



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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April 23, Overeasys Restaurant Songs and Celebration!

Mark your calendars for a night of songs and celebration with the Senti family. It should be a laid back and fun night at a new restaurant in town called Overeasys,



right next to Trader Joe's in Bellingham. **April 23, Saturday- We plan to start at 7pm** and just sing songs and share about Envision for an hour. We'd love to see you there! We'll have decaf coffee and soda pop available for free. Get there early to find parking. A love offering will be taken for Envision. Pictured left is from our last fundraiser in the Fall at "My Church". Don't miss this one!

More praises and prayers

We're going to celebrate what God has done and is doing, so let us give you a little taste of that in this newsletter as well:

We're excited about **open doors to do house churches at Lincoln Square apartments and Regency Park Apartments**. Pray for elders willing and able to lead these!

The Gospel is preached- on street night we got a call that a man living on Texas St. who is terminally ill with cancer and wanted us to baptize him. So a few of us went and proclaimed the Gospel to him, but he couldn't understand it, so we prayed for him for healing and some of his needs as well. **Pray that he receives the Gospel and sees his need for Christ**. He comes from a Mormon background, so we're praying that any stumbling blocks will be removed from his heart. We also pray that he can be baptized as a result of true faith, not just a superstitious fear that without water baptism he might not go to heaven. He's also asking for a solid translation of the Bible, so we'll be sure to pass that on once we've heard the outcome of his surgery.

On another occasion a man passing by asked us to play a song for him, so we did and he sang along about a river of life flowing down to our souls. Then we shared the Gospel with him as well and though he received prayer he wasn't ready to receive it either, yet we **pray that the seeds planted will grow into a harvest**. It isn't our job to make people receive it, but to proclaim Jesus faithfully. May we be found faithful in Him and may many come to know His love and grace!

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Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
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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

At another street night we got to sing at a local open mic, which we plan to do once a month, and rekindle some relationships that we pray will also be eternal. **Pray with us that those open doors will bear fruit for Christ.**

As people have come to Christ, we always rejoice as they grow in Him. As of February **three of our friends who attend the Jesus Gathering have stopped smoking marijuana** and are looking to Jesus to help them be mastered by nothing except Him. Pray that they might continue in this process of recovery!

Continue to pray also for the health of our staff. While we've seen four examples of folks being cancer free, 2 of them have had news that it may have returned and treatment may be needed. Please pray for them as well. Also, our office assistant, Linda M. broke her foot in an accident recently and so, as a result has not been able to be in the office as much. If your thank you letters come a little late, please understand we're doing our best to expedite our office work. Thanks for your patience.

Keep praying for folks to attend baptism class this year and be baptized. Also praise God with us that **longtime friends who don't yet know Christ are willing to pray with us to Jesus for their emotional struggles.** We are praying this will be the bridge for some of them to finally surrender to Christ.

A donor has offered a computer for the office so praise God with us for that provision also!

One of the things we're most excited about is how **new believers and old alike are sharing messages from Scripture at one of the house churches.** We're praying that this too will be a catalyst for new leaders being raised up soon.

We thank God for Heath Oberlander's work for us in the last eight months as a Stephen Minister. He's taking a break for now and we're looking at raising up another young man who we'll tell you about also. In the meantime we've been so thankful for Mitzie Crosser stepping into that role with hospitality and mercy ministry!

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.

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

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at the Majestic from 4:30pm-6:30pm.