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Legacy World Missions Announces Legacy Village & Academy An Innovative and Cooperative Community

DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA—Legacy World Missions announces plans to build Legacy Village & Academy, an inclusive community catering to orphaned and vulnerable women and children in Uganda. With more than 2.5 million orphans in Uganda today, there's a critical need for safe and nurturing environments to provide education and social development for Uganda's most vulnerable generation.

The self-sustaining Legacy Village will offer family-style housing in cottages, a community garden, multifaith worship center and wellness clinic, all in a safe, protective environment. Based on the Seven Pillars of Legacy World Missions—Discipline, Respect, Industry, Cooperation, Spirituality, Common Pride and Altruism—Legacy Village will strive to meet the educational, physical, spiritual and intellectual needs of resident students, staff, guests and visitors by addressing the growth of the individual holistically. The adjacent Academy will feature an integrated, holistic approach to education, combining vocational training with academic programs and arts education designed to prepare kids to succeed. With the goal of fostering confident, creative and positive citizens, Legacy Village & Academy is designed to bring positive change to Uganda, Africa and the world by teaching people to take change with them into their communities.

Mothers and Aunties: A Family Approach

The heart of the Legacy Village campus, the Mothers and Aunties collection of cottages will be arranged among landscaped walkways. Each cottage will be home to a Mother—vulnerable women, widowed by war or disease, charged with the task of caring for eight to ten children in her cottage. Each home will feature sleeping quarters for the children, a kitchen, dining table seating ten, and a living room for socialization, homework, study and togetherness. Aunties, other women at the Legacy Village, will assist the Mothers with childcare, cooking, housekeeping and emotional support, allowing the Mothers time for medical care, meal planning, reflection and peace each week. The Legacy Village Mothers and Aunties model seeks to avoid traditional institutional orphanage care by pairing parentless children with qualified nurturing women, creating lifelong parent/child bonds for the welfare and success of the children so in need of adult care and support. Additionally, the Mothers and Aunties themselves will gain a powerful sense of personal value and accomplishment, responsible for the care and success of a household and the family within. With the support and guidance of legacy staff, the Mothers and Aunties will raise well-adjusted children with lifelong ties to their foster parents and siblings.

Legacy Marketplace and Café: A Showcase of Skills and Talents

Featuring the finest products of the Legacy Village craft and artisanal programs, the Legacy Market and Café will offer items handmade by the Legacy community: fine embroidered linens produced by the needlework and fiber arts program, baskets woven in the traditional style for which Uganda is famous, jewelry, fine art, textiles and other crafts. Adjacent to the gift shop, the Café will offer dine-in meals as well as brown-bag and picnic lunches for patrons attending events at the Amphitheatre. Pairing a creative culinary program with local, seasonal and organic foods, the Legacy Café will offer casual and elegant dining while serving as a training facility for culinary students, teaching a marketable skill while encouraging creativity and self-sufficiency.

Legacy Academy: Education for All

As Uganda industrializes and moves forward, well-educated young Ugandans will lead the way. Legacy Village will provide a balanced, comprehensive education in a unique environment. With an educational mission geared toward producing students who are both proud of their African heritage and aware of the worldwide community, ready to help usher Uganda into the global economy. The Legacy School will host programs specializing in the fine arts, African culture, economics and premedicine.

At the primary level, Legacy Academy will offer progressive, inclusive education for the children of Legacy Village as well as those from the surrounding community. Tuition for non-resident students will be determined on a need-based sliding scale with scholarships available to those most in need. The educational model will be creative and holistic, combining traditional curricula with creative techniques for learning, including music, dance and arts, encouraging problem-solving, self-discovery, teamwork, compassion and fostering a desire to learn. With modern classrooms featuring desks and blackboards as well as facilities for group learning and library and computer resources, the Legacy Primary School will also feature a Commons for meeting space and social lunches, encouraging the student body to develop both intellectually and socially.

At the secondary level, Legacy Academy will offer traditional college preparatory academics as well as vocational education. Capitalizing on Uganda's status as an emerging economy, Legacy Academy will produce graduates with marketable skills in the culinary arts, hospitality and construction arts. Using the Village as a hands-on classroom, each vocational student will graduate with a certificate from a fully accredited program, allowing them to leverage their education for earning capacity.

Legacy Clinic: A Resource for Wellness

The Legacy Clinic will offer healthcare for the Legacy Village residents as well as the surrounding community on a need-based fee structure. Staffed with skilled nurses and monitored by physicians, the Clinic services will include immunization and treatment of common sub-Saharan illnesses as well as support and education for mothers and families regarding childhood disease and nutrition. The Legacy Clinic facility will house meeting space for wellness classes and the Legacy Village administrative offices, located on the second floor.

Legacy Hostel: Safety for Students

As Legacy Village children grow and come of age, they'll be prepared with the skills and resources to make their way in Ugandan society, beginning careers and continuing their education at the university level. The Legacy Hostel, located at the rear of the campus will offer those students in transition with safe and comfortable living quarters as they study or start jobs, allowing them to save their earnings and begin their journey toward independence, as well as offering low-cost sleeping quarters to traveling students from abroad. Like every other program housed at Legacy Village, the Hostel will be run on a cooperative model, expecting students to assist with household chores in exchange for housing. Each Hostel guest will receive guidance and support from Legacy staff as they make their transition and become independent citizens, living and working in an improving Uganda.

Legacy Bed & Breakfast: Comfort, Safety and Education

The Bed & Breakfast will offer lodging built to meet the accessibility standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act for tourists enjoying Uganda's national parks and volunteer vacationers spending time within the Legacy community. The Bed & Breakfast will be staffed and managed by students in the Hospitality program under guidance from experienced hotel managers. As the American and European baby boomer generation retires, they often stay active in philanthropy and volunteering abroad. The Legacy Bed & Breakfast will offer comfortable lodging to volunteer vacationers, including the disabled and elderly who wish to bring their skills and life experience to the Legacy & Academy.

Botanical Garden: Heart and Soul of Legacy

At the center of the Legacy Village campus, surrounded by the school, cottages, restaurant and clinic will sit the Botanical Garden, a retreat for reflection and self-discovery. Designed in a modified European style and featuring the stunning beauty of native African plants and flowers and a classical amphitheatre, the Legacy Botanical Garden will be a haven of peace amidst the activity of Legacy Village. The Garden will serve many functions: an attraction for travelers, an outdoor performing arts center, a resource for the Café and culinary program, an open classroom for students who will learn to care for and identify plant species, the animals and insects they feed and attract and how each living thing is a crucial part of its delicate environment.

Founded by Pastor Gary and Kathy Warner, Legacy World Missions is a faith-based charitable organization, committed to the non-denominational, non-evangelical mission of helping the most vulnerable of God's children without regard to race or faith. We do this by identifying the most immediate needs of existing children's homes, schools and outreach ministries and helping to fill those gaps, increasing their ability to reach Uganda's orphaned and vulnerable children. We use an extensive network of partner organizations to effectively deliver food, clothing, school supplies, bed nets and medications directly to those who need it the most.