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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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The World-wide Ministry of NICE!

The men and women who serve with Northwest Independent Church Extension are committed to serving churches through planting, establishing, and discipling. It's not unusual, then, that they would choose to invest time to spread the Gospel message, aid fellow pastors, and minister to churches around the world. Several NICE missionaries have ministered on mission trips around the world.

Jesús Cordova, NICE Hispanic Field Director, has gone to the Dominican Republic as part of a team that shared the Gospel and ministered to medical needs.



Jesús preaching on a Sunday.



Robert taught by flashlight when electricity was lost!

Pacific South Field Director, **Robert Zink** served in the Dominican Republic with International Training & Equipping Ministries (ITEM). After teaching local pastors, Robert remarked, *"The trip was humbling, forcing me to rely upon the Lord in ways that I had become too self-reliant in recent years. It also caused me to consider how we approach rural ministry here in the States and how to help some of our struggling churches."*

Bob Allen, Church Team Missionary and Pacific North Field Director served several African countries with ITEM, taking part in training seminars for local pastors, teaching in French. He commented, *"The honor of meeting men who bore on their body multiple bullet marks because of their service for God has a profound impact on what it means to live for Christ!"*



Bob with some of his students.

Jerry Conklin, retired missionary, has made nine trips to Uganda with Hope and Mercy Mission. He and members of Lewis & Clark Bible Church have been involved in children's and youth ministry, evangelistic outreach, medical work, and training conferences. For Jerry, memories that linger are the hunger for the Word; joy in worship; devotion to prayer; and tears shed at the gift of a Bible. He added, *"The outreach of LCBC to Uganda was the best thing to happen to our church!"*



Praying together for Jerry's wife, Laura who is battling cancer.

NICE Missionary Pastor, **Jeff Mullins**, taught pastors in Tanzania, Rwanda and Zambia with ITEM. Jeff gave assistance with doctrinal statements and government registration forms to an organizing group of independent Bible churches. He later put his course on Homiletics and Hermeneutics into book form which was translated in French and Swahili, which continues to train pastors.



Jeff teaching Homiletics and Hermeneutics.

Nate Shinn serves with NICE as Missionary Pastor, Pacific South Field Director and NICE Board Member. He also invested time with Global Training Network in Argentina, Ethiopia, Zambia, and Tanzania. These times spent training local pastors invigorated him with a renewed passion for teaching. One precious memory from Zambia was when, after teaching theology proper, the entire class stood and broke into a song of praise to God.



Nate preached at a church in Ethiopia.

NICE Missionaries are committed to building God's church in the areas where they have been placed. Their heart for God's work prompts them to reach around the world as well!

Next month: Highlighting the NICE Family on Mission trips stateside!

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