



Northwest *FOCUS*

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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It's NICE To Serve You!

"Office ... a place where a service is provided," so the word is defined by Webster's New American Dictionary. This has been true of the NICE Office through all of the mission's 60 years. In fact, this attitude of service has defined NICE's ministry from the beginning when the first Board of Directors selected II Corinthians 4:5 as the mission's theme verse: *"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves, your servants for Jesus' sake."*

The Mission's Director, Assistant Director, Office Manager, Financial Officer, and many others, including volunteers, have worked in and out from different "offices." In every place these servants of the Lord have provided services/ministries to the NICE Church Planters and Missionaries. These have included help, counsel, printing, receipting, accounting, prayer, encouragement, mailing, legal assistance, church organization, pastoral placement – and many other things, all for the purpose of planting and establishing churches.

The Mission's office for its first 14 years was a desk in a corner of the Director's home – and God blessed this kind of dedication as the work of NICE began to grow and develop.

For the next 10 years the Mission rented a room in an insurance office, providing more space. However, as printing presses and copy machines and several desks were squeezed into this room, the leaders realized even more space was needed. For several years many partners joined in prayer for a building or property to adequately meet the need. God supplied through the gift of land by Sunset Bible Church in University Place, WA, and through the gifts of money and labor by a host of people to construct a Mission

Office – a beautiful building of 4300 square feet adjacent to the church. The building was constructed without indebtedness – praise God! This facility was the place where **"NICE service was provided"** for over 25 years.

In 2007 it became increasingly apparent that property and facility maintenance and care was taking more and more time by the Director and Office personnel – time which was needed for serving the Missionaries and churches. At the same time, Sunset Bible Church was in need of much more office space and classrooms – the very thing that this building next door to the church provided. Thus, an agreement was reached to sell the building to the Church – an answer to prayer for both NICE and the Church.

The NICE Office moved into a rented facility in University Place for 4 years, which was more suited to its needs. Then as the present Mission Director, Bob Rodgers came to serve, the office relocated to Sumner, WA to be closer to where Office Personnel lived. Both of these buildings required no time spent by Mission personnel in upkeep, maintenance or repair. What a blessing to again be able to fully **"provide services for the missionaries and churches."**

And now, as NICE begins its 60th year, God has once again directed to another location, better suited to NICE's needs; a move which will take place next month. The new office suite will be at Edgewood Bible Church in Edgewood, WA. How wonderful it is to again see God's gracious hand of direction!

Your investments of time, prayer and finances in the work of God through NICE continue to make it possible for the Mission to fulfill its commitment to **"provide services for the missionaries and churches."**



Pictured, from left to right:
Mountlake Terrace;
NICE Building;
University Place;
Sumner.



So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:7