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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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Envision praises and prayers

By the time this goes to print we will have had our **night of Song and Celebration** at Overeasy Restaurant on April 23 and **we trust it was a wonderful time for everyone** present. Thank you to all who came.

Here are some of the things we celebrated and more:

One of our regulars had fallen away for three months into drinking on the streets, without eating much food during that time. We prayed for him and shared Christ's love with him every time we saw him. Finally **this past month he agreed to go to detox and on to treatment.** Pray that the strongholds the enemy has on his life will be broken and he can come into freedom in Jesus. He's doing well again, but we pray that he can persevere.

We have a **new Stephen Minister named Morgan West** who has already begun helping us and even shared his testimony at the Jesus Gathering recently. There are always folks to help, from a homeless gal needing a battery jump on her



vehicle to formula for a baby to folks needing help cleaning their apartments. Praise God for Mitzie and Morgan being part of our team! Morgan also goes to Western Washington University and helps at the Downtown Christ the King church. He was part of our college group and is now a part of our ministry in a bigger way. He is pictured left with his dog and a great smile!

We've continued meeting with the man who has had a tumor in his brain and regularly praying for him.

He's received a Bible and is more open to the Gospel than ever. Pray that he might connect to the Body and receive the LORD fully.

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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.)

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The Gospel is preached and longtime friends like one we'll call Jim is hearing it and sees his need for the LORD, but doesn't know how to come out of addiction. Jim has a dream of helping others, especially youth in this way. So let's pray that he is delivered and does the hard work of recovery as well- amen? Another longtime friend is meeting with one of us to receive inner-healing from Jesus even though he's not sure about his faith in Him. **Pray that this might be the door through which he enters the Kingdom finally.** We've known him for 13 years. We've started baptism classes again and a number of folks from last year are back on track for baptism with more on the way. We'll share those stories as they come up, but we're so thankful for their continued commitment to Christ.

We got to **celebrate Passover on April 22** at the Prayer Center. We always are enriched as we consider Christ in the ancient feast from the books of Moses.

We just heard news of **one of our regulars getting an apartment and a job**, others have been filled with God's Spirit and experiencing gifts from Him for their edification and the edification of the Body; everyone (5 of them) we've prayed for has been cancer free since being diagnosed and for that we are grateful beyond words, though recognizing the mystery of God in all of it. **He is gracious, even when we don't see results that we want to see!**

Pray for others in our church and **friends on the streets** who are **seeking housing** to move forward in their lives to find provision from the LORD. There are many ideas in the works to provide housing in creative ways for friends of ours who are part of the Body and we're praying that some of these dreams come to fruition.

Pray for friends of ours in jail that they will sense the presence of the LORD right with them in the cell. **Pray too for a men's group to be revived** among us!

Also, please keep **Rochelle** in prayer as she **had been diagnosed with fibromyalgia** and that has slowed the pace for the Senti's, which is a blessing in some ways, but also very difficult in other ways. Pray for healing and for strength according to God's will in Christ Jesus.

Check out the next newsletter for the explanation of an experiment we're going to try this year with the Jesus Gathering in the Fall.

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.