

JOURNEYS



"Encouraging Biblical stewardship across the Northwest so that others may experience the Cross"

2019 CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

\$ 512,215.73



NWBC
\$39,088.24

Scholarships
\$ 38,138.80



NWBC
Churches
\$ 257,155.77

Educational
Institutions
\$ 34,413.46



NWBC
Associations
\$34,296.92

Pastor/Widows
Ministry
\$ 10,197.28



IMB
\$ 15,481.80

Short-Term
Missions
\$ 2,272.83



NAMB
\$ 6,388.14

Other Charities
\$ 74,782.49



Legacy of a NW Baptist Family

When former NWBF President W.L. Childs went to meet with Walt and Evelyn Meeks in May of 1993, he had no idea that it would be the beginning of a long-standing relationship between the Meeks family and the Northwest Baptist Foundation.

In addition to Childs, NWBF Presidents Harry Bonner and Tom Hixson and attorney Ron Bryant had the opportunity to write two wills for the Meeks before their estate plan was converted to a trust-based plan, drafted by Clint Overall in 2012.

The Meeks came to the Northwest in the late 60's and became active members of Capital Baptist Church in Salem, where Walt served as a deacon. They took on any tasks that were asked of them. After retirement in 1992, they were involved in several building projects, including the building of the NWBC building in Vancouver and the new sanctuary and remodel at Capital.

Although they were busy with many activities such as travelling, fishing, water skiing and golf, their love for the Lord never drifted. So it was not a surprise that when Walt and Evelyn went to be with the Lord, they left a Memorial Fund in their names to bless some of their favorite NWBC ministries.

In 2019, the Meeks Memorial Fund was funded, yielding about \$10,000 a year to be divided among their favorite ministries.

The beneficiaries of the Meeks Memorial fund are:

- Capital Baptist Church - Capital improvements**
- NWBC - Capital improvements, and**
- NWBF - Scholarships**

Total Assets Under Management
May 31, 2020 - **\$ 53.1 million**

Distributions to Charity
May 31, 2020 - **\$ 360,000.00**

Year to Date Church Loans Funded:
May 31, 2020 - **\$ 1.35M** in NEW dollars - **\$ 6M** in refi dollars



Thank you, Walt and Evelyn, for the many blessings!



Yahweh-Yireh
“The Lord will *provide*”

The story is well-known. Abraham is leading his only son, Isaac, up a mountain to “worship.” As they ascend, Isaac asks, “Father, we have the fire and the knife but where is the lamb?” And Abraham answered, “God himself will provide!”

From then until now, God has provided. In this issue, we share about the abundance of God’s provision.

As much as God provides for the living, His real provision is for the dying. While we celebrate the lives of Walt and Evelyn Meeks and their love and support of Kingdom work at their deaths, the real celebration is knowing that God provided His Son and through the death of Jesus Christ He offered eternal security to the Meeks and all those that believe – the ultimate provision. Walt and Evelyn lived a life committed to this message and it was this commitment that shaped and defined their Estate Plan. Their spiritual impact on the Northwest will continue for years and decades to come as they provide ongoing financial benefits to their church, students (scholarships) and the Convention.

God also continues to provide His message of Hope through His Church and other Ministries. Edgar Rurii is leading his church - Kenyan Community International Church (KCIC) – to build a new building in the heart of Kent, Washington to minister to their community. Edgar is quick to recognize and acknowledge God has provided every opportunity for KCIC to serve Him and share His message with those who so desperately need to hear it. Mike and Debbie Tallman continue to lead the ministry of Set Free as it shares a message of freedom from addiction through healing found only in a committed and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

While we face uncertain and difficult times, join with us as we take a moment to recognize and reflect on God’s unfailing provision and love for us. All glory to the Father!



NWBF HOUSEKEEPING: For many of you we have been storing original documents for many years. If you have updated your estate plan since the one we did for you - please phone our office to request your old original documents be returned to you - Lori

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Create in me a clean
 heart, *O God,*
 and *renew a right spirit*
 within me.

3 Church Loan Stories...

Kenyan Community International Church was formed in 2000 as a fellowship for the Kenyan Diaspora Community living in Seattle. As many people know, the Gospel is alive and well in Africa and changing lives for millions of people. Missionary efforts from Kenya are focused on the U.S. and bringing the Gospel to the lost in our country. NWBF is thrilled to assist them with financing as they seek to connect believers in Kenya with those in the Seattle area. Services are held in a mix of languages featuring English, Kiswahili and Kikuyu in order to cater to the multi-ethnic congregation. The church building fund committee administrates the fund and leads out in the vision for their new facility: A building that will seat up to 200 people for worship and function as a Community Center to conduct ceremonies, teach Sunday School, daycare and other classes as well as serve as a meeting place for community members. The community center will also be used to share the great history, heritage, artwork and work of God in Kenya. KCIC borrowed \$3.5M dollars to see their vision come to fruition.



Kessid Church in Vancouver, WA contacted NWBF after they were gifted a 30,000 sq. ft. facility in downtown Vancouver. The word Kessid is a transliteration for the Hebrew word “chesed” which means “the attribute of steadfast love, grace or mercy.” The founding pastor’s passion is to keep growing a ministry where people, regardless of their station in life, feel welcomed and loved. Kessid has experienced a variety of venues for worship since it’s founding in 2009 and currently is meeting in the Gaiser Student Center at Clark College. This venue has allowed the church to serve the

children and congregation in ways they couldn’t have imagined! However, the miracle came in early 2017 when the church was given a debt free church building in downtown Vancouver. The loan made by Northwest Baptist Foundation for \$3.5M is for a complete remodel of the facility.

Set Free Christian Ministries of Elma recently acquired the SAFE Family Ministries property in Chehalis and is excited to expand its men’s ministry to include women and families. The goal of the ministry continues to be able to provide a safe, loving, structured environment for men, women, couples and families to live while they receive the spiritual, emotional, physical and economical healing which only an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ can provide. In the past, Set Free had been able to have an income stream fed by sending volunteers to various nonprofit vendors and functions such as concerts, Seahawk games, Mariners games, and spring training in Arizona. Of course, in the midst of the corona virus this income stream has been severed. Prayer is needed as the ministry attempts to navigate today’s climate. A loan of \$1.2M was granted in order to complete projects on both campuses.

