



Northwest Baptist
FOUNDATION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Driving north on Interstate 5, Seattle’s “down-town” bursts into view around exit 157. To your left stands the Space Needle, an iconic Seattle landmark. Standing 605 feet, the Space Needle was once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi. Today, it is dwarfed by an expanding architectural genius which results in ever taller buildings. But while the Space Needle has surrendered its title as the tallest and some of its prestige, what remains is impressive and notable in its architecture. The entire structure weighs some 9,500 tons and is built to withstand Category 5 hurricane force winds (up to 200 mph) and earthquakes of up to 9.0 magnitude. Testing by engineers shows the top of the Space Needle sways only one inch per 10 mph of wind speed. How is this possible? Well, you have to understand the foundation on which the Space Needle sits, a foundation that is unseen to the eye. The stability of the Space Needle was ensured when a hole was dug some 30 feet deep and 120 feet across. That hole was then filled by 467 concrete trucks in a single day, working around the clock. The

foundation alone weighs in excess of 5,000 tons, more than the visible part of the Space Needle. Once the concrete cured, the base of the Needle was bolted to the foundation with 72 bolts, each one 30 feet long.

As a child, I learned the story about the difference in building a house on the rock or on the sand. As Jesus shared, when the floodwaters (or troubles) rise and break against the house, it stands firm if built upon the rock, and it crumbles if built upon the sand (or without a foundation).

While this past year has brought a unique set of troubles, it is important to claim that the Northwest Baptist Foundation is built upon a solid foundation of trust and integrity. We deeply appreciate the faithful service of those who came before us, those who “dug the hole” and “filled it in,” not with concrete but with a clear obedience to the Lord. Our successes are built on their sacrifices. Being guided by prayer and a distinct willingness to follow the Lord has allowed the Foundation to realize continued success and achievement despite an unfolding pandemic and resulting economic crises.

With a renewed confidence we look forward to 2021. We are excited to resume our normal operations and to again meet with you in person. Please enjoy the stories and appreciate the information. God is good and we are blessed to serve Him at the Northwest Baptist Foundation.



Clint Overall, President

2020 CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS



\$47,905.26
NWBC
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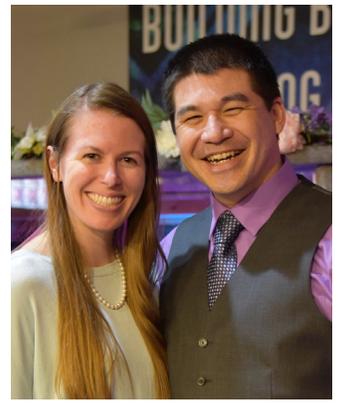
FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE ADAMS-MEEKS D. MIN. SCHOLARSHIP

One of the most exciting things that happens at the Foundation is watching God use gifts from donors to affect lives and empower ministry. For years, generous gifts have funded scholarships for students receiving seminary master's degrees. In 2020, the scholarship program expanded as gifts from two families created the Adams-Meeks Scholarship for Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) students at Gateway Seminary. The D. Min. program provides specialized training and mentorship for ministers in Northwest churches.

John Wu is the first-ever recipient of this new scholarship. John is Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Baptist Church on Homedale in Klamath Falls, where he helps lead the church's Family Event Series to engage with the community. Even with the unusual circumstances of the past year, John has followed up with 150 families who attended church events. God has worked through John, and several people have come to Christ and been baptized.

Through seminary, John is becoming better equipped to equip others. He will lead a major ministry project as part of his D. Min. work, training 12 people to initiate meaningful discipleship relationships with guests that attend church events. This will greatly multiply the impact of the Family Event Series in Klamath Falls. As John puts it, the Adams-Meeks Scholarship dollars he has received "are being used to lead more people to Christ."

We are thankful for the generous testimony of the Adams and Meeks families, and we are inspired by John's evangelism focus and seminary journey. If you want to learn more about any of the Foundation's scholarship programs, please let us know or visit www.nwbaptistfdn.org.



JESUS' DISCIPLES FAMILY CHURCH

Here is a riddle – what can crawl, fly, has hands, and moves with no legs or wings? Give up? Answer: Time. It is what God intricately organizes for our good, even when we can't see it in the moment. The recent partnership between the Foundation and Jesus' Disciples Family Church (JDFC), located in Tacoma, Washington, testifies to this.

JDFC is a Filipino church that began as a small, eight-person Bible study in Summer 2008. This small community met every Monday night to walk through life together, including the celebration of new members and the trials of the economic downturn. Over the next year, additional Bible studies were established, as well as youth, men's, and women's groups. It was clear that a congregation was forming, and more space was needed to accommodate all members for corporate worship. JDFC approached a neighborhood church, Immanuel Celebration Church (ICC), and was granted access to the facility on Sunday afternoons for worship. For 11 years, this arrangement continued and the relationship between the two churches strengthened. Both congregations rejoiced in sharing the Good News under one roof!

By summer 2020, ICC felt God's call to move elsewhere and pass its ministry efforts, along with the building, to another Kingdom-minded organization. Of the list of potential candidates, JDFC was near the top. JDFC was thrilled at the thought of having a permanent home and expanding its ministry! Itching to make the move, JDFC reached out to the Foundation for financing. However, certain financial factors prevented the Foundation from loaning the requested amount. Over the next nine months, through phone calls, emails, and in-person visits, the Foundation worked closely with JDFC leadership to craft a purchase offer to present to ICC that would allow JDFC to successfully service a loan without compromising Kingdom work. The proposal was accepted by ICC, and JDFC will soon be the proud owners of a church building come Summer 2021. God's timing is perfect.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS FUTURE GENERATIONS

Mary Davis, a member of Kitsap Lake Baptist Church, is our first client to make plans to leave money to a Family Blessing Trust. After the Family Blessing Trust funds, the Northwest Baptist Foundation will send a Christmas card to Mary's grandchildren and include a check and a letter for 20 years. The check is 5% of the original Trust amount divided equally among her grandchildren. The letter is written by Mary and held by the Foundation until the Trust funds.

After 20 years of cards with special messages from Mary, the Trust will distribute its remaining balance to four charities Mary has chosen.

Are you interested in a Family Blessing Trust?
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