



Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Not Just a Pastor's Wife!

Teamwork! Servant Leadership! Those convictions and priorities have been part of the DNA of Northwest Independent Church Extension since its beginning in 1958. And the ladies of NICE are a vital part of the team, working alongside their husbands in the trenches, so to speak, in planting and establishing strong, biblically sound churches. Some are vitally involved in music ministry, some serve in teaching women and children on Sundays and mid-week. Others work a secular job thus enabling their husbands to serve in the ministry "full-time". And still others are involved in varied outreach ministries within their communities. In every place, God is using the women of NICE for His glory! Never should it be said, "I'm just a Pastor's wife." Pastors' wives have an important, crucial part in the ministry of teamwork!

We recently asked some of our "NICE Ladies" to share regarding their church planting and establishing teamwork ministry. Regarding their role as a partner in ministry, the responses were very similar: "I encourage him and support him so I am not part of any problems"; "I try to handle things that might deter him from his studies and work for the Lord"; "When hard times come, I am burdened to be his prayer warrior"; "I'm a prayer supporter, encourager, sounding board"; "To build him up and encourage him in the ministry". One simply said, "I do what needs doing!"

How the "doing" plays out may differ: teaching Sunday School, widows ministry, Bible Studies, Kids Clubs, planning special events,

church cleaning, nursery oversight, counseling, music ministry, church secretary ... basically keeping the ducks in a row! And God has been pleased to bless these team ministries. Ruth and Celeste both commented on the joy of seeing some individuals come to saving faith. Emily saw a support and encouragement relationship turn into an ongoing ministry in the church. Katherine recalls numbers of young women that she mentored who have gone on to serve the Lord in many different ways. Krista has been used to minister to young moms with kids since she is in that same season of life.

Melanie commented, "God multiplied my little into a lot, making it enough, knowing that at the time, it was all that I could give." Joy echoed that same sentiment, "God is good! He has given me strength to do all He needs me to do and I just keep plugging in His strength." Dayle added, "It has been the greatest adventure of our Christian lives serving with NICE! We are blessed to be a part of this organization." In turn, NICE is so very grateful for these faithful women! Souls are being brought to the Savior, lives are being changed, churches are being established because they have made themselves available to the Lord.

Would you commit to uphold these women and their families in prayer? The enemy fights to steal their effectiveness. We so very much count on your partnership together with us in this ministry to which God has called us!



Some of our "NICE" Ladies

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