

Northwest FOCUS

God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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They Still Speak

Andy Malchert reminded his Sunday School class,



"Pastor Mark used to say, 'The whole Bible is the Gospel!'" Another time, Andy recalled Pastor Mark saying, *"We were taught in Missionary School to be ready to preach, pray,*

or die at a moment's notice." **Mark Edwards**, NICE Missionary pastor serving at Wishkah Valley Community Church, Aberdeen, WA passed away in April 2020. Andy (also one of the church's Elders) reflected further, *"Pastor Mark taught us so much! For example, the First Mention Principle in Scripture; the truth of Colossians 1:27, that it is Christ in you, the hope of glory; and so much more. I saw God at work in Mark's life, and God using Mark to affect the lives of the believers – very cool! All praises to God!"*

The Northwest Independent Church Extension has been blessed by others who have served the Mission throughout its 62+ years of ministry. Many of these continue to have an influence even though their call to glory, in some cases, as is noted, was many years ago. The impact of things they said is used of God in our lives today.

Praise God for:



Henry Boyd (2002): *"Remember, vision which comes from God will always result in ventures of faith."*

Dick Schwab (2011): *"We must accept the challenge to keep on until Christ comes! Let us never be satisfied – greater prayer, greater outreach, greater praise!"*



Noel Olsen (2018): *"Pray for me that I'll be in the right place at the right time for God to use."*

Lorraine Olsen (2019): *"Ladies, remember God is the blessed Controller of all things!"*

Don Strunk (1996): *"May our attitude always be that of serving the Lord with gladness!"*



Arnold Wall (1987): *"The difference between defeat or victory is found in one letter: it's the difference between asking 'WHY?' or 'WHO?' Victory is ours when we seek to know WHO the Lord is, instead of asking 'WHY?' 'WHY?' 'WHY?'"*



Larry Ott (2014): *"I walk in peace, knowing that my disability is the greatest tool I have in ministry. It allows me to sympathize, understand, and feel with the hearts of the people God entrusts to me. My purpose in life is to proclaim the grace of God!"*



Bill Cross (2012): *"I love my Lord so much! I don't deserve any rewards or crowns, just knowing that I'm His and He is mine, that's enough. Oh, but I do want to have something to place at His feet in glory!"*



Ernie Quaintance (1995): *"I cannot find words to say 'Thank You' for your love and prayers for me and my family through all these years. I have the best friends in the world; may God continue to bless and use you for His glory. So now, I'm on my journey, on my journey Home!"*



In Hebrews 11:4 we read, *"Although Abel is dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith"* (NLT). These NICE voices from the past, though now silent, still speak! They continue to challenge us to faithfulness and Christ-likeness!

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