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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Honoring Christ, Building Community

Emmaus Road Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho, was began in 2016, under the leadership of NICE Missionaries Beau and Kimberly Floyd. From the beginning, the church has sought to engage and interact with their community in order to share Christ's love. Pastor Beau has been involved with the local Rescue Mission, Homeless Shelter and the church has participated in the annual Festival of Trees Fundraiser which helps people coping with disabilities.

Recently, a new endeavor began ... again, focused on honoring Christ and building community. Since their marriage, Beau and Kimberly dreamed of opening a coffee shop.

After careful planning, much discussion and prayer, Moose Ridge Coffee Company opened for business in November of 2022. This name combines the Floyd's love of mountains, moose and coffee. Everything for the store was locally sourced, intentionally, including the furnishings. Food is made fresh and to order in the shop; they even make their drink syrups in-house. However, the amazing drinks, delicious menu and welcoming ambiance are a platform that enables ministry to happen. Beau explained, "Our shop has become a local pastor's hangout.



Churches have Bible studies and staff meetings at the shop. Our staff is mixed, with a few believers, and a few not. They all know I am a pastor, so it can make for interesting conversations about faith in the kitchen! Several of my customers also know I am a pastor, and will sometimes ask for counseling or prayer."



Pastor Beau prepares a drink

In addition to pastoring Emmaus Road Church and writing his PhD dissertation,

Beau works at the coffee shop part-time. "The church has been fully supportive of this outreach opportunity," he stated, "and many of our church members come in on a regular basis for coffee. We're hoping to hold a church fellowship event at the shop in the future."



Kim manages the shop.

Balancing time between church, family, writing and business has been a challenge! Beau often sits at a table working on his dissertation or church responsibilities. But when the place gets busy, he jumps in to help. For Kim, who runs the shop, it's almost a full-time venture. She is actively working on putting together a full time staff, and training their baristas to take a leadership role, so that she and Beau can occasionally get away.

Beau and Kimberly's desire and passion is to operate the coffee shop as a place where faith and business can intersect. Their partnership in ministry with NICE has been very significant. Beau commented, "We have absolutely felt the prayers of our NICE and IFCA ministry partners!" Do pray for Beau and Kimberly Floyd, Emmaus Road Church and the Moose Ridge Coffee Company as they are honoring Christ and building community.



Some of the items offered at Moose Ridge Coffee Co.

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