



Update on Envision

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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Garage Sale: Fundraisers as fun-raisers

Please mark your calendars for a **garage sale at Hope in Christ church in the back lot at 8am on Saturday August 15**. If you would like to bring items on Tuesday or Thursday between 11am-4pm let us know and we'll make sure someone is there. Also if folks have items and would like to bring them the day before someone will be there in the afternoon to pick them up, especially between 3-5pm, during our usual prayer time. If you just want to come and see what's available we'll be going until after 5pm that day.

At the end of July we will have had a fundraiser event put on by a local Calvary Chapel church plant in downtown Bellingham called "The Bridge". We are so appreciative of their generosity in putting on this event and expect it will have been a blast, with comedy, music and relationship-building.

Keep **October 24** open on your calendars for an encouraging evening with the Senti's sharing some music at a church by the old Sehome Theatre called "My Church" at **6:30pm**. More details to follow. Blessings!

Praises and Needs

Thank you all for the beautiful response to the needs we articulated in the last newsletter. We have received an abundance and may it be credited to heavenly accounts! Already we've been able to help the family that needed a more stable housing situation. We're in process of helping the two folks who needed an extra boost beyond rent and the fellow with the delivery job. What a blessing! And there's more to come as we see lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tommy Hannah from Christ Church PCA Bellingham, has **agreed to lead our men's group** on Thursday nights at the Majestic from 5:30pm-7pm. Pray that men will be discipled to Jesus through this awesome ministry. Our first meeting was a hotdog barbeque on July 16 at Birchwood Park.

Open mic will be starting up on August 27 again and we're definitely excited to get back to it! Pray that folks will come back and sense the love of God through His people on those nights.

On street nights we've had lots of opportunities to bring the Gospel in prayer and word and relationships. **One young lady** was sitting at the Woods reading a book on witchcraft, yet was very willing to have conversation about the LORD and **was receptive to the good news**. She is clearly searching for identity in every way and so pray that she responds to God's Spirit and finds her identity in Christ.

On another occasion when we went to pray at the Villa Hotel with a friend who had lost his son in a car accident on Father's Day, a Sikh man asked one of us to come into his room and explain the Gospel. One of his relatives showed up just as that began and so the man asked us to leave, but **pray that we will have another opportunity with him**.

We've been doing street music more often as part of our Gospel ministry on Street night. One night a fellow joined us and listened as we encouraged him to be transformed and not live in drunkenness. He came to house church soon afterwards **and now is attending every event with Envision that he possibly can**. He's also in the New Life Program at the Lighthouse Mission now and we're so proud of him. **Pray that he can persevere**.

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

Pray for all of us to persevere as folks deal with demonic oppression, addictions, cancer, difficult relationships with family, mental illness and the daily struggles with sin.



Sometimes when we're on the streets folks reject our message, sometimes they let us pray and they listen. One man says, "I don't want to stand here and listen to your guesses about Jesus!" Another says, "I don't want to listen to your Jesus music! Leave me alone!" as he drinks another beer. But some thank us and invite our prayers, affirming faith and expressing that they hope for housing and to come out of their lifestyle. Lately more folks have been getting housing through Bellingham housing programs, **but pray that they will now connect to the Body of Christ** and not to old friendships that bring them down.

Thank you to all of those who helped put on **the picnic for the Jesus Gathering at Maritime Heritage Park on July 19!** The Gospel was preached, reconciliations happened, folks joined us from the streets and we had a lot of fun. In the pictures folks are preparing before the rest of the people come and what a crew it was. We've been doing this every year for six years. And what a blessing to all involved!



Here is our weekly schedule:

- Tuesday: Street night from 5:15-8:15pm at Woods on Bay and Prospect.
- Wednesday: Jesus/Bible Study at Lincoln Square at 3pm and the Woods at 7pm.
- Thursday: No Open mic until August 27, 2015. Men's group at Majestic from 5:30pm-7pm.
- Friday: Ladies meeting at Woods from 12:30-2:30pm. Prayer at Prayer Center from 3-5.
- Saturday: House church at the Brower's at 8:30am and at the Senti's at 9:30am. (At the Gray's on the 2nd Saturday of the month with a potluck afterwards.)
- Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at the Majestic from 4:30pm-6:30pm.