

Denise ([00:02](#)):

Hey everybody. Welcome to the Velvet Ashes Legacy Podcast season two trailer. I'm Denise Beck, executive director here at Velvet Ashes, and I'm here with Sarah Hilkemann. Hey, Sarah.

Sarah ([00:14](#)):

Hey. Hello everyone. Welcome to season two.

Denise ([00:18](#)):

We're so excited to talk about what is changing with the Velvet Ashes Legacy podcast. So I think we should start Sarah with talking about what is the Legacy podcast and what did we intend it to be when we started it a year ago?

Sarah ([00:33](#)):

Right? Yeah. Well, we have covered, I think, 13 women. I should've looked at this before we got on, but

Denise ([00:41](#)):

Yeah, that would've been, I didn't either.

Sarah ([00:43](#)):

We're so prepared, guys. No, that's all right. Yeah, we, yeah, we wanted to bring the stories of these women from the past who can inspire us, that we can learn from their courage and the lives that they have led in very different circumstances. You know, each of these women that we have covered, some of them were married, some of them were single their entire lives. Some of them had kids on the field, some of them left their kids in their passport country in order to go and really, you know, served all over the world. But as we have looked at their stories and listened to their stories, I think we have been able to see this theme of hope in each of their stories. And, you know, for us on the field or in ministry, whatever we are doing, we can look at that and listen to those stories and say, how can I hold on to hope in the midst of it? And so I think, you know, that that's really the heart of why this podcast started.

Denise ([01:48](#)):

Absolutely. And I think there were so many of us that are serving cross-culturally today where that seed was planted because one bedtime, we heard this story, or one VBS, we heard this story and it ignited something in us, and it was like, how can we keep that excitement in front of us, the inspiration in front of us? And it was like, where do we go to hear these stories? Because so much of what we do today is audible, audio. We listen to things. Maybe you don't have the time to read the blogs or to read the books, although I think our community definitely loves to hold a good book in their hand, for sure. But we wanted to make these bits of hope and inspiration more easily accessible. And so Sarah and I started with, Hey, we can do this. And so we read and we listened, and we would retell stories just based on what we were finding out.

Denise ([02:42](#)):

And these people became our friends. We really, you know, I think of, um, Lottie Moon. Lottie Moon. Oh my goodness. Yes. I, I, I remember reading and studying Lottie Moon and just thinking, oh, what a firecracker. And, you know, just loving her stories. And so we began to tell you of these people that as we studied, became our friends. And yet we recognized that we were not scholars and we didn't have

access to scholarly research about them. And we definitely hold that as a high value. We didn't want to misinterpret, misrepresent anyone or their stories. And so we looked to our board here at Velvet Ashes and realized we had someone who did have access to those things, and who did have the educational background to back up what we were putting out there. And so, Dr. Laura Chevalier Beer joined our podcast series about, I don't know, halfway through. So if you've been listening with us all season, you might notice a change, a shift in the way the stories were being told. And, and it was, it was such a great addition to have that knowledge backup the stories that we told. Yeah,

Sarah ([03:57](#)):

Absolutely.

Denise ([03:58](#)):

Yeah. So that was one thing. But Sarah, we also decided, you know, we added other audio blogs through this season.

Sarah ([04:06](#)):

Yeah. So every week on the Velvet Ashes blog, uh, we have stories, we have words from women in our community. And kind of like you were already saying, Denise, you know, the way that we access information sometimes has shifted. And so we wanted to bring these words from these women and just make them even more accessible to our community. And so once a week we have our audio blogs, and essentially it's just you and me usually reading those blogs to our community so that, you know, for five minutes or six minutes, people can just hit play. And they don't, if they don't have a, you know, the time to sit down at their computer or pull up on their phone to read the blog, they can just stick headphones in and just listen to it and still get these important words and discussions about our theme and things like that. Um, even more accessible.

Denise ([05:01](#)):

And these are actually women who are contemporaries of us. This is the legacies that are being lived right now. These are the words of wisdom. This is how this world, this life, this season, this, their culture is affecting their cross-cultural life right now. So this is, it was kind of like the, the past and the present and we're, we are wanting you to have all of it. And, and, you know, as we came to the end of this season, you know, we were reminded about the hope, the, the why we started this. We, we want to continue to grow with our community and what your needs are. And it was always our desire to put something on this podcast that, that meets those needs. And through our initial hope and through feedback we were getting from all of you, you know, we were like, okay, we think it's time to start introducing more of the, the Living Legacy stories, the women that are serving right now.

Denise ([05:55](#)):

How do, how do we combine the inspiration from the past and the legacies that are being lived right now to bring courage to the women who are currently serving cross-culturally? And so that's why season two is gonna look a little bit different. So we are changing the format up. And so are you ready for this? Are you ready for the new season two format? Um, it's basically gonna be three different styles of podcast. And so we're going to bring you each month a different style. The first month we are going to do what we're calling a Living Legacy or an in their own words type of story where we bring a woman today who either is currently serving or is still living to tell the stories of her service on the field as an

inspiration. So it'll be more of an interview style with friends chatting about the Living Legacy stories. And then Sarah, tell them about the next month, what, what happens in month two.

Sarah ([06:54](#)):

Yeah. So month two will be sort of a topical discussion. Uh, what are the things that are relevant for women who are on the field today? So it might be serving single, it might be talking about faith issues with your third culture kids, your TCKs on the field. It might be women in leadership and what that means and how do we wrestle with different viewpoints on that? How do we deal with team conflict? Um, and yeah, so we'll, we'll bring on other voices to speak into those topics. Um, Denise, you and I will be there to bring our thoughts and also just be part of that discussion, but thinking about what are the, what are the topics that are really relevant for women on the field today?

Denise ([07:44](#)):

So I actually, as we're talking about this, if you are listening to this and those things are important to you, and you have ideas of women who are living legacies or the topics that are relevant to you, message us. Put, put something in the comments. You know, we would love to hear the things that you want to hear about on this podcast this year. And then month three, we will continue with our Velvet Ashes legacy series, and Dr. Laura Chevalier Beer will be here bringing the story of someone from the past who has inspired us, someone we can learn from, someone who helps us to better understand the history of where missions has come from and how women have dealt with it. And that shapes where we're going. And so, so that will still be a part of it. So there's your rhythm. Every three months, you're going to get to hear a Living legacy, a topic facing women today, and a legacy story from the past.

Denise ([08:40](#)):

And so that will rotate throughout the year. We will continue with our audio blogs every week. So every week you can hear from your Velvet Ashes community, and every month you're going to get to hear a longer extended podcast from us. And that all begins in August. So we're putting together this little trailer for you to let you know what's coming so you can be excited with us. Send us those ideas, send us your thoughts. And as always, we love it when you refer others. We love it when you comment. We love it when you favorite this podcast. So it shows up every time that there's a new podcast that comes out. We are, we're, we're just thrilled that we get to sit in this seat and live lives that are focused on bringing courage, hope, inspiration, resources to women serving cross-culturally. You guys are making a huge difference out there. Anyway, Sarah, anything else you'd like to say before we wrap up this trailer?

Sarah ([09:36](#)):

I don't think so. Yeah. Thank you so much for listening. It has been so fun to get to bring these stories to you over this last year. And I'm so excited for this new rhythm and these new conversations and what we get to bring to the community. So thanks for being here.

Denise ([09:55](#)):

We'll see you guys in August. Thanks for tuning in to the Velvet's Legacy Podcast.