



# Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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## Introducing The Newest Members Of the NICE Family!

Three couples have recently joined the NICE Family, one as NICE Associates; one as Missionary Pastor; and one as Missionary Pastor Appointees.

### JOSH AND FREYA AUSTRING.



A NICE Associate is in an established ministry and fully supported, but desires affiliation with the Mission for support, counsel and fellowship. The Austrings serve as Church Life Pastor at

Helvetia Community Church, Hillsboro, Oregon. A graduate of Corban University, Josh is currently pursuing furthers studies at Western Seminary. He and Freya have four children, though Freya is still involved in a number of ministries. Josh's father, Bryan, has served on the NICE Board of Directors for several terms, and it was through him that Josh and Freya became acquainted with NICE.

*It's a privilege to serve the church.*

Josh

*Faithfulness is key.*

Marcus

*We want to see the Lord transform lives.*

Aaron

*God to the pastorate, with a humble spirit to serve in a rural setting. That is very refreshing!"* Marcus declared, *"Faithfulness is key, and ministry is more than preaching ... it's daily life, service, and relationships."*

### AARON AND JENNIFER STOGNER.

Already seasoned veterans in ministry, Aaron and Jennifer Stogner joined NICE with their daughter Elizabeth from Snoqualmie Valley Bible Church, Washington, where they both serve faithfully; he as senior pastor and she as secretary and pianist. They were first introduced to NICE after joining the IFCA and participating in their first Regional conference. Seeing that NICE offered support in ways they had not received from others, they decided to officially join this year, as Missionary Pastor. Robert Zink commented, *"Though they serve in a difficult region of Washington State, it's their sincere desire to see the Lord transform lives with His truth. That goal, combined with a strong work ethic and humble spirit makes me excited to see how the Lord will be glorified through their service to Him!"*



### MARCUS AND ANNA CORDER.

Marcus was taking part in the Shepherds 360 Conference in Cary, North Carolina, and stopped at the NICE display with a number of questions about the ministry of NICE. He and his wife grew up in the Pacific Northwest, so he was intrigued with the Mission. A graduate of Shepherds Theological Seminary, Marcus was encouraged by former IFCA Executive Director, Les



Uphold these couples in prayer as they serve the Lord alongside the rest of the NICE Family!

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