

Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Dear NICE Partners,

Many thanks to you for your faithful commitment to Northwest Independent Church Extension! Our vision is "to be a mission of committed servants partnering with churches to reach the Northwest to reach the world by planting and assisting churches for transformed lives". Your dedicated partnership and financial support is crucial to this vision and mission. In this season of gratitude and celebration, on behalf of the NICE Home Office and Board of Directors, **I want to personally express our gratitude for your faithfulness.**



I'm very much reminded of Paul's words in Philippians: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (ESV)

*In divisive times like the past few years, your partnership reminds me we are better in Christ, and better together; what unifies us is greater than what divides us. "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6, NIV) **Thank you for being a living expression of these truths!***

Rev. Bryan Austring, ThM
NICE Board of Directors, President
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Please PRAY for the NICE Missionaries as they proclaim the good news during the Christmas season:

- **Ed and Linda Studtmann** will have a Christmas Dinner in their home as a community outreach in Long Creek, OR.
- **Matt and Annette Daniells** will take Homemade pies door to door in Keyport, WA.
- **Beau and Kimberly Floyd** are opening a Coffee Shop as a Gospel ministry in Idaho Falls, ID.
- **Stan and Virginia Poeschel** will have a Christmas Dinner, open to everyone, and also help collect gifts for kids with special needs at Happy Camp, CA..
- **Steve and Celeste DeFord** help with a Live Nativity on a farm near town where children interact with the animals, and everyone enjoys a chili supper at Ekalaka, MT.
- **Jesus and Maria Cordova** are planning a Celebration Service at Christmas as they rejoice in God's provision of a Church Building that was given *Iglesia Cristo Vive* in Salem, OR.
- **Mark and Rachel Organ** and the congregation participate in "Operation Christmas Child" in Vernonia, OR, as do several other churches where NICE serves.
- **Roger and Emily Hayden** have "Hayden Open House" following the Community Christmas Musical at the Fairgrounds; a time for a focus on the Savior at Cambridge, ID.
- **Rob and Ruth Morris** plan a Community Christmas Sing around a bonfire, with plenty of Christmas goodies, and the love of Christ shared at Hobart, WA.

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