



Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Every Member Is A Minister!

The River Valley Bible Church in Lewiston, Idaho began as a result of the vision and burden of several families in the area who desired a church committed to the systematic preaching and teaching of the Word of God. NICE Missionaries At Large, Matt and Judy Hallson, together with NICE



Matt & Judy Hallson
and
Chuck & Nancy Chapman



Church Team Missionaries Chuck and Nancy Chapman were God's servants used to plant the church in 2014.

Because of the members love for the expository preaching of the Word, the focus of the church through the years has been to train and equip "every member to minister" according to God's giftedness to build up the body of believers to serve the Lord. During this time the Hallsons, Chapmans and Lynns have faithfully provided leadership which resulted in a close-knit church family who were growing and trusting the Lord for His provision of a like-minded Pastor.

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"

Ephesians 4:11,12



Marcus and
Anna Corder

God has now answered their prayers and has directed Marcus and Anna Corder and their family to River Valley Bible Church! The Corders, following completion of their schooling at Shepherds Theological Seminary, joined NICE in April 2025, with a desire to serve in ministry in the Pacific Northwest. Having been raised in the central Idaho area, they don't have a culture shock

or adjustment to be made. As Marcus has stated, *"Faithfulness to the Lord and His Word is key, and ministry is more that preaching – it's daily life, relationships and serving people."*

NICE Director Designate, Robert Zink was able recently to be part of the service of praise as Marcus Corder was installed as Pastor of River Valley Bible Church. Several of the folks commented to Robert about the Corders, stating, *"He loves the Word and studies it diligently;" "His preaching is nourishing for our souls;"* and *"His wife and children reflect his loving leadership."* As the River Valley Bible Church leadership and family waited



Robert Zink

for the man of God's leading, they focused on "every member is a minister!" God has blessed them with a shepherd, and God has like-wise blessed their new pastor with a church body prepared to minister alongside of him!

Praise God for His direction to the Corders to serve with NICE! It's because of people like Marcus and Anna that the on-going outreach of NICE continues to touch lives and impact communities for the glory of the Lord. Praise God as well for your on-going partnership with NICE through prayer and giving. We are ministers together!



Prayer of dedication for the Corder family

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