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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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"Well Done, Bob!"

Robert "Bob" Dillard was called to glory on February 20, 2019. Without question, that day he heard those glorious words, **"Well done, good and faithful servant – enter into the joy of your Lord!"**

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In spite of the limitations caused by polio, Bob "got a kick" out of driving road graders and other heavy equipment to build logging roads for the Weyerhaeuser Company. After serving for many years as a leader in several churches, Bob and Betty answered God's call to Pastoral ministry. They were accepted as Church Missionaries with NICE in 1981 and continued that relationship with the Mission for the next 38 years.

God blessed their ministry with NICE through service at Goshen Community Church of Everson, WA, North River Bible Church of Cosmopolis, WA, Ravensdale Bible Church in Ravensdale, WA and The Little Brown Chapel in Wickersham, WA. Bob was a champion for the truth of God's Word, and he took it seriously. He boldly declared the Gospel, called people to trust the Savior, and challenged believers to obey the

Scriptures, and to live their lives in honor to the Lord. Many were brought to Christ through Bob and Betty's ministry – yet Bob would be the first to say, *"all glory be to God alone."*

A Memorial Service was held on March 2, 2019 at Grace Baptist Fellowship in Lynden, WA, with Pastor Delaine Bailey officiating. He led the many who came to remember Bob in singing a favorite song – "Jesus Loves Me This I Know," and then read Jude 1:24-25 declaring how this exemplified Bob's life and trust in the Lord. *"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."*



Bob's trust was in God for the present – Bob's hope was in God for the future. Pastor Bailey exclaimed, *"I believe Bob jumped for joy as he entered God's presence!"* A Grave-side Service was held at the North River Cemetery on Saturday March 9, 2019 with NICE Missionary At Large, Don Wantland officiating.

Truly Bob Dillard served his Lord well. He was a faithful servant of the Lord, and with NICE, in every place where he ministered. Your prayers and support of the Mission are also a vital part of the on-going work of planting and establishing churches.



Goshen Community Church



North River Bible Church



Ravensdale Bible Church



Little Brown Chapel

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