

*GOD ALLOWED US TO BE PART OF SOMETHING  
THAT HAD NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.*



## **Vision Statement**

Members of the Buus Legacy Circle faithfully support DOOR International with a gift in their will. By joining the Buus Legacy Circle, resource partners extend the future reach of the Kingdom for the Deaf.

## **Mission Statement**

Including DOOR International in your estate ensures the Deaf are reached for generations to come through our missionaries, Scripture translation, and church planting.

**We invite you to join the Buus Legacy Circle.**

### **Cover Photo**

Founders, Mike and Linda Buus, began something beautiful for reaching the Deaf when they came to DOOR in 1994. Their story is God's story, to Him be the Glory.

**“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.”**

**Romans 15:20**

**M**ike never dreamed God would fulfill that ambition by leading him to be President of DOOR International and working with the Deaf. And, he never dreamed that the next verse would become one of DOOR’s verses.

**“Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.”**

**Romans 15:21**



*Founders, Mike and Linda Buus, led DOOR to incorporate the ministry in 1999.*

After serving in the military (Navy and Marines) as a hospital corpsman, and completing his Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling, Mike thought he would counsel wounded Vietnam vets as a career. However, an internship at Goodwill Industries led him first into a counseling/rehabilitation position, and much to his surprise into soon becoming President of Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona and later Vice President at the Tampa Bay Goodwill Industries. These jobs provided him with years of non-profit administration experience.





*The campus in Nairobi, Kenya trains many evangelists, translators and leaders for Deaf reaching Deaf.*

During this period of his life, Mike was also heavily involved in church leadership, gaining ministry experience as a small group leader, mission committee member, elder and helping in administration.

After Mike and Linda raised three boys, they left the business world in 1991 and joined a hearing mission agency called United World Mission. As Executive Vice President and Overseas Ministry Director, Mike and Linda (executive assistant) thought they had their life-long dream jobs.

Over several years a group of Deaf asked Mike to help them learn how to plant churches without going to Bible college or seminary. Twice he turned them down, but God got his attention when they asked a third time.

With no previous experience with Deaf culture or sign language, Mike and Linda agreed to lead a small group of Deaf/hearing people with a passion to reach the Deaf. DOOR was on the cusp of church planting but was without funding and strategy, much like the early church.



One thing was clear to Mike and Linda, “For 2,000 years the hearing have been trying to reach the Deaf, and it hasn’t worked”.

Mike and Linda stepped in with a clear vision,

## ***“THE DEAF NEED TO BE IN DIRECT MINISTRY TO THE DEAF”.***

Early on, Mike and Linda recognized significant challenges; the Deaf needed sign language Bible translation, leadership training, evangelism, discipleship and church planting. **This differentiated DOOR from all other ministries to the Deaf.**

Mike and Linda established a legacy at DOOR that remains today; trust God to equip and prepare workers for the task of evangelism.

“God is working faster than we are,” says Linda. “God has used DOOR to see thousands of Deaf accept Christ as their Savior. Not only did God bless DOOR under our leadership, but God has provided an amazing team of passionate and talented folks to take our place. We are confident that the work they started will continue to grow by leaps and bounds, reaching Deaf around the world. We are blessed beyond measure!”



*Deaf experiencing the Scriptures in sign language video translation.*

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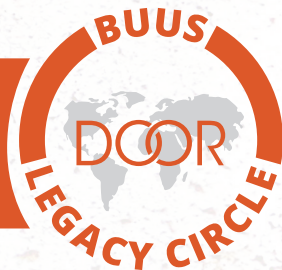
**Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.**

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***Ephesians 2:7-10 The Message (MSG)***

### ***WE PRAY OUR LEGACY IS A GIFT,***

a God-led, God-grown, God-blessed ministry to the Deaf that has been handed down to the future generation. So that, "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." Isa. 52:15



When you include DOOR International in your will, you carry on the legacy carried forward by Mike and Linda. Will you join this group of people who have supported DOOR for many years? Will you help us carry on the work of reaching the Deaf with a gift of legacy to be used in support of DOOR?

### **To include DOOR International in your will:**

Please contact Brad Wiechertjes at [bradw@doorinternational.org](mailto:bradw@doorinternational.org) or call Brad at 616.741.7015. For more information visit [DOORinternational.org](http://DOORinternational.org). Additional resources for Legacy Giving can be found at [www.christianwill.org/door/](http://www.christianwill.org/door/).

### **Buus Legacy Circle Benefits:**

- ☒ Welcome Letter of thanks from President/CEO Rob Myers
- ☒ Buus Legacy Circle packet and DOOR gift
- ☒ Content specific mailings
- ☒ Invitations to Inside DOOR (4 times per year)
- ☒ Option to travel internationally with DOOR Leadership



### A DONOR'S STATEMENT

Our families have experienced God's love and guidance as expressed in the Bible:

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

We hope all served at this Deaf Bible Training and Translation Center will know that  
God has a plan for their lives too.

In our desire to reflect God's love to others and to be good stewards of the gifts God  
has given us, we are providing funds for construction of this facility. We make this  
gift anonymously so that the focus will be on God, who gives each of us  
"hope and a future" through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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## Share Your Story

Buus Legacy Circle members are encouraged to share their testimony of why DOOR International is special to them. Will you consider allowing DOOR to use your story to inspire? We look forward to connecting with you by phone, email, or personal visit.

Sharing your story motivates DOOR supporters of all ages to take wise steps in their stewardship practices. Contact Brad at [bradw@doorinternational.org](mailto:bradw@doorinternational.org) to arrange an interview with someone from DOOR if you so desire.

We're grateful for your consideration of joining the Buus Legacy Circle.