

# Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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## Co-workers in God's Service!

When describing the work of God in planting and establishing churches, the Apostle Paul declares, *"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."* This truth has been realized throughout NICE's 65 years of ministry! Many individuals have come alongside the Mission since over the years to be co-workers together in planting and establishing churches. NICE Executive Director, Bob Rodgers commented, *"Lay individuals committed to the ministry of NICE are invaluable to the work of the Mission!"* In the recent Memorial Services of two of God's choice co-workers -- Maxine Glaze and David Ridgway, this was very evident as their faithful service for the Lord was remembered.

### Maxine Glaze - 102 years August 1921 - September 2023



- Dedicated Pastor's wife serving churches in several states.
- Tireless encourager of many of God's servants around the world through cards and letters.
- Faithful prayer warrior for many co-workers, including NICE Missionaries since the Mission's founding in 1958.

Maxine's daughter-in-law, Merridee, reflected, *"Mom Glaze was still living at home, and though physically limited, she still served the Lord Jesus faithfully. I praise the Lord for the blessing and influence she had on me! When she could no longer do much physically, she still prayed and prayed and prayed!"*

### David Ridgway - 79 years March 1944 - August 2023



- Sunday school teacher, Youth leader, Elder at Wishkah Valley Community Church for over 50 years.
- Captain of Aberdeen Fire Department and Wishkah Volunteer Fire Department for 30+ years.
- Travelled with AWANA Clubs to various countries of the world with students from the US.
- Committed to Biblical truth and proclaiming of the Gospel, at Wishkah Church, and in everyday life.

When remembering her Dad, A'Dee Ridgway Walker stated, *"What Dad had was a passion for spreading the Word of God, a sense of family, and a burden that no one would miss the Kingdom of God. Dad was truly a man of God and his greatest desire was to live a godly life, serving the Lord and others."*

Both Maxine and David recognized and valued the impact that NICE has in the Northwest, and around the world through the churches it plants and serves. Their faithful prayer, encouragement and finances played a vital role in the ministry of NICE! Will you pray for God to burden individuals to step up to fill the void left by these godly co-workers?

It's because of people like Maxine and Dave that the on-going outreach of NICE and its missionaries continues to touch lives and impact communities for the glory of the Lord. And we thank God for your faithfulness, too.

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