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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Special Events Are Important!

As they plant and establish churches, the missionaries with NICE recognize the time surrounding both Christmas and Easter as an occasion to plan special events that will be used of the Lord to proclaim the Gospel message.

Praise the Lord with us as we "Focus" on these instances of contacts made, relationships built, and talents used ... all in order that the Gospel was proclaimed during Christmas 2023!

• **Larry and Joanne Thayer** and **Carson Bible Church** planned "Christmas In Carson" where cocoa, cookies and popcorn were served around two large bonfires, and carols were sung that reflected the true meaning of Christmas. The evening ended with the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

• **Roger and Emily Hayden** hosted their annual "Open House" where friends, church members and neighbors are invited to attend a great time together in a "no agenda" gathering. This event at Cambridge, ID *"definitely promotes relationships for Christ sake."*



• **Roy and Elvia Sprague** planned a unique Christmas program that featured Paul Harvey's "The Man and The Birds" story, plus special music and readings by four generations of their family. What a great time was enjoyed at **Grace Community Church** in Elma, WA!



• **Jeff and Mary Mullins** at **Canaan Community Church**, **Steve and Celeste DeFord** at **First Baptist Church**, Ekalaka, MT, and **Nate and Muriel Shinn** at **Ashland Bible Church** planned Children's Christmas programs with readings and special music presented, plus special times of fellowship.



• **Rob Morris**, and **Bob and Judi Allen** were encouraged as several new people joined the Sunday services following the "Gather Round The Christmas Tree" annual Carol sing at **Hobart Community Church**.

• **Caleb and Cassie Small**, and many **Wishkah Valley Community Church** family members took part in a unique "Living Nativity" built and placed on church property near the highway. There were children, teens and adults dressed as shepherds, animals, angels, wise men, and Mary and Joseph. *"The fellowship was sweet, and the interaction with community*



people who stopped by was wonderful. We had several new visitors the following Sunday," noted Pastor Caleb.

God uses ordinary people to proclaim the marvelous Christmas message of Jesus Christ through a variety of events. Your continued faithful support and prayer are the life-line of all the NICE ministry! **THANK YOU!**

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