

“In the Spring of 1942, Paul Fleming, M. Robert Williams, Cecil Dye, and Lance B. Latham formulated and adopted some basic principles for the Mission.

“New Tribes Mission shall encourage, rather than discourage, potential candidates for foreign missionary service. They shall be chosen, not necessarily on scholastic acquirements, but upon evidence that they have a consistent passion for souls, are soul-winners at home, and have a firm grasp of the fundamental doctrines of the Word of God.

“New Tribes Mission’s effort shall be directed toward those fields where no other missionary effort is being made and where no witness of the Gospel has yet reached.

“Self-propagation of the native churches shall be encouraged. Every means at our disposal shall be employed to bring the churches to a self-sustaining basis. Native workers shall be encouraged and trained to become effective Christian leaders, and the responsibility of the work shall be passed on to them as quickly as possible.

“New Tribes Mission shall not raise monies by high pressure methods.”

The Story of NEW TRIBES MISSION by Ken Johnston, pp. 29-30

This spring marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of New Tribes Mission. The men and women retired at NTM Homes have spent their lives living out the very principles articulated above. They have served as New Tribes missionaries during the majority of those 75 years.

Mabel is one of those missionaries. She was just about to turn 20 years old the spring that New Tribes was born. Mabel married Norman Hurst in 1946 and in 1948 the Hursts joined NTM. In 1950 they moved to Bolivia, South America.

NTM was founded by young men in the midst of World War II. To quote Ken Johnston again, “In the earliest years of the Mission, no one even spoke of retirement.” Missionaries expected to go to the field and “die with their boots on.” That’s exactly what Norman did. He died of a heart attack in 1966 and Mabel and her coworkers buried him in Bolivia. Then Mabel continued serving... and raising her two young children. Mabel served in Bolivia for 54 years, finally retiring in 2004 at the age of 82.

Now Mabel resides in the NTM Homes Assisted Living Facility and continues to serve the Lord. She blesses us every day with a wonderful piano concert. If you come visit us, be sure to stop by the lobby between 11:30 and 12:00 and enjoy her beautiful music.



A couple years ago we wrote about remodeling our old chapel space into 6 new resident rooms. Perhaps some of you even helped with that project. We have seen a trend at NTM Homes that more and more of our retirees need assistance in their daily lives. We are beginning the process of licensing those 6 “new” rooms so we can expand our Assisted Living Facility into that wing of the Latham Center building. Thank you for your partnership in helping care for God’s retired servants.

Speaking of trends, we are now attempting to look ahead and determine how many units of each type of housing will be in demand in the future. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and insight as we plan for future needs here at NTM Homes. A new duplex will be constructed over the next couple years. Beyond that... pray that God reveals to us what should be next.



While planning for new construction, we also must maintain that which God has already given us. Our current maintenance projects are listed on our web site: www.ntmhomes.org. Two areas of roadway are in need of replacement. And a perimeter wall needs to be finished to enhance the security of our retirement community. We appreciate your partnership with us in these endeavors through both prayer and finances.



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In addition to the physical living space, caring for retired missionaries also requires people. There are a number of staff needs we're asking the Lord to fill. While we have an awesome team here, we still need a few more awesome people to help out. Please pray with us that the Lord will raise up individuals or families to fill the following staff positions:

- Grounds Manager
- Grounds Maintenance
- Building Maintenance
- Mechanic
- Electrician
- IT Technician
- Cook
- Nurse (RN)
- Housekeeper
- Bookkeeper

Serving Him by serving those who have served,

Jim Sheffield
Assisted Living Facility Administrator
NTM Homes

