

A photograph of a person's hands using a shovel and pruning shears to plant a tree in a field of dark mulch. The shovel is stuck into the ground, and the pruning shears are being used to trim the roots of a small tree. The background is a field of dark mulch.

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Hope. I've used this word frequently over the course of the last several months as I've shared, with various constituencies, that I believe there is reason to have hope as

we look into NNU's future. And it seems to me that hope is one of the key things that sets NNU apart from many other private universities.

But first, let's make sure we define what "hope" means. The Merriam-Webster online dictionary tells us that the "simple definition" for hope is "to want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true." This "simple definition" leaves me feeling pretty empty and doesn't begin to capture what I mean when I use this word. Fortunately the definition goes on to offer an alternative definition that reads: "to expect with confidence." It is this definition that I think enunciates the true meaning of this word for me and, I'm guessing, for many of you. Because those who believe that Jesus of Nazareth's message is still true, relevant and life changing for us in the 21st Century also believe that He is the only appropriate foundation for our hope. And it is only because of His message and its impact on our lives that we can really "expect with confidence"—that is, have hope.

The stories that follow in this issue of *The Messenger* are stories that express and inspire hope. As you read between the lines in the pages that follow you will see that hope is foundational to this year's chapel emphasis as our chaplains, the Metcalfs, lead us to explore how students can practically address the difficult issues of our time. You will see that it was hope that drove two NNU alums to be relentless in their pursuit of a solution to a significant health risk affecting children around the world while ultimately seeking to demonstrate "practical compassion." Read how a mission trip to Haiti helped McCrea and other students discover how they could bring hope to a Port-au-Prince orphanage, and how Sandra is serving her fellow veterans as vice president of NNU's Student Veterans' Club. And don't miss the story of how Gates of Hope gave rise to Hoops4Hope through the efforts of several NNU alums.

Right before our campus closed for the Christmas holiday, I had the opportunity to share some thoughts with those who work at NNU—our incredible faculty and staff. I shared with them my continuing hope in the future here at NNU, then clarified that my hope is not simply based on their abilities, although they are significant, but rather is based on my faith in God. I think Paul said it best in his first letter to Timothy: "We work and struggle for this: 'Our hope is set on the living God, who is the savior of all people, especially those who believe'" [I Timothy 4:10 (CEB)]. As we each seek to apply our unique gifting to the real issues of our workplaces and world, let's remember that we can have hope because of who He is.

Blessings,

Joel K. Pearsall, NNU President

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becoming Christ's *ambassador*

FOR OVER 100 years, the soil of NNU has provided rich ground for seeds of transformation to take root and stretch tender shoots upward under the steady warmth of an encouraging community and the daily watering of ideas. Sometimes growth happens quickly. Other times, like a maple tree that matures for 40 years before being tapped, a yield requires patience.

Using a year-long chapel theme of “Justice, Mercy, Humility: Pursuing the Common Good,” University Chaplains Dustin and Olivia Metcalf have been planting and watering seeds they pray will produce a passion in students to become ambassadors for Christ.

“We wanted to challenge the NNU community to explore with us many of the hard issues of our day. We believe that God’s desire is to right the wrongs of this world and that part of this righting is for God’s people to live holy lives—lives reflecting the image of Christ in the world. To be like Christ, we have to be able to see the ‘least of these’—the abused, the broken, the forgotten.”

Thanks to special speakers, local pastors, members of the campus community and

denominational leaders, students are exploring and dialoguing about what it means to be Christian in today’s world, covering topics such as human trafficking, violence, creation care, pornography, and refugees and immigrants.

While these conversations are challenging, students are finding value and inspiration in the topics.

“Chapel this year has been such a perfect opportunity for me to explore how I can make a difference in this world and fulfill God’s purpose on this earth,” says junior Cacey Hall. “After going through the human trafficking walk, ‘SOLD Experience,’ and listening to the different speakers, I have gained so much compassion for women coming out of slavery. I am a psychology major and hope to become a counselor or therapist someday, so becoming a therapist for women who have been brought out of slavery is something I am very interested in pursuing.”

Junior history major Erik Birnel found inspiration through another topic. “Hearing Josh (’03) and Melissa (’04) Fishburne speak about refugees touched me,” he reflected. “They are two married

ors

A yearlong chapel theme encourages students to become Christ's hands and feet no matter the challenge.

NNU alumni who run a Christian ministry that reaches out to refugees living in Boise. Through their example we are reminded that bi-vocational ministry is very possible, that refugees have a name besides 'refugee,' and that the mission field is often in our own neighborhoods."

Inspired to act, Erik joined with fellow students senior Kelly Nigro, junior Rebecca Dedergren and junior Alexandra Zickefoose to revive Stand Club, a club that partners with World Relief Boise to connect students with refugees. They organized an information panel with experts on refugees, along with a hygiene drive to collect needed items for newly resettled refugees in Boise.

"These conversations [around the chapel topics] will happen regardless of what universities deem valuable for student ears. Exploring these issues in meaningful ways—through an academic lens, a social justice lens, and a biblical lens—is valuable in that it provides

students multiple pools of information to draw from when in conversation about these issues on or off campus," commented Alexandra.

Junior public relations major Ross Martinson believes the chapel format has challenged him in ways he hasn't experienced before. "One of the biggest takeaways for me has been to have

"WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S DESIRE IS TO RIGHT THE WRONGS OF THIS WORLD AND THAT PART OF THIS RIGHTING IS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO LIVE HOLY LIVES."

hard conversations and challenge one another even if we don't have the answers. If we want to be fully transformed here, we have to have hard conversations so that we know what we can do better


and how we can go out into the world and be creative and redemptive agents for Christ."

Thankfully, graduation isn't the end of this growth. Evidenced in the lives of NNU alumni, the seeds planted during their time as students continue to grow, form new branches and bear much fruit—truly making the world a better place through the love of Jesus. ❖



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acquiring a *passion* to serve

By McCrea Nirider, Class of 2016

How an NNU mission trip started a transformative wave of action in my life, on campus and around the world.

A RIPPLE effect occurs when a single event causes a pervasive and unexpected impact. Saying “yes” to attending NNU four years ago was like dropping a rock into a huge body of water, creating a ripple that continues to carry me farther than I could have imagined. NNU’s mission is to develop students into creative, redemptive agents in the world. I knew that here I would learn, grow and leave prepared to put my degree—and subsequent career—to use for good; but, I had no idea how much the people and the opportunities here would challenge and encourage me to engage in creative and redemptive work before I even graduated.

In May 2014, as a sophomore, I went with NNU on a Mission to Haiti and served at Hope Home, an orphanage for children with disabilities. I thought I had prepared myself for what I was going to see and experience, having read over a thousand pages about Haiti—the culture, the political situation, the poverty—and having grown up around kids with special needs. Books are a great place to start, but I quickly found they are hardly a substitute for stepping into the reality of others and learning firsthand.

As we painted and played, I caught glimpses of the daily challenges of life at Hope Home. I detested the injustice I saw, but feeling powerless to make a dent in issues I knew extended far beyond the doors of Hope Home, I made excuses. I told myself: “This is just how life is for them. It isn’t fair, but it’s what they have to deal with.” Dealing with what I was seeing would mean being uncomfortable and possibly

being asked to do something about it—something I felt unequipped to do.

Slowly it began to not be okay. Through my teammates and the people I met, God began to open my heart to what was in front of me. Still, I struggled to accept that all I could give wouldn’t be enough to make a dent in the condition of Hope Home, let alone Haiti.

I thank God for my teammates and my hosts, who shared my overwhelming burden and participated in a heart-opening response. Our host Liz Schandorff, a Mission Aviation Fellowship missionary, responded to our feelings with encouragement and a call to action: “You can’t do everything for everyone, but you can do for one

into a campus and community wide educational and fundraising campaign we dubbed “Ripple Effect”—made possible through a grant awarded by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

In May 2015, I returned to Haiti with NNU on a Mission. Faced with the same realities but open to fully experiencing every high and low the trip would hold, I carried myself differently. I still struggled to accept that, for now, there’s nothing I can do to fix the underlying causes of the problems I saw, but I found peace and encouragement in the evident reality that with Christ in us, there is so much power to transform.

One small “yes” has had unbelievable impact. What started as a short trip


“YOU CAN’T DO EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE, BUT YOU CAN DO FOR ONE WHAT YOU WISH YOU COULD DO FOR ALL.”

what you wish you could do for all.”

When we returned to NNU in the fall, team members Lukas Rieke (’15), Kassandra Johnson (’15), Rachel Ball (class of 2016) and I chose to tackle the overwhelming water problem we had witnessed at Hope Home. As we discussed how to go about this, I was always the hesitant one—confident in my skills in the classroom and on the soccer field, but not so sure I had what was needed to gather up thousands of dollars for an orphanage. Yet again, I thank God for those around me—the staff and students at NNU who offered their time, experience and knowledge. These were the people who showed me what can happen when we say “yes” to God’s work, even if we don’t have it all figured out yet. What started as simple fundraising efforts turned

to serve in Haiti turned into a yearlong campaign for Hope Home, a return trip to Haiti, and now an emerging non-profit created to collaborate with and empower Hope Home and places like it.

I anxiously await continuing my education and sharing my profession with the world in meaningful ways, but through my trips to Haiti and my time at NNU, I’ve seen that simply being present and saying “yes” to the adventures God has planned can make a huge difference. I’ve acquired a passion to learn about His people through relationships with them and by experiencing their realities.

This August I say “yes” to the next adventure, an 11-month missional journey to serve in 11 different countries (worldrace.org). God continues to carry me on the wave of the ripple effect, and I know—ready or not—He will use me as long as I make myself available. 

pursuing practical compassion

Two best friends make a difference meeting everyday needs of children in poverty.

By Anna Lee, Class of 2004

“PRACTICAL compassion is our mission. It’s who we are,” said Kenton Lee (’07 and ’12), founder and executive director of Because International. “We want to do the simple things to help people have a better life. I really believe that if we can help people with the small things, it can make a huge difference in their lives. We want to make innovative products that can help people in poverty live better everyday lives.”

Lee and his best friend and director of operations, Andrew Kroes (’07), are seeking to accomplish that mission through a humble but innovative idea—a shoe that grows. This simple concept is making national headlines with NBC’s “The Today Show,” “Smithsonian Magazine,” “O Magazine” and many others taking note. However, that isn’t where the story starts.

“Andrew showed up in the second grade,” Lee said. Kroes and Lee attended the same church and the same school and eventually came to NNU together, both pursuing business administration degrees. That friendship would lay the foundation for a burgeoning non-profit organization that is capturing imaginations far beyond its roots in Nampa, Idaho.

Because International is the brainchild of Lee. After graduating from NNU in 2007, he spent a year traveling and living internationally trying to understand a call to missions. Inspiration struck one morning in Nairobi, Kenya where Lee was working at an orphanage. “I was walking with the children to church and looked down at the feet of a little girl in a white dress next to me. I was stunned by the size of her shoes. They were so small she had to cut the front open for her toes to stick out. I thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be nice if there was a shoe that could expand as these kids grow?’”

When Lee returned home to the U.S., “Andrew was one of the first people I talked to about it.” Kroes agreed to serve as a board member and help Lee form Because International in 2009.

With no experience in footwear, at first they simply tried to give the idea away. They contacted every major shoe company they

could think of, but no one was interested. The idea lay dormant for a while. Kroes pursued a lucrative career with a technology startup in Boise and earned his CFA designation while Lee returned to NNU to serve as the assistant director of campus life.

It was through a series of NNU connections that the seeds planted in Kenya finally started to take root and grow. Lee had a chance meeting with an NNU alumnus that eventually introduced him to Proof of Concept, Inc., a Portland-based shoe company that creates prototypes.

Finally, a company was excited about The Shoe That Grows. Proof of Concept helped produce 100 prototypes of Lee’s idea. Meanwhile Lee and his board began fundraising. They raised enough to fund the 100 pairs of shoes and to send Lee and his wife, Nikki (Bodenstab, ’06), back to Kenya in 2013 to distribute and test them. They delivered 25 pairs to each of four Nazarene schools. The response was outstanding.

Following that trip, in October 2014, Because International received its first shipment of 3,000 pairs of shoes, launched the website and started distributing them to churches and organizations for missions trips. Lee’s idea was finally a reality.

And the product really worked. The Shoe That Grows is constructed of compressed rubber on the sole and high quality leather on the uppers. It has no mechanical parts that could easily break but rather sturdy metal

snaps that allow it to expand in three places—the front, sides and back. It can grow up to five sizes and last up to five years.

“Over two billion people have a soil-transmitted disease,” said Lee. Kids without shoes are highly susceptible. They lose chances to succeed because they miss school and lose time to help their families. “We want kids to be in the best possible position to succeed, and something as simple as a shoe can help make a difference.”

Finally the shoe was attracting attention, but Lee was struggling to keep up with the demands. In 2015, Kroes took a leap of faith and stepped away from his career to work full

“WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.”



time as the director of operations for Because International. Kroes handles logistics and finances while Lee continues to travel, interact with the media, and spread the vision.

Despite being consumed with packing and distributing thousands of shoes out of their homes and a donated warehouse space, Kroes contends, “We are not a shoe company. We are committed to creating innovative solutions to assist children living in poverty.” They are already working on their next idea: The Better Bed Net. They hope to move forward developing this concept within the next six to 12 months. They already have an NNU engineering student with family in Africa, junior Korte Zickefoose, who is working with them on design and testing.

Lee and Kroes agree that NNU has been pivotal in the growth of their organization and in their personal lives. “Andrew and I were business majors together, and now we are creating this organization from scratch. I would have never thought we would start an organization like we practiced in our senior seminar project,” said Lee.

Kroes concurs. “More than anything, NNU taught me how to learn and how to be responsible. My education gave me the tools I need to be as effective as possible within a role and to


shorten the learning curve as much as possible.”

For Lee the impact of NNU goes even deeper. “My NNU experience really helped shape my life. A big part of that was leadership. I got to be a part of student government and work with the folks in Student Development.

Their belief in me helped me believe in myself.”

Beyond their personal development, Kroes and Lee believe in the education NNU provides. It influenced them and continues to influence students and alumni to both create and support endeavors that make the world a better place.

Lee said, “NNU gives its students ways to make a literal difference in the world even before they graduate. While students at NNU, they work on projects and have assignments that can really make a difference. That means a lot to us as an organization, and we love using these students to help us achieve our mission of practical compassion.”

 Hear more from Kenton and Andrew at nnu.edu/theshoethatgrows



expressing

His love

“PEOPLE NEED healing through love and personal relationship,” says Joel Ryman ('09), public communication graduate and former NNU basketball player. His desire to satisfy this need has come to fruition through Hoops4Hope, a basketball academy for refugee youth and an outgrowth of Kenya-based non-profit Gates of Hope. Joel and his wife Deborah have become the driving force behind the organization's efforts in the Boise Valley and work passionately towards developing relationships with the local refugee community.

Gates of Hope was started by Mike Hammer ('01) who, during a research trip to Kenya, met a woman on the street named Mary. She was single-handedly taking care of over 20 children who had nowhere else to go. Mike desired to assist her and asked his friends and family back home to provide whatever they could to support these children. This process served as the building blocks for Mike and fellow NNU graduate Jake Proffitt ('01) to create Gates of Hope.

As Gates of Hope continues to provide scholarships and empower the Kenyan youth, it has also expanded to include operations in Idaho. In Boise, Gates of Hope aids local refugee children as they adapt to life in the U.S. This is accomplished through engaging the community, educating individuals and empowering leaders. Gates of Hope provides perfect opportunities for these kids to build friendships, learn the culture and make positive lasting memories through various programs and outreaches. These experiences are extremely important for the children's emotional and social development

as they try to acclimate to their new world. For many, it is a chance to reclaim a childhood that was stolen from them.


Joel currently serves Gates of Hope as director of development and Deborah is director of operations. The Ryman's have moved into the neighborhood where many refugees reside in order to become even more involved in the lives of the youth. Both Joel and Deborah are fully invested in seeing Gates of Hope become the life-changing and empowering presence that is so greatly needed by refugee children. Deborah shares, “We have been so loved by Christ, and these kids have been an expression of this love. That's what Gates of Hope is. It's about loving each other authentically.”

As a former NNU basketball player, Joel loves to utilize the sport as a way to connect with local children. Thus, Hoops4Hope was born. A group of refugee youth meet with Joel and his fellow coaches for rigorous training sessions once a week from June to October. This academy not only physically challenges the young men, but also seeks to help them learn and grow in the academy's four core values: “Respect: for the community, authority, peers, women and self; Health: of body, mind and heart; Servant Leadership: understanding leadership through service; Love: loving others as you wished to be loved.”

As the Hoops4Hope Academy came to a close in 2015, Joel had a surprise planned for the boys. “Instead of training for our last event before the school year started, we took them to Table Rock and said, ‘Alright, gentlemen, we're gonna climb that sucker. We're going to sprint up that bad boy.’” As the group began to work their way up the steep climb, they stopped along the way to



JOEL RYMAN (THIRD FROM THE LEFT)
AND HIS HOOPS4HOPE TEAM.

 Learn more about Gates of Hope
at gatesofhope.net.

Gates of Hope builds community with refugee youth through basketball.

By Alex Reich, Class of 2016

recap the journey they had gone through together over the course of the academy and the values and lessons they had learned.

At first the youth were somewhat angry, but as the climb went on they began to buy in and rely on each other more. Each leg of the hike emphasized a certain value. The first one emphasized respect. Here the boys had to speak to each other with respect and encouragement. The second leg emphasized health, which reminded them of the importance of developing and maintaining mental and physical health. The last leg emphasized servant leadership by having the group take turns carrying one another. At the top, where a 60-foot cross stands, the final value of love was explored.

“We were literally running to the cross, and at the end the coaches and I got to speak to them individually and tell them how much we love them and speak life to the side of them that is just starving for confirmation of ‘who am I, why was I made, what is my purpose?’” After each athlete received one-on-one attention, the entire group gathered underneath the cross on top of Table Rock for one final speech. Joel began, “Gentlemen, truly the ultimate expression of love that we’ve ever experienced and that we know is true is seen here in this cross.”


This journey up to the cross required that these young men make themselves vulnerable to one another in order to lend a helping hand. Deborah recounts the transformation she has seen in the lives of these young men even over such a short amount of

time, commenting, “It was amazing to see these boys open up to receive the life that was being spoken to them.” She continued, “The results of these relationships are truly evident. We began to see changes in attitudes and personalities for the better. Negative smack talk became uplifting encouragement, and that speaks to the power of relationship.” That is what

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Gates of Hope seeks to provide—not simply to feed, clothe and house, but to live and grow in relationship with these refugees who hunger for a sense of belonging.

Reflecting back on his years at NNU, Joel recognizes the direct connections between his time in school and his current

work with Gates of Hope. When Joel first arrived at NNU on a basketball scholarship, he wasn’t too excited. However, upon seeing the strength of the community and the engagement and investment of the professors, Joel was soon overwhelmed with the presence of love. He felt as if he had found his second family. NNU also fostered Joel’s love for truth and relationship, which has carried over to Gates of Hope. Because of his growth at NNU, Joel learned the importance of deepening the discussion and of doing it all in God’s name. “When your ultimate motivation is to love with the love you’ve been given, He takes care of the rest.” 



Honoring veterans

On November 11, NNU Veterans Services hosted a Veterans' Day ceremony and open house for NNU students, faculty, staff and the community. The ceremony included remarks by Director of Veterans Services Bob Sanchez and representatives from NNU Student Veterans' Club.

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Researching wildfires

While promoting STEM education in a local high school, NNU's FireMAP team was able to start on its semester project. Using a DJI Phantom 2 Vision+, NNU's FireMAP team and Vallivue High School's (Caldwell, Idaho) engineering class took imagery at various altitudes of a giant ruler built on the soccer field.

As stated in their proposal, the team is working on creating a program that will "provide a responsive, affordable and safe tool to assist with the development of post-fire recovery plans and for updating spatial fuel layers to reflect the effects of the fire on vegetation."

Last semester, Computer Science Professors Dale Hamilton and Barry Myers were awarded a NASA EPSCoR Undergraduate Research Grant to support their research on fire monitoring and assessment technology. 🏆



Picturing a way to give

Spring semester of 2015, Associate Professor of Art & Design Jamie Tucker discovered a way to serve the community through a class she teaches. To practice capturing movement, Tucker took her digital-photography students to the West Valley Humane Society. After taking an hour course to become volunteers, the class each photographed a few different dogs or cats for the shelter—these photos are used on the shelter's website to help animals get adopted faster.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, 90 PERCENT OF NNU GRAPHIC DESIGN GRADS HAVE GONE ON TO CAREERS IN THEIR FIELD

Even after class ended, the project continued. What started out as a two-week project for a class turned into an ongoing commitment. "I love it because I get to use photography to help the dogs find a home," explained Tucker. Tucker continues to volunteer at West Valley Humane Society taking pictures and playing with the animals. 🏆



Hosting outstanding speakers

NNU Honors College had the privilege of presenting talks featuring Paul Harvey and Fredi Lajvardi last semester. These men are just two of the outstanding speakers who have been a part of the Honors College Lecture Series.

Harvey, a University of Colorado professor, co-authored “The Color of Christ: The Son of God & the Saga of Race in America”—a book chosen by editors of “Choice: Current Reviews of Academic Libraries” as one of the Top 25 Books in its Annual Outstanding Academic Titles List.

Lajvardi is a nationally acclaimed educator. He challenges underprivileged, underfunded high school students through his teaching in the field of robotics—so much so that his students have defeated the likes of students from MIT three consecutive times at the National Underwater Robotics Challenge. 🏆

Raising the bar

Payton Lewis set the bar high on his track & field career as the freshman from Nampa Christian High earned two NCAA Division II National Championships berths, won three GNAC titles, received recognition as West Region Field Athlete of the Year, set five school records and earned Second Team and First Team All-American honors last season.

NNU OFFERS 13 NCAA DIVISION II ATHLETIC TEAMS

“God is faithful and good,” Lewis said after becoming the Crusader’s 13th track and field All-American. “I’m happy the hard work paid off.”

Now a sophomore, Lewis is poised for another impressive season. During the first indoor meet, Lewis swept the competition with a national provisional qualifying mark in pole vault. 🏆

Experiencing the outdoors

Journeys Outfitting, Co. is an NNU club focused on creating opportunities for students to experience the outdoors.

During spring break, Journeys is taking a large group of students to California for a weeklong outing. This will be the club’s fifth trip to San Diego for surfing, exploring, and experiencing Disneyland. In addition to San Diego, Journeys is offering trips throughout the semester for skiing, rock climbing, camping and soaking in hot springs.

NNU HAS OVER 30 STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Carly Gilmore (Big Timber, Mont.), a Journeys member and junior English major, says the club has helped create some of her favorite college memories. “Journeys is always offering fun, affordable outings. Whether it is rock climbing in Hells Canyon, paddle boarding on the Snake River or surfing in San Diego, Journeys makes outdoor activities more accessible for students.” 🏆



Benefiting from generous friends

In the fall, NNU announced the imminent distribution of the final portion of an estate gift from Howard and Mary Conrad. The first portion of the gift, received in March 2014, came in at \$10 million with the understanding that the university would receive an additional sum as the residuary beneficiary at a later date; the university's remainder interest was determined and totals over \$8 million. This gift—exceeding \$18 million—will be truly transformative for the university.

President Pearsall said, “We are incredibly grateful for this second gift that has turned out to be almost equal in magnitude to the first. This is now by far the largest gift NNU has ever received. We will strive to be worthy stewards of this incredible generosity.”



Changing local farming

Engineering Professors Duke Bulanon and Josh Griffin have been developing an autonomous robot that could perform time-intensive farm tasks. Currently, they are focusing on the task of chemical spraying. To precisely complete its task, the IdaBOT will use radio frequency identification to move through a vineyard or orchard on its own and target specific trees or vines.

NNU'S ENGINEERING PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY ABET

“Our goal is to try to reduce the costs for the orchard owners or the vineyard owners by building something that can take the pressure off some of their workers,” said Griffin. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Grant Program granted Griffin and Bulanon more than \$80,000 to make IdaBOT a reality.



Addressing human trafficking

In September, NNU invited the local community to join in a human trafficking awareness event. “SOLD: The Human Trafficking Experience” came to campus and College Church of the Nazarene to provide an interactive educational experience.

Visitors to the SOLD Experience had the opportunity to walk in the shoes of a modern-day slave. The multi-sensory exhibit combines technology with true stories to educate visitors about human trafficking—locally and globally—through the lives of victims in nine different parts of the world. From child soldiers in South Sudan to forced labor in India to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the U.S., the exhibit addresses the many forms of trafficking of men, women and children worldwide.



Thinking inside the box

NNU's CubeSat design team received a NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium (ISGC) undergraduate research grant for the 2015-2016 year. The grant will fund the MakerSat-1 project.

NNU'S CUBESAT TEAM HAS EARNED THREE ISGC GRANTS

The team is developing a new type of four-inch, cube-shaped satellite to be fabricated and deployed into Earth's orbit directly from the International Space Station. "NNU is the first university to partner with NASA and MIS to design a CubeSat specifically for space manufacture. It is so exciting for our students to have an opportunity to literally make history!" said Dr. Stephen Parke, CubeSat team co-leader and NNU engineering professor.

The MakerSat-1 engineering prototype will be delivered to MIS and NASA in 2016, and is scheduled for deployment by the end of 2016. 📌

Coming this spring

Exciting performances from the Department of Music fill the spring semester on and off campus, beginning with "Guys and Dolls," a musical comedy about redemption in the flashy casino halls of New York. Show dates are March 3, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and March 6 at 3 p.m. in the Brandt Center's Swayne Auditorium.

Other highlights include the Northwesterners' tour of Washington state April 8 through 10, Concert Band and Bella Voce's combined concert April 12 at NNU, Crusader Choir & Orchestra's performance of Great Hymns of our Faith April 24, and Northwesterners and Jazz Revival's spring concert April 28. May 8 through 22, members of Crusader Choir & Orchestra will embark on a tour of South Korea to work with partner universities and churches.

For a complete department schedule and up-to-date performance information, including ticket purchasing, visit nnu.edu/music or call (208) 467-8413. 📌


Inspiring women

NNU is pleased to announce a new women's philanthropy initiative launched to address the power and potential of women's patronage. Women for NNU is focused on inspiring, educating and encouraging the community. The group will be dedicated to giving women a greater voice, promoting women's leadership, and engaging women through a commitment to and relationship with Northwest Nazarene University.

Women for NNU will have several levels of membership open to alumni, friends, students and employees of the university. The group hopes to support NNU through general giving and scholarship, identifying and funding special academic and mission projects of female students, and creating opportunities for events to promote and inspire women.

To learn more about the group, visit nnu.edu/womenfornnu. 📌

THE STUDENT BODY CHEERS ON THE CRUSADERS.

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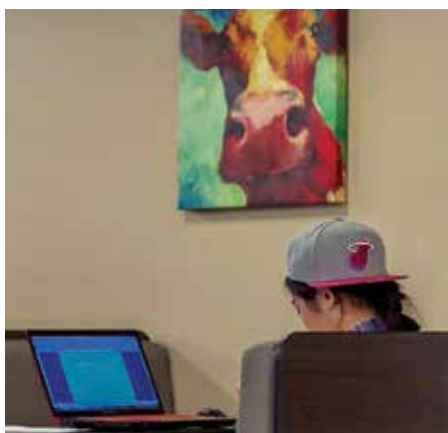


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things and ideas that we love.*



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CENTURY-LONG
LEGACY OF
ACADEMIC
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SHARING
WHAT
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It's true: more than 93 percent of full-time NNU students receive some form of financial assistance. In fact, freshmen deemed eligible for financial aid in 2015-16 received an average package of \$16,000. That's the equivalent of a new car or more than 7,000 cups of coffee from The Bean.



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Mechanical Engineering
Engineering Physics
Physics +*

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History +*
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Pre-Law

KINESIOLOGY

Athletic Training +
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Management +

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Cultural Studies +*
English +
Literature*
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Spanish +*

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Military Science *

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Commercial/Music
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Social Work +

A man with glasses and a blue t-shirt is smiling and working on a wooden structure. A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and black gloves, is holding a yellow power drill and smiling. They are outdoors in front of a brick wall.

NNU ENGINEERING STUDENTS TAKE ON PROJECTS THAT TRANSFORM THEIR PERSPECTIVES WHILE TRANSFORMING THE WORLD. ONE 2015 ENGINEERING SENIOR PROJECT TEAM DESIGNED GREEN HOUSES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF FATIMA, ARGENTINA. LAST SUMMER THEY TRAVELED THERE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY BUILD AND IMPLEMENT THE GROWING SYSTEMS.

“IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY ‘GROW’ CLOSER AND PROVIDE THE CHURCH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE WORD OF CHRIST,” SAID JORDAN DYK, A 2015 ENGINEERING GRADUATE.

 *Hear more about this NNU on a Mission trip and other engineering senior projects at nnu.edu/engineering*

WE LOVE CAMPUS LIFE

At NNU, you'll find a vibrant residential life with 70 percent of the student body living in campus housing. Resident directors, a team of residential assistants and Life Group leaders plan tons of special events like Wingdings (a girls' and a guys' wing go out on a big ol' group date) and Twixes (your roommate finds you a date and you find one for them). Of course, nothing beats late night impromptu study breaks and roommate heart-to-hearts.

See the residence halls and experience NNU student life for yourself during a spring visit event.

FRIDAY ESCAPE

These events are designed to fit into your busy life and still provide you opportunity for an in-depth campus visit.

March 18, April 22, April 29

PREVIEW NNU

This special event, exclusively for accepted students, will include not only NNU activities but also the opportunity to meet your future classmates.

March 31 - April 2

**SOPHOMORE NATE LUNDBERG STUDIES
IN SUTHERLAND HALL.**



Go to nnu.edu/visit
to register for a campus visit.







 Veterans' Day falls during Homecoming & Family Weekend 2016, and past and current NNU veterans will be celebrated at special homecoming events. Vets are encouraged to email current contact information and branch of service to alumni@nnu.edu.

accepting the challenge

NNU reaches out to serve and support student veterans like Sandra Rollings.

"As veterans, many of us have this desire to do things we think are hard and that challenge us because we know they make us grow, and they make us better and stronger people," says student veteran Sandra Rollings. This junior athletic training major knows a thing or two about challenges, and that's one of the reasons she enjoys NNU.

Sandra joined the army in 2005 and deployed for the first time in 2006 as a medic at the largest detainee facility in Iraq. As a young female, she didn't shy away from challenges but instead faced them head on, requesting and being assigned to an infantry unit, for example.

Sandra pushed herself to develop her toughness but also worked to retain her compassion in the midst of war. While working as a medic, she listened to the Iraqis and tried to meet needs and build relationships whenever possible. "A lot of us wanted to leave good impressions and build relationships. There were certain encounters where they [Iraqis] did hate us, but they were forced to transform their perspectives based on their interactions with us," she describes.

These perspectives fit well with NNU's mission, but that's not why Sandra chose NNU. Coming in as a nursing major, she had heard that NNU's nursing grads were the best around, and she discovered the ability to use her GI Bill at NNU.

However, once a part of the community, Sandra soon discovered all that NNU had to offer to her not only as a veteran but also as a non-traditional student. She started at NNU in 2013, immediately after the birth of her second son, Cameron. At that time she was working 12-hour shifts at the VA hospital as a CNA in addition to going to school and managing


a family (her husband, two sons and a step-daughter). She found the professors to be personable and understanding of her unique obligations while still expecting quality work.

"While my classes are harder, I feel like I have learned so much more and gotten so much more out of my classes here than when I've gone to other universities. The education we get for being able to use our GI Bill here is insane," Sandra says.

Another formative experience at NNU for Sandra has been her involvement in the newly formed Office of Veterans Services. Sandra is the vice president of the Student Veterans' Club. "One of our goals is to become more cohesive on campus and to become more a part of the campus community. We really want to work to integrate student veterans with the rest of the student body."

NNU has made significant strides under the new Veterans Services in assisting vets through admissions and financial aid processes and helping them participate more fully in the life of the campus community. These efforts have earned NNU a significant recognition as a 2016 Military Friendly® School. Of the 1,400 schools designated

as Military Friendly for 2016, NNU is ranked among the Top 25 schools for best Private Colleges and Universities, best online programs and best graduate programs.

Sandra says, "One of the most significant things I came out of the military with was the sense of pride and belonging and what it means to be part of a community." She represents just one of the many veterans and military students and families who are choosing NNU and finding another community of belonging. 

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Educational Leadership:
Building Administrator

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Education

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(Ed.D.)
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING GRADUATE SHAYNE AGUIRRE ('11) IS BUSY PUTTING HIS EDUCATION TO WORK IN A UNIQUE WAY. HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE MOVED TO AN ORPHANAGE IN GUATEMALA TO HELP MANAGE A NEW FAMILY COUNSELING PROGRAM. SHAYNE WILL USE HIS EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION TO HELP CREATE HEALTHIER LIVES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES WHILE SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST.



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JUNIOR BIOLOGY MAJOR AMY WHEELER PLAYS WITH KIDS IN KENYA AS PART OF A RECENT TRIP WITH MEMBERS OF THE NNU CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS RACE TO SERVE AROUND THE WORLD

Inspired by NNU cross-country coaches Jake and Jenny Perry, seven current student-athletes—senior Rebecca Hook, junior Emily Merioles, senior Jadya Gourley, sophomore Josephine Lonai, junior Amy Wheeler, sophomore Isaac Mitchell and junior David Waterman—along with alumna Ashley Puga ('09), traveled to Kenya over Christmas break to volunteer with missionaries from One 5 Ministries and Wordsower International. The group of 10 Crusaders shared God's word and led running camps for more than 400 orphans and children living on the street.

"We fell in love with the people of Kenya and the work being done there, and extended an offer to our cross country athletes to join us on our next adventure," said Jake Perry, who, with his wife Jenny, has now made two such trips to Kenya in the past year.

Emily Merioles (Valdez, Alaska) said of the experience: "I never thought it'd be possible that a nation with such poverty could contain so much joy, contentment, love and happiness. Their faith changed my life far more than I could have ever impacted theirs.

"Even though the majority of people we worked with have very little, they are the richest people I've ever met. And for that, this trip was life changing," Emily added.


The Crusaders left on December 6 and spent 25 hours traveling to Nairobi, Kenya. They continued by small plane to Eldoret to meet Godfrey Kimboi, who took the group to Iten, where NNU's runners put on six running camps for different orphanages and one street-boy ministry.

"The team did a great job putting on the running camps; it was a blessing for me to

watch them interact and show God's love to the people there," Perry said.

Isaac Mitchell (Sandy, Ore.), David Waterman (Caldwell, Idaho), Rebecca Hook (Boise, Idaho) and Amy Wheeler (Nampa, Idaho) spent a day helping at a medical clinic and received first-hand experience treating malaria, while the entire Crusader contingency also delivered meals to widows and grandmothers—some raising as many as six grandchildren in 12-foot by 20-foot huts. In addition, they did some painting and other tasks at a children's home, Mercy Rescue.

"I traveled to Kenya on this mission trip with the intention of impacting those I met for Christ," said Isaac. "I returned to the United States with the realization that I had been more impacted than anyone I had the opportunity of meeting. I came back to NNU with a fresh perspective and a changed faith."

Along with devoting their time and love to the children of Kenya, the group also brought medical supplies for the clinics in Kitale and the Samaritan's Purse hospital in Kapsowar as well as 150 pairs of The Shoe That Grows to distribute. 



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BASEBALL	M	
BASKETBALL	M	W
CROSS COUNTRY	M	W
GOLF	M	W
SOCCER	M	W
SOFTBALL		W
TRACK & FIELD	M	W
VOLLEYBALL		W

FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Northwest Nazarene's athletic teams enjoyed a successful fall as the Crusader men's soccer team and volleyball team each found themselves ranked in the Top 25. Each team finished third in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings.

Led by Honorable Mention All-American senior Julio Castillo and Academic All-American senior Erik Anderson, the NNU men's soccer team climbed as high as No. 12 in the nation and compiled a 12-6-1 overall record to finish third in the GNAC.

The Crusader volleyball team started the season ranked No. 20 in the country and finished with a 19-9 overall mark, also good for third in the GNAC, led by Honorable Mention All-American sophomore Madi Farrell.

In other fall sports, the cross-country teams each finished seventh in the GNAC, with sophomore Isaac Mitchell earning All-Conference honors, and the women's soccer team netted its most wins under third-year head coach Mary Trigg, finishing fifth in the GNAC with a 5-11-1 record.



**DR. LARRY ('60) AND AARLIE HULL
AND ROXIE (HULL) MILLER ('58) ENJOY
THE 2015 HOMECOMING CHAPEL.**



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1980s

Norman Parrish -89- has been named the new head coach for men's basketball at Westminster College. Most recently, Parrish was assistant coach at the University of Hawaii, following four years as the director of men's basketball operations at University of Utah and 20 years as head basketball coach at Salt Lake Community College.

1990s

Matt Gehrett -91- is an assistant professor in the School of Education at Fresno State University in Fresno, California. Matt oversees the Administrative Services graduate program that works with K-12 educational leaders. In 2014, Matt completed a doctorate of education in educational technology at George Fox University.

Rob -93- and Cheri (Wood) -93- Lawler live with their family in Priest River, Idaho, where Rob coaches high school boys soccer. Rob was named CIL Boys Soccer Coach of the Year in 2013 and again in 2015 for his leadership in improving the number of wins for the Priest River Spartans high school team.

2000s

Shannon (Grigory) Herndon -01- with her husband, Josh, and their family has accepted the call from Nazarene World Missions to pioneer a new work in Greece. The Herdons, with their children Karis and Kaeden, will be moving to Thessaloniki, Greece in 2016.

Dee Carter -02- has joined Icon Credit Union as a mortgage sales manager. Dee lives in Meridian, Idaho and has more than 27 years of mortgage experience. Dee earned a marketing degree at BSU and his MBA from NNU.

Derick -04- and Megan (Grigory) -06- Staffenson live on the beautiful island of Oahu, where USMC Captain Derick is stationed and flies Cobra helicopters. The Staffensons have three children, Max, Luke and Emery.

Dorthyann (Isackson) Johnson -05- earned a Ph.D. in bioengineering at the University of Utah in 2012. Dorthyann and her husband Todd live in Flagstaff, Arizona where Dorothy works as a product specialist focusing on new product development in the cardiovascular medical device field.

Scottie Kafka -08- was recognized as one of 11 recipients of a St. Luke's 2015 Presidential Award. The award is presented each year to St. Luke's team members nominated by colleagues for their exemplary demonstration of the organization's values and their commitment to the organization's mission to improve the health of people in our region. Scottie graduated from NNU's nursing program and serves in clinical support at St. Luke's Treasure Valley. He and his wife, Erica, live in Nampa with their family.

2010s

Jordan Brawner -13- is relocating to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to become CEO of his family's business, Little Spider Creations, Inc. The company specializes in all-inclusive entertainment design and production, particularly in building sets and sculpting items by hand.

Johnny VanDerschaaf -13- started a new company called GeekDients, which is a merge between film and food. GeekDients specializes in story-based fantasy and geek food ingredient kits.

Amanda Winn -14- has joined the accounting team at Silver Bridge CPAs in Meridian, Idaho, as client services accountant.

Marriages

1 Dorthyann Isackson -05- and Todd Johnson on July 6, 2012 in Lewistown, Montana



2 Janae Wheatley -12- and Ryan Kaldhusdal on June 28, 2014 in Eagle, Idaho

3 Sara Butkus -13- and **Preston Ake -13-** on June 6, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

4 Alanna Robinson -12- and Alex Lilly on June 20, 2015 in Eagle, Idaho

5 Miranda Bollinger -15- and **Douglas Waterman -15-** on June 27, 2015 in Boise, Idaho

6 Elisa Rau -15- and **Brandt Bullock -15-** on July 18, 2015 in Portland, Oregon

7 Karen Jones -14- and **Daniel Bryant -14-** on July 24, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

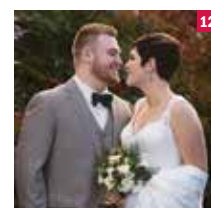
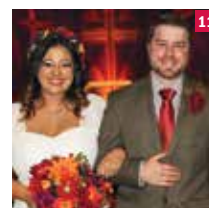
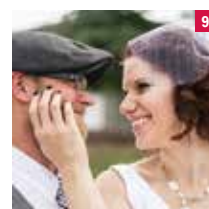
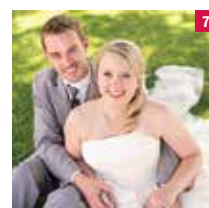
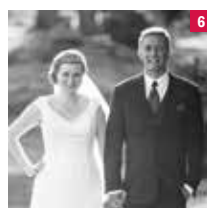
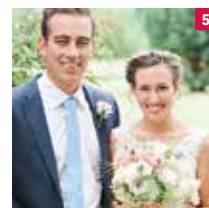
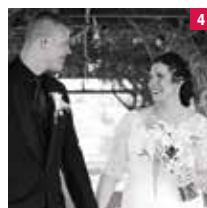
8 Lauren Davis -16- and **Oscar Diaz -15-** on August 1, 2015 in Colorado Springs, Colorado

9 Valerie Bower -13- and Marc Bell on September 18, 2015 in Port Hadlock, Washington

10 Christina Smith -09- and Schadrac Merizema on October 10, 2015 in Richland, Washington

11 Emely DeLeon -08- and **Brendan Blowers -06-** on November 7, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

12 Roxanne Mitchell -17- and **Trevor Johnsen -18-** on December 18, 2015 in Eugene, Oregon



Births

- 13** Adalynn Jane on April 1, 2014 to **Megan (Yergenson) -10-** and **Chris VanStone -10-**
- 14** Harrison Streight on February 13, 2015 to **Erin (Shively) -08-** and **Caleb Conlee -08-**
- 15** Meadow Natalia on March 16, 2015 to **Cheri (Wood) -93-** and **Rob Lawler -93-**, joining siblings Autumn, Caitlyn, Elise, Gabriella, Ryan, and Keith
- 16** Andrew Jeremiah on April 17, 2015 to **Helen (Warriner) -97-** and Robert Cannon
- 17** Jacob on June 15, 2015 to **Charlotte (Maggard) -07-** and **Steven Canary -08-**, joining brother Kaleb
- 18** Sienna Joy on July 2, 2015 to Jill and **Brooks Wheatley -05-**
- 19** Abigail June on August 11, 2015 to **Karen (Faucette) -07-** and Jason Snell
- 20** Bethel Ann on October 21, 2015 to **Mindy (Reed) -01-** and **Chip McNeiece -01-**, joining sister Shiloh Jane and brothers Enoch Howard and Jonas Watchman
- 21** Rose Elizabeth on November 22, 2015 to **Sydney (Mitchell) -07-** and Mike **Drinkwater**, joining brother Maxwell Jon

In Memory

- Kenneth Rice -37-** on September 16, 2015 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Agnes Will -39-** on November 11, 2015 in Bismarck, North Dakota
- Charles William "Bill" Iles, Sr. -41-** on January 30, 2015 in Seattle, Washington
- Dr. Earl Mosteller -41-** on October 27, 2015 in Roseburg, Oregon
- Fern Lammers -42-** on August 8, 2015 in Glendora, California
- Bernita (Aylett) Hill -44-** on August 19, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington
- Lois Ann (Johnson) Shoemaker -44-** on December 15, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho
- Frances Mangum -45-** on September 29, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho
- Margaret "Peggy" (Oldfield) Roseboro -46-** on December 19, 2015 in Salem, Oregon
- Vivian R. Maines -48-** on January 1, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington
- Rev. Ramon Vanderpool -48-** on September 1, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho
- Willis Walker -48-** on June 6, 2015 in Yakima, Washington
- Velma Butler -50-** on October 9, 2015 in Halstead, Kansas
- Richard Hoyle -50-** on December 21, 2015 in Spokane Valley, Washington
- Rev. Joseph Wright -52-** on May 24, 2015 in Shawnee, Kansas



Jean Boyd -55- on May 31, 2015 in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada

Carroll "Gary" Lund -57- on January 3, 2015 in Kinnear, Wyoming

Ruth (Hartley) Beeson -62- on March 2, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

Velma (Bernard) McKee -62- on November 19, 2015 in Spokane, Washington

Don Shea -62- on March 19, 2014 in Cortaro, Arizona

John M. Clark -64- on October 2, 2015 in Orting, Washington

Mark Kessler -65- on August 4, 2015 in Pocatello, Idaho

Rev. Kenn Coil -66- on June 20, 2015 in Oceanside, California

Marilyn (Binford) Shaw -68- on July 3, 2015 in Caldwell, Idaho

Renee (DeBow) Sandford Hicks -69- on July 20, 2015 in Roswell, Georgia

Dorothy (Palmer) Grasmick -70- on September 18, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

Rev. Ted Holmquist -70- on August 28, 2015 in Kalispell, Montana

Marilyn (Vail) Daniels -71- on November 23, 2015 in Nampa, Idaho

Jane Christensen -77- on May 1, 2014 in Creswell, Oregon

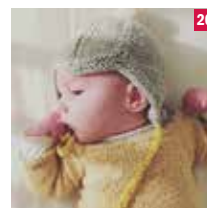
Kelly (Cobb) Millar -85- on September 18, 2015 in Burbank, Washington

Cinda Kammerman -88- on August 16, 2015 in Sumter, South Carolina

Heidi Maston -90- on October 28, 2015 in Wellington, Kansas

Sheila VanDeinse -90- on July 3, 2015 in Eugene, Oregon

Adelaide Woodcook (Faculty Emeritus) on August 23, 2015 in Boise, Idaho



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A little over a year ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to relocate back to my family's ranch in McCall, Idaho where I work out of a home office selling vitamins and dietary supplements to Costco Wholesale. It didn't take too many mornings feeding the livestock in sub-zero temperatures and then returning to my desk for a conference call to realize there are a lot of truths in the following:

"Cowboy Ethics: What Wall Street Can Learn From the Code of the West"

1. Live each day with courage
2. Take pride in your work
3. Always finish what you start
4. Do what has to be done
5. Be tough, but be fair
6. When you must make a promise, keep it
7. Ride for the brand
8. Talk less, say more
9. Remember that some things aren't for sale
10. Know where to draw the line.

"Do what has to be done" is a principle I'm constantly challenged with as my to-do list between raising a godly family, being a wife, and working a fast-paced, demanding job never seems to diminish. Yet in moments when I feel completely overwhelmed, I pull myself up by the boot straps and claim Ephesians 3:20, which reads, "Now all glory to God, who is able through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

Not by my might, but through God's blessings and endurance I manage each day to find a way to do what needs to be done, including giving back to God's kingdom and working towards things that have eternal value. What that looks like has changed throughout the seasons of my life. In my 20s I devoted time to building a program at Campbell Soup called "Stamp Out Hunger." We challenged Enactus (formerly SIFE) teams to create projects that worked to address the root causes of hunger, such as creating better employment opportunities by teaching resume building and successful interviewing skills. In turn, Campbell's donated products and conducted food drives to assist with the immediate needs of hunger. In my 30s, my time has been geared more towards children's ministry, teaching Sunday school and Awana—investing in the precious lives of those most tender to the call of Jesus.

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Location: Nampa, Idaho, a community of nearly 90,000 just 20 minutes from downtown Boise

Affiliation: 39 percent of students claim Nazarene as their background; the other 61 percent belong to various denominations or are unaffiliated

Student-faculty ratio: 14:1

Majors: Over 60 areas of study (p. 22)

Student body: 1,322 undergraduates, 726 graduate students

Financial Aid: The average freshman award package in 2015-16 was \$16,000

Residential Life: The 2016-17 room and board rate of \$6,800 is one of the lowest in the nation; 70 percent of the student body lives on campus (p. 24)

Athletics: NNU is a member of the NCAA Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference (p. 31)

Student organizations: More than 30

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