



An Invitation

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Legacy
DREAM BARN

This is your invitation to journey with us,
in whatever way you can, to see the completion of
Legacy Dream Barn, which we envisage as the next stage
in the development of our 'Legacy Leadership' ministry.

We would love to tell you a bit of the story so far
and invite you to join with us in seeing the dream fulfilled.

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VISION

To provide a safe, calm and beautiful space for people in kingdom leadership, church, charity and business; a place where dreams can be realised and long forgotten prayers may be resurrected.

We anchor our vision on two scriptures God has given us:



And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:28



But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son” - a prayer which may well have been long since forgotten.

Luke 1:13



Just a 20-minute drive from the delightful, historic town of Bury St Edmunds, Mill House is a 400-year-old timber framed cottage set in the rural Suffolk countryside on the edge of the village of Badwell Ash. Having lovingly restored and re-envisioned a true representation of our English heritage to become our home in 2014, we rejoice in the privilege of being custodians of this listed building.



Having spent four decades of our married life training, equipping and envisioning young and not so young people who have gone on to become leaders in many spheres of the Kingdom of God, we are now the pioneers of a different kind of equipping ministry. Legacy Leadership provides a safe space for leaders in a variety of spheres of influence to gather bi-monthly to listen, share and develop their Godly call. This includes follow up mentoring to ground the teaching and prayer in between gatherings.



The next stage of our call is to offer our home and what will soon become the "Legacy Barn" to extend the ministry of Legacy Leadership to all leaders who have a dream, need a dream, or need an old dream re-kindled. The Legacy Barn will provide opportunities for people to come and enjoy the calm and space, and give them the opportunity to dream again with God.





BACKSTORY



It is said that when Disney World had its grand opening five years after Walt Disney passed away, someone said to his wife, 'Isn't it a shame that Walt didn't live to see this?'

Mrs. Disney replied,

"He did see it,
that's why it's here."



Mill House captivated us by its obvious potential on our first visit. We imagined how the outbuildings could become a safe place, somewhere to host people and events, and provide a retreat from life's usual rhythms into a place full of God's presence.

We've always been people with open doors, welcoming family and friends, those we have mentored and visiting ministers. We made our house a home for those who needed one, be it for a few nights, a few weeks, or even longer, and our passion for hospitality has made our dining table a place for people to talk, cry, share stories, pour out their heart, receive revelation, and pray.

Our more than four decades of experience in ministry, including planting and bolstering churches, has given us something unique to share with those looking for a retreat. Visitors to Mill House are captivated by its ambience, peaceful setting, sense of a home saturated in prayer, a great night's sleep and home-cooked food.

We've witnessed those spending time in our home find long-forgotten prayers and rekindle dreams they thought would never come to fruition. We've watched hope and faith rise in them, and seen them leave spiritually and emotionally buoyant.

In 2012 when we bought Mill House it was legally uninhabitable and in need of restoration, a faith adventure which took two years to complete. We confess at times it seemed impossible, yet we now live in a beautifully restored cottage with modern facilities that still retain the character and charm of its history.



A Mill

turning wheat into flour,
refining and eradicating the rubbish
while keeping the pure grain.



A Baker's Shed

where the flour was made into bread,
baked, and then sold to the villages.
Fresh bread = fresh manna = fresh revelation.



A Cobbler's Shop

where shoes are mended,
repaired, re-shod for a better walk.



A Well

for fresh water.



A Petrol Pump

where refuelling takes place.



A Rose Garden

beauty and fragrance.



It is our prayer that what happened on the land physically now has a spiritual significance for the way God is asking us to hold the vision in this space for leaders.

The dream is even more vivid than ever, and thanks to our amazing architect we have drawings and plans of what the physical representation of that dream will become.

In 2016, we had to withdraw our initial plan for the barn, and after a two-year pause, we felt God urging us to proceed during our 2018 sabbatical. Miraculously, we received funding for necessary surveys and connected with an architect who began developing our plans, incorporating the old mill stock in addition to the barn itself.

Despite delays due to COVID-19, we finally secured planning permissions by early 2021, and by March 2023 we felt God had given us the green light – the gift of faith to “rise up and build”, and from then the Legacy Dream Barn has begun to take shape.

This project represents significant investment and faith, literally sowing into the ground for a greater purpose.



WAY FORWARD

As of October 2024 we have the foundations of a building and the plans and permissions to go ahead.

In July we invited friends and family to join us as we celebrated Trevor's 70th, 50yrs since we met and Susie's official retirement, which we are calling reFIREment as we believe God has big plans for us.

The Legacy Dream Barn is a vehicle for achieving those new challenges and opportunities, and we have been encouraged by many of those that joined us to believe it is a key part of God's plan and have already become a part of this journey.

Previous estimates of the cost of construction by contractors have been in the region of £200,000. A recent revised estimate based on a self-managed build, utilising friends and contacts with a wide range of different skills and abilities, would potentially bring the estimate to complete down to nearer £150,000.

Financially, we have already put £35,000 into the project as a whole with currently a further £15,000 to get us started. Because we are both past pensionable age taking a conventional mortgage to finance the remainder of the build is no longer an option, despite our home being worth c£500,000 with no mortgage. We have also looked into equity release schemes however, whilst most of those do not release funds for building projects, that could be a means of repaying other shorter term loans once the build is completed.

Just to be clear, we are not a registered charity, and the barn cannot be sold as a separate dwelling from the main house. We are therefore looking for a very small number of major investors who can share our vision to see the barn in operation for the building of God's Kingdom and His servants.



Our request is threefold:

1

Please pray for us
as we seek the resources
to enable the dream
to become a reality.

2

If you know of someone who
may be able to journey with us
in this faith venture by investing
into it - then please feel free
to forward this to them.

3

If you are the person who
would like to explore what
investing in this journey
with us looks like, we would
love to hear from you.

God has been with us every step of the way in the journey of our lives, and we are so exhilarated that He has not stopped challenging us to believe Him for miracles, nor has He stopped calling us to find new ways to work with Him to build His Kingdom. We hope you might feel called too, so that we can journey together.

