

Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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The Living and Powerful Word of God

Through all of Northwest Independent Church Extension's 65 years of ministry, the teaching of God's Word in Bible studies has been an integral part of the growth and blessings experienced in all of the 218 churches where the Missionaries have served.



Roger & Emily Hayden

Roger Hayden, NICE Inland Northwest Field Director remarked, "Actually, it was a Bible study that God used to bring me to salvation! Over the years, we've

seen more spiritual growth develop from the Bible study format than any other aspect of ministry." "In our case," stated Jeff Mullins, NICE Missionary at Canaan Community Church, "it was a Bible study that grew into the church that was planted in Rainier. We've used Bible studies as a means to promote spiritual growth and encourage faithfulness to the Lord in every place we've served."

Our NICE Missionaries have different types of Bible studies, each suited to the needs of the people served:



Stan & Virginia Poeschel

Stan Poeschel at Happy Camp Bible Church emphasizes the Bible study ministry; currently 5 different kinds. One is with men who don't attend the church.

Steve DeFord (Ekalaka, MT) has a Bible study in the country that attracts unchurched folks from the area. He also has a one-on-one study in which he is training men for spiritual leadership. Sam Perkins (Kooskia, ID) also has a one-on-one study with a young High school graduate. He seeks to help new Christians become grounded in the Word of God, and to "start out on the right foot in their walk as a Christian."

Jesus and Maria Cordova at Iglesia Cristo Vive (Salem, OR) use Charles Swindoll study guides on biblical characters such as Moses, Job,

Nehemiah and Joseph for their evangelistic Bible studies.

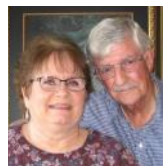
Nate Shinn, who serves Ashland Bible Church, noted that "We've recently seen a man come to know the Lord through our Bible studies, which are based on the prior Sunday's sermon. These studies give the opportunity to interact and ask questions. As a result, people dig deeper into Scripture, and we've seen growth spiritually."



Nate & Muriel Shinn

Roy and Elvia Sprague have taught various books of the Bible at the Bible study in Lacey, WA at Laurel Oaks Senior Community. Roy said, "We're now in our 12th year; what a thrill it's been to see seven people come to Christ, and believers grow in grace!"

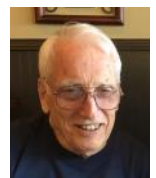
Dan Bong (Wenatchee, WA) teaches Bible studies in assisted living facilities. His goal is to make certain that all those attending understand their need of salvation, the way of salvation and the blessings of salvation.



Dan & Donna Bong

Larry Thayer at Carson Bible Church stated, "We have several Bible studies each week, and we even do Zoom for those who can't come in person. Several have commented, 'We go slow through the material, but learn a lot along the way.' It's a blessing!"

Jonathan Beyer has used evangelistic Bible studies to plant 3 new churches. He exclaimed, "It's exciting to have a church that is made up of people who all are new believers!"



Jonathan Beyer

Thank you for partnering in prayer and support of all the work of God through NICE! And especially THANK YOU for praying for the many Bible studies where the Word of God is being taught. The Scriptures are indeed alive and powerful, revealing the need of a Savior and transforming lives!

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