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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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All That God Has Done!

The 60th Anniversary year of NICE has given opportunity to reflect on all that God has been pleased to do through NICE and its missionaries over the years.

NICE Board Member, **Pastor Charlie Olson**, reflected, "Our church was pretty much an empty shell 30 years ago, with a few women and children. These faithful women prayed that God would send men to lead the church. God did answer their prayers, and men, who had full time jobs, filled the pulpit and guided the growing congregation. They contacted NICE, and God led the Millers [Jim and Kathy Miller] to serve as their Missionary Pastor. Under his leadership the church grew and became self-supporting, and he also trained a new generation of men to serve as leaders."



Southwick Bible Church, ID, where Charlie Olson serves

Pastor Beau Floyd, of Emmaus Road Church, said, "I especially praise God that He has enabled us to reach people that other churches are not reaching. The further we reach into the



Emmaus Road Church, Idaho Falls, ID

community and interact with people for the purpose of the Gospel, we see lives changed and the church growing. In the past year, we've seen 7 people confess their faith in Christ and be baptized. The church is a place of love and grace, but also a place of truth. This results in the kind of environment where folks open up to Jesus to be transformed and begin to walk with Him."

"As I think about all that God has done at Seeley Lake, I especially praise God for His amazing grace," **Pastor Rob Morris** stated, thinking back on his ministry in Montana. He continued, "When we left I thought the church would probably close ... but now I see a church that

merged with a Village Missions ministry. A church that came together in unity, not a split, and a brother who has returned to the Lord and is a key leader of this church. Many of my former church members have gone on to serve the Lord, some into the ministry. It's a thrill to see what God made of a struggling church, becoming a Lighthouse in a very dark place, reaching Seeley Lake with the Gospel!"



Mission Bible Fellowship, formerly Community Bible Church, Seeley Lake, MT

When asked his impressions of the ministry at River Valley Bible Church in Lewiston, Idaho, **Pastor Matt Hallson** replied, "I especially praise God for the tenacity and faithfulness of our precious core group that doesn't know how or when to say 'Quit!' I can't think of the church without thanking God for the NICE leaders and office staff who have poured countless hours, prayers, counsel and miles into promoting and supporting God's church."



Matt and Judy Hallson

Roy Sprague recalls an incident when the work at Mullan Community Church was beginning, "I remember a time when we were invited to have dinner in a home where the husband hated preachers and claimed to be an atheist. As he slammed himself into the chair at the table, I quickly prayed for God's help and began to ask every question possible about his Dodge Power Wagon. That summer at Bible Camp, a couple walked toward us, and the man asked, 'Do you remember me? You came to our home, and I hated it. But since then, God has saved me, and changed me, and I love the Lord! If you'd told me 6 months ago that I'd be at a Bible Camp for a week, I would have said, 'You're CRAZY!'"

Praise God for all that He has done through NICE in its 60 years of ministry!

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