one of the primary expressions of this being the Arena Ministry School, now in it's third year.

Your ongoing committed giving will allow the continual renovation of a building we own to become a fit for purpose training centre. Perhaps even more importantly, seeds are being sown in people to bring greater depth of faith and destiny of purpose that has the potential to touch the generations to come. Thank you.

## ***Sandu & Marinela Maghiar - World Partnerships (Missionaries to Namibia)***

Dear Arena Church,

We know that God keeps His promise to take care of His children (Luke 12:22-27) and in our case, He used you to do so.

Your commitment to give to the ministry in Namibia through the APME for yet another year (2021) has enabled us to continue the work we are doing by His grace in this country. Your donations have contributed towards ministry expenses that we have in the work with the San (Khwe) communities, in sustaining the Preschool we opened in the town of Katima Mulilo and in the teaching and ministry we are doing in the town of Walvis Bay, in the 'House of Prayer' church.

We are grateful for you and honoured to have been chosen as receivers of your monthly gifts. We pray that God bless you and keep you, just as He promised (Numbers 6:24).

## ***Paul Sherwin - Moving Forward***

Over the past year we at Gateway Church in Leek have continued to be part of the moving forward partnership with the wonderful people at Arena.

This is an invaluable resource for us, helping us to repurpose our church and move things forward into a new season. 2021 saw us have our first church conference in over a decade and our connections with Arena Church was a fantastic resource for us to draw on, and both Kristian and Phil were valued contributors into our conference and our church as we forge ahead.

Thanks for all your generosity.

## ***Lisa Harrison - Arena Community***

At Arena Community the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. The need is great. Food poverty is great. Child poverty is great. Addiction, homelessness, and depression are just a few of the problems we face daily in the needs of our community.

Men and women in prison, some go in as young adults and will be released when they are middle aged. This is sad BUT because of you, because of Legacy Builders, we are able, even with a small team, to reach out and help these people and children. We are able to alleviate their hardship in practical ways such as supplying food, clothes, nappies, toys and so much more.

We hope to help break some of these cycles so that they may leave their children a better legacy. Without your help this would not be possible, so please keep being a Legacy Builder.

On behalf of all the people you help, thank you.

## ***Patrick and Lucile - Toulouse Campus***

This year, 2021, has been very challenging in many ways. We thought at first that the pandemic was a real obstacle for the advancement of Arena church in Toulouse. Zoom is a good tool to compensate for the church building for a while, but God never intended for the church behind the screen to become the new normal for His bride.

When the government decided to calm down the measures against Covid, we took this opportunity to re-open the church building. Since September 2021 we have gained around 20 people. We could definitely say that even if the building is closed the church is open. The gospel of Jesus Christ is still in action thanks to His Holy Spirit. He cannot be bound. Therefore there is some good in the midst of a pandemic.

Arena Church Toulouse loves the fact that, as a church with multiple campuses, we have this desire to give everything to the next generation. The legacy vision helped us to run our biggest service ever for Christmas 2021. We had 150 in a theatre of 120 seats. The room was packed. Many unbelievers came to listen to Christmas carols and the word of God. We are so grateful to be blessed by Legacy Vision.

## ***Proverbs 11:24-26 MSG***

*24 The world of the generous gets larger and larger;  
the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.*

*25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;  
those who help others are helped.*

*26 Curses on those who drive a hard bargain!  
Blessings on all who play fair and square!*

***SO NOW! TODAY...***

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We simply want to continue to support and strengthen all of the above.

God spoke to us in 2020 about a Year of Establishing. We want to continue to establish all the mission of the church whilst also continuing to fuel new vision. The needs are endless and growing, the opportunities that we have are significant but we need financial resources.

### ***Church Planting in India***

Specifically, we would like to continue our World Missions Partnerships but also we would like to be able to newly partner with Mission India as they train and support church planters.

For £1700 per year we can financially support a pastor and family as he plants up to 10 new churches. This support also includes all ministry support that he needs for resources and rent! Could we support 5 new pastors at £1700 p/a = £8500

This would mean overall our Worldwide Missions given from Arena Church would be into tens of thousands of pounds invested across the world.

We want to finish the renovation of the Arena Ministry School. This is a Legacy Building that will train hundreds for decades. We need £40,000 to finish the school. This will also be used to train and serve pastors in their vision of bringing change and light to every village, town and city.



We want to continue to support our invaluable community work. They need support and help to the amount of £25,000 . This will help us do all the above and some more!

To invest an additional £32,000 into the 4 campuses (Toulouse, Nottingham, Belper, Hub). This will enable us to continue to strengthen them and support them as they grow into numerical strength and financial health. They will be aided in vision to reach kids, families, young people, seniors.

***In total we are  
believing for:  
£105,500***

***Have you ever sat down and asked yourself this question:  
WHAT DO I WANT MY FUTURE TO LOOK LIKE?***

I have! I have asked this personally and also for our church.

What do I want our church to look like in the future? You see, what we do now, the decisions we make today, determine our future. We are storing up, planting seeds and sowing, sometimes in barren places, but we know that God's word will not return void. I am believing for Arena Church to continue to grow, multiply, and be strengthened. For it to serve, touch and reach the generations. For us to impact and minister to the poor and broken. For us to train, empower and facilitate hundreds of leaders and churches in the days ahead that make an impact across the world!

This will only happen through the generous sowing of money, faithful and consistent partnering and serving from many who will feel the gulp but still step in!

*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?

My family and I 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!

# 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

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](http://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.

# ***THANK YOU!***

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

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

You are 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).

Love you loads,

Kristian and Caroline Thorpe  
Lead Pastor  
On behalf of Arena Church Leadership.



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