

# History VISION

Igniting the Body of Christ to live in fullness of purity and power

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And the LORD answered me:
 "Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed
time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
 If it seems slow, wait for it;
 it will surely come; it will not delay."

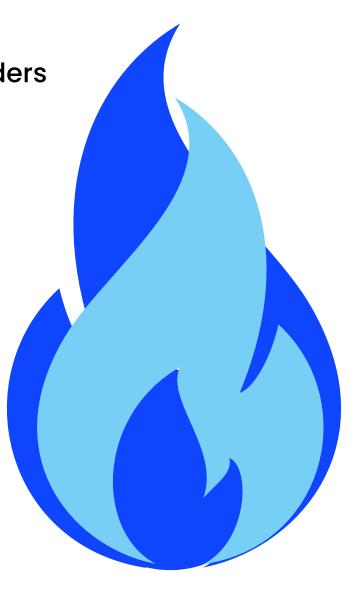
Habakkuk 2:2-3, ESV



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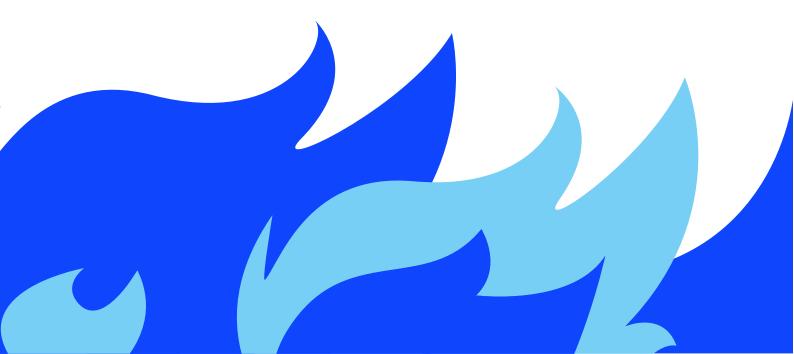


# Welcome Message

Evangelizing the lost is important work as individual believers, but that is not our calling as a ministry. We are called to the chosen ones, much like the angels (see Hebrews 1:24). Similar to Paul's missionary journeys spent training the Church and leaders, we are called to the Body of Christ.

Because each person and ministry that we come alongside is unique, we need to approach each need and interaction uniquely. This will require great discernment that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your interest and support in what we do as a ministry. We hope these pages will answer many of your questions and tell you more about what we've already done and where we are heading.



# History and The Founders

Mark and Dallas Henslee moved to Fountain, Colorado in 1999 with three small children, no established housing, and no jobs.



### Mark and Dallas Henslee

#### Why?

Because they felt God was asking them to be associate pastors for a new church start-up.

The lead pastor of that project went back to pastor the sponsoring church just a few short months after they moved to Colorado. This left the Henslees in a state of shock with spiritual and emotional trauma. Some may call this a crisis of belief. Despite the abrupt change, God was gracious and provided a good job for Mark and a nice home for their family.

They lived in Fountain for 17 years, and ministered there in various capacities including pastoring a different start-up church for six years during that time. A majority of their ministry experience was obtained within the bi-vocational realm. The Henslees also spent time in God's "surgical theater," "recovery ward," and His "spiritual boot camp" while living in Fountain.

They even spent 54 weeks being homeless nomads after leaving the Fountain area. Reflecting on these and many other experiences, Mark and Dallas see how God used the experiences to prepare them for ministering to ministers.

The Lord not only provided ministry property in Westcliffe, Colorado, but He also provided a house for their personal needs. The house doubled as their ministry office, as they held appointments in person and through video conferencing.

The Henslees have now sold this house, and are ministering from Blue Fire Legacy's 5th wheel trailer, which affords them better opportunity to come alongside ministers that cannot travel for whatever reason.

The majority of their time is now spent in Texas; however, they miss Colorado, and visit as they can.

Mark and Dallas were stretched too thin as ministers and eventually forced to exit the church they planted. Blue Fire Legacy was established to offer what the Henslees needed, but couldn't seem to find during their time of crisis.

## **Our Team**

Blue Fire Legacy has a Board of Directors, counselors, hosts for multiple host homes, and other volunteers to help us accomplish our mission. We are grateful for each one that has come alongside this ministry as we journey with the brokenhearted to a place of freedom and healing through the Holy Spirit.

#### **Mark Henslee**

Mark is a man seeking after the heart of God and learning to live in His abundance and victory. He operates in his gifting to encourage and build up the bride of Christ through Biblical teaching and application. Throughout his life, he has been active in various churches and parachurch organizations.

Mark previously served in capacities including, but not limited to, church planter, pastor, CPA, consultant, teacher, bass player, and laborer. Most of Mark's ministry experience has been bi-vocational. In 2015, Mark closed his public accounting practice to pursue full-time ministry.

He enjoys getting together with men to share life and encourage them to walk in the calling that God has placed on their lives, whether that is as a father, pastor, professional or other role.

#### **Dallas Henslee**

Dallas relates to family members in ministry having been a "PK (preacher's kid)." When she was ten, her family was called to move away from her friends and family in Texas to serve in Canada for six years. She also understands the potential to feel isolated, lonely, and overwhelmed as a pastor's wife due to the numerous expectations of others. She encourages ministers to keep going even through the darkest night, for the Lord hasn't abandoned you. You may even find, to your delight, that He is bringing you through to discover a hidden treasure and more of Who He is, as well as who you are in Him.

Dallas is a passionate worshipper and prayer warrior with a desire to teach the body of Christ. Dallas ministers to those hurting with a listening ear and guidance from the Holy Spirit. She enjoys worshipping through singing, playing a variety of musical instruments, as well as waving, making, and teaching about worship flags.

Testimonials

Mark and Dallas' devotion and obedience translate to compassionate actions that clearly demonstrate their love for serving the Lord. Whether it's a chance encounter in a parking lot, spending time with fellow conference attendees, teaching lessons via the internet to believers stationed halfway around the world or ministering to a troubled family during a weeklong counseling intensive, Mark and Dallas deeply care for the people that God chooses to slide into their path. They have been faithful to cheerfully give of their talents, energy, time, and resources to build up ministers and encourage the Body of Christ.

--Martha Melton

Needs are met because individuals are willing to be obedient and give God what they have to give. Mark and Dallas have done that and are doing that. As a ministry team, they are the complete package. What they have to give is their willingness to be obedient with a unique combination of compassion, insight, and understanding.

They are worshippers who are mature in ministry to others and gifted in many areas including in depth, prayer-based counseling, ministerial support, and business coaching (from the basics to sophisticated corporate business practices). They are, each and together, proven and sensitive relational communicators who help to bring the healing hand of God to hurting hearts. They are all about building up broken, battered, believers and equipping those who are searching and struggling to not only overcome the attacks of the enemy, but thrive as Christ followers.

Looking for someone to help restore and refresh a marriage, a pastor or pastoral leadership team, or anyone you care about? I heartily endorse Mark and Dallas as the someones you should contact, and the someones you should prayerfully consider supporting.

-- Larry Hargrave



Let me be vulnerable, God introduced me to them when my heart was dying and nobody was coming to my rescue. I needed pastoral care, trauma counseling and help to see past being bombarded by the demonic. I basically needed superheroes.

The anointing, skill, spiritual gifts, and professionalism these two carry have healed, delivered, aligned and built a foundation in [my husband] and I that has changed our entire trajectory.

I have referred so many people to them, but if you're in full time ministry and you need help, top notch warriors, or healing ... reach out. I trust them.

--Ana'leah Harmon

## **ABOUT THE NAME**

When you think about a flame, the blue portion is the hottest, purest part.
Our work combines healing, freedom, and growth as we come alongside individuals.
We model and encourage the pursuit of Christlikeness in our discipleship, speaking, and teaching; therefore, the correlation of the hottest portion being where God is purifying His Bride, the Church, is significant.

While we offer multiple options of types of ministry, the concept of living and discipling to leave a legacy of faith beyond our presence is a high value.

We combined all of the above, and the result is

Blue Fire Legacy.

## Milestones

2015

In December of 2015, Blue Fire Legacy was founded as a ministry to help ministers and churches thrive. The Henslees always knew this ministry was to be bigger than the two of them; and therefore, chose not to attach their personal name as the identifying moniker.

2016

In January, Blue Fire Legacy purchased property in Westcliffe, CO as the future building site for a mountain retreat center. When you hear us refer to Legacy Heights, it is this property. We are still waiting on God to provide the needed resources to build on this site.

2017

Behind Enemy Lines: A Discipleship Course in Spiritual Warfare co-authored by the Henslees was published.

2018

In January, we completed our first intensive with a missionary family. In July, we started writing and publishing blogs.



2019

In March of 2019, the Henslees traveled to Bangladesh to assist missionaries. Through their travels, they circled the entire globe. They believe this to be a promise of God that Blue Fire Legacy will continue to have a worldwide presence as they minister.

## 2020

In August, we facilitated the first Westcliffe Worships event. Then in September, one of the ministry donors sponsored a trip for the Henslees to attend The Awakening prayer event in Washington, D.C. In addition to attending the scheduled event, the Henslees walked to strategic areas and covered our nation in prayer.

## 2021

Breaking the Burdensome Yoke: A Discipleship Course in Forgiving and Grieving co-authored by the Henslees was published.

In July, God provided a 5th Wheel travel trailer to assist Blue Fire Legacy counselors as they travel to ministers in North America. In November, the unit was ready to be put to use and is the primary office space, currently. Clients can be seen in person or via Zoom for online video appointments.

2022

JennyLyne vs. the Guinea Hens, the ministry's first children's book in a series teaching on forgiveness, as well as, Reflections: Living Right-Side Up in an Upside-Down World, a collection of devotional stories written by the Henslees, were both published.

2023

While we have had multiple volunteers along the way, this year Blue Fire Legacy is adding additional staff to help provide more counseling.





# Vision & Mission

We acknowledge the vision for the ministry is gargantuan, truly God-sized. Humanly, it is not possible for what is envisioned to come to fruition without God bringing it to be. As you read the vision, prayerfully ask the Lord what part you have in helping it to move from vision to reality.

The different aspects of the ministry will come into being over time as the Lord directs and provides resources and people. Some of the areas of ministry have been occurring for years, while others have yet to be realized in part or in fullness. We are to step into each area of ministry as He directs, not sooner and not later.

The focus of Blue Fire Legacy is to come alongside the Body of Christ by:

- Helping other ministers
- Assisting other ministries
- Providing inspiration and teaching materials to the Body in general
- Facilitating churches joining together in communities
- Providing live teaching in various formats

# Various Arms of the Ministry

There are five arms of the ministry. Each area interacts with the others; however, they may operate relatively independently.



#### Healing

The healing ministry of Blue Fire Legacy focuses on bringing the individuals of the Body of Christ into a place of emotional and spiritual health. There may be times that the Lord uses the ministers of Blue Fire Legacy to bring about physical healing; however, the focus is on the internal emotional and spiritual health. This may also be called an Inner Healing ministry.



#### **Publishing**

Blue Fire Legacy produces, publishes, and distributes materials that encourage, challenge, and equip individuals and churches to live in fullness of purity and power.



#### Retreat

Blue Fire Legacy will own multiple and varied retreat locations that provide space and accommodations that enable the users to refresh and spend time with God.

# Various Arms of the Ministry



#### **Speaking**

Teaching in a variety of formats is imperative to Igniting the Body of Christ. The Speaking arm of the ministry provides teachers who speak on a variety of topics focused on calling up the Body of Christ to live in fullness of purity and power.



#### Worship

Worship is one of the most powerful ways to connect with the Lord. It is also a great connector of people. Blue Fire Legacy endeavors to facilitate worship events that usher people into the Lord's presence and bring together the Body of Christ in each community.





### Counseling

Direct counseling services are provided to qualified individuals. All counseling is Holy Spirit directed; and therefore, is spiritual or pastoral rather than psychological or clinical mental health counseling. Because of the spiritual nature of the work, it is important that all recipients have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The counseling services are currently limited to ministers and their family members. When the resources are available, we envision expanding the availability to lay people within the Body.

#### Coaching

Coaching services are provided for ministry leaders and boards. These services include facilitation of board retreats, guidance on dealing with internal ministry issues, and general assistance for the recipient to know and walk fully in their God-given ministry.

### Training Up Others

We see Blue Fire Legacy developing inner healing ministries in churches. This will involve developing reproducible methods that maintain a dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Systems and safeguards will be vital to protect the integrity of the ministry, as it is adopted by, and adapted to, a variety of churches and cultures.



#### Where

The healing ministry is done remotely and in person. Much of the counseling and coaching work can be done through electronic means using video conferencing technology; however, there is great benefit in being physically present with the individuals.

The ministry facilitates, as best as possible, in person meetings when feasible. When able, the ministry retreat centers will be used in combination with providing healing services to individuals and families. We currently have host homes in various locations so recipients can more cost effectively come to the counselors for an intensive. There are also times when the ministers go to the clients because of circumstances.

When going to the clients, the ministry has an RV that allows the counselors to be independent rather than relying on the client for housing and additional provisions during non-work hour times. This vehicle is also used in the Speaking arm of the ministry.

There may be times when hotels or other housing will be needed. Whatever situation is utilized, Blue Fire Legacy will prioritize meeting the needs of its agents, so that they can best minister to the individuals or church being served.



### **Types of Materials**

Blue Fire Legacy publishes a wide variety of Christian materials, including blogs, books (printed, eBooks, audio books), videos, audio teachings, music recordings, and whatever else the Lord leads. The materials are written by ministers of Blue Fire Legacy and others. We desire to publish materials for all ages and across cultures.

Some areas of emphasis for the materials will include discipleship, encouragement, and worship; with focuses for adults, children, youth, and leadership. We envision having materials that are translated and published in multiple languages.

#### **Cost of Materials**

This is one area of the ministry that is permitted to charge for the materials produced. Fees will be set in such a way as to cover the cost of production and distribution, while not prohibiting those in need of the material from being able to obtain it.



#### Who

The retreat locations will be available for ministers and their families. The facilities may also be made available to ministry boards for planning and spiritual retreats. Some of the locations may have training rooms that can be used for workshops or other local church(es) training events, as space permits.

Each center will have options for individuals, couples, and families. Kids are an important part of ministers' families and are greatly impacted by their parent's ministry. We want to be able to minister to the entire family.

There may be weeks that are dedicated to only families or only couples and individuals. This is to be determined by the retreat facilitators for each center based on the needs of the ministers being served.

### **Luxury Accommodations**

The retreat facilities will be high quality, at least 4 star rated, preferably 5 star. We want the people who come to feel like they are receiving a level of treatment that is higher than expected.

Too many have the viewpoint that anything free is good enough. We represent the Lord God Almighty and are caring for His children; therefore, we need to have the best we can possibly provide.

Each facility will be designed so that we can customize the experience for each individual or group coming. God has created all of us uniquely with different needs. Those that come to us are coming to interact with the Lord as He designed them.



### **Therapy Center**

Each retreat center will have a variety of hands-on therapy type activities. These may be relaxing, interactive, outdoor, self-guided, or some other form of activity.

Some thoughts for inclusion could be (but are not limited to these items):

- Arts and crafts painting, wood kits, sewing, glass art, pottery
- Mechanical auto, welding, metal working, woodworking, furniture building
- Gardening greenhouse, flowers
- Outdoors hiking, river, lake, beach; additional outdoor activities, such as horseback riding, rafting, rented water recreational vehicles, etc. will be dependent on the availability through other local businesses at participants' cost

#### **Multiple Locations**

In order to meet the unique needs of those we serve, we desire to have multiple locations in different environments. These may include:

- Mountains (Legacy Heights, Colorado, land already owned)
- Beach (Legacy Shores/Sands, Florida area)
- Desert (Legacy Oasis, Southwest)
- Lake (Legacy Lakes, Midwest)
- Tree Lands (Legacy Oaks/Pines, Arkansas or Texas area)

#### **Hosts and Management**

It is desired that each center will have multiple hosts or host couples. The idea is to have enough host couples to be able to rotate throughout the year such that no one gets overburdened. The rotation will depend on the number of hosts and needs of each center.

Most likely our hosts will be retired or semi-retired with a desire to serve ministers. The gift of hospitality is important in this role. Listening without providing advice or overly questioning is a desired quality in a host.

Each center will have a dedicated facility manager and/or maintenance person. These will preferably be paid positions for someone that lives nearby to the center.



### **Speaking Formats**

Blue Fire Legacy ministers are available to speak at conferences, church services, retreats, small groups, and whatever other format the Lord leads. We also envision producing podcasts or radio programs. Those providing speaking services are individuals, both men and women, and couples.

All teaching will be Biblically based with life application for today. Some of the topics that we teach are: identity, forgiveness, spiritual warfare, characteristics of Christ, and journeying in faith. Every engagement is custom tailored to each group as the Holy Spirit leads.

Blue Fire Legacy desires to teach pastors and wives in larger group formats. This may entail speaking at conferences put on by others or facilitating minister conferences through Blue Fire Legacy.



#### **Corporate Worship**

In conjunction with the Speaking arm of the ministry, Blue Fire Legacy will provide worship leading when and where appropriate.

#### **Community Worship Events**

Blue Fire Legacy has engaged this arm on a small scale in the local Colorado community near Legacy Heights. We envision facilitating future community worship events around the country.

The events will involve as many churches as possible in each community. The community worship band will be comprised of musicians from local church worship teams. The objective is to bring together the Body of Christ in corporate worship, rather than creating a performance event, so that they can be strengthened in their unity and then go forward working together to meet the needs of their community.

To accomplish the audio, video, lighting and staging requirements, we envision Blue Fire Legacy owning a traveling stage (likely a self-contained expandable trailer) and sound, lighting, and video systems. A large tent and chairs may also be a part of the items owned to be able to produce the events. This will have dedicated staff members for the production and facilitation of these events.

### **Recording Projects**

It is envisioned that Blue Fire Legacy will produce original music recordings in conjunction with the Publishing arm of the ministry.

# Our Financial Directives

#### **Specific Financial Expectations**

The Lord has given us some financial directives and limitations for Blue Fire Legacy. These are specific to this ministry and not to be expected of all ministries. For some deeper understanding of how to walk in these expectations, it has been helpful to study others who have had similar constraints placed on them in ministry. Examples studied include George Muller, Rees Howell and Hudson Taylor.

#### No charge for services

- This applies to all services (healing, speaking, retreat, etc.)
- Refundable deposits may be charged as appropriate to protect the resources of the ministry
- Love offerings / gifts are acceptable
- o Products can be sold (i.e. books, clothing, etc.)
- Cost of consumable items, such as food or materials, can be charged for cost recovery

#### No fundraising

- The ministry itself is not to engage in fundraising activities such as banquets, golf tournaments, or other similar types of activities
- Individuals associated with Blue Fire Legacy (such as board members or friends of the ministry) may promote the ministry and make needs known as the Lord guides

#### No debt

 This includes mortgages, credit cards, etc.

# Legacy

We are called to leave a legacy of faith. The work of the ministry is to be planting seeds of faith and will grow and that healing bear fruit generations to come. Telling our faith stories is a huge part of planting these seeds. Just as we relate to the stories of the many God-followers in Scripture, we can relate to others in the present who walk before us in deep reliance upon and faith in Almighty God. Faith in the Lord is to be woven throughout all of the ministry activities. Everything we do will point to Him, and bring glory to God and not man.





## Support the ministry

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