



# Northwest FOCUS

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. Last month we read of God at work in Montana and Idaho; and continue now with Oregon and Nevada.

NICE Missionary Pastor, **Nate Shinn**, serves at Ashland Bible Church. He said, "I especially praise God for those special moments when we see Him bringing diverse people into His body and praising Him together. For example, when a professional MMA fighter in his 30's, covered in tattoos, scars, and with cauliflower ears, wearing worn-out jeans and a T-shirt sits in the same pew as a retired pastor in his 80's, who always wears a three-piece suit and tie, and yet they recognize each other as brothers in Christ and worship Him together. Praise God!"



Ashland Bible Church, OR

Pastor Nate's father, retired NICE Missionary, **Garland Shinn**, reflected on his ministry at Faith Bible Church in Reno, "I rejoice to remember how people came to Christ! An Executive of a large Casino trusted Christ as Savior, but then moved away in order to find another kind of employment. What a thrill to see his growth and love for the Lord and grasp of the Scriptures. Another time, a lovely woman came to my wife with a spiritual need, found her Savior, and then led her husband to the Lord. One Sunday she gave her testimony in church, and as a result a man was saved, went on to law school, married a Christian lady and became a lawyer, then a judge in Nevada, and an Elder of the church. Truly our God is faithful!"



Faith Bible Church, Reno, NV

NICE Minister at Large, **Roy Sprague**

recalls an incident at Walker River Community Church, "I remember the day when Pastor Root took me to visit one of the Indian families who had trusted the Savior. As the custom is, we sat in their living room for 10-15 minutes, no one saying a word. Then Pastor Root asked about their family, about their farm, and about some other relatives. I just listened.



Bruce and Judy Root, who served at Walker River Community Church, Schurz, NV

Then the lady turned to me and said, 'Thank you for sending Pastor Bruce; we've had many preachers come here to tell us about God, but Pastor Bruce is the only one who showed us what God is like, and showed us how we can know Him.' I've never forgotten that visit!"

NICE Board Member, **Pastor Gary Taylor**

commented, "As I think about all that God has done through Nehalem Valley Bible Church, I especially praise God for the godly men who have been mentors, not only to me, but to the church body as a whole. I think specifically of 3 men who have been particularly helpful: Roy Sprague, Bob Rodgers, and Earl Brubaker. Not only have they been there when I needed advice, help and encouragement, but they've also been such a blessing to our church with their thought-provoking messages in those times when they've been called upon to deliver a timely word to the congregation. Having ministered for several years in a small church in rural Kansas, in a totally isolated and independent church, I am so grateful that NICE exists. Its godly ministry has been such a blessing to me and to our church body. May God continue to bless in the next 60 years and beyond if the Lord tarries!"



Gary and Diana Taylor

Praise God for 60 years planting churches and reaching lives to the glory of God!

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