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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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The Gospel is preached...

The Gospel is preached...**hardly an Envision newsletter is written without that phrase** because it is the 1st means by which we believe authentic community can be attained or realized. Here are some examples:

A young man we've known for ten years from the old coffeehouse days saw a group of us praying at a table outside of a Woods coffeeshop. He told us he was bored stiff, so we told him the Gospel. At first he was upset, a young Lummi fellow who has been to the Jesus Gathering a number of times with his dad, because he just wanted to smoke pot and not have to think about stuff. But as we talked he engaged with us more and more and clearly **heard the message of salvation through Jesus Christ**. It seemed to shake him and while we joked that he wished we had left him alone, we were certain that he was touched. Pray that he and his father also, will come to faith in Jesus as the Way and not just one of many.

Another fellow we've known for over ten years has been to the Jesus Gathering many times and still he didn't seem to understand or believe the Gospel. Recently Mitchell had the opportunity to explain Jesus to him fully and its relevance for the trauma in his life. **Pray that he too will come to faith in the Lord.**

Whether by letters or in person, at events or through our blog, the Gospel is preached and we rejoice. Rejoice with us because it is still the thing that is most relevant to disciples of Jesus whether they are first hearing it or need to hear for the billionth time.

We're so excited to announce the **baptism of Devon Alexander**, a son of one of our members and such a joy to all of us! It was such a wonderful celebration and profession of faith from Mitzie, his mother. See pictured right:

A number of us have practiced what some would call radical hospitality, where we've taken folks into our homes or onto our property who would otherwise be homeless and sought to help them move forward. We're learning that this is not an easy undertaking; that we need others to help us in that process, that there needs to be clear communication about timelines and expectations. **For some it has been very helpful in moving them forward**, for others it has proved more difficult and they've desired to become dependent on rather than interdependent with the Body. Please pray for wisdom for us all in this regard.



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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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One divorced man has taken in two of our dear friends and has helped them move forward immensely in finding work and in discipleship. **Praise God with us for such people!**

We believe that discipleship must be a life sharing activity and more than just a Bible study or a church service. That is also a key ingredient for authentic community in Christ. Pray that we might grow in that reality.

Pray also for the experiment that we are trying in the Fall, having the Jesus Gathering once a month and focusing on house churches. Pray especially for open doors to remain open at Lincoln Square and Regency Park apartments. Pray for protection as well.

We plan to have a church picnic on July 17 at Boulevard Park, so pray that we can reach out to folks there as much as enjoying the fellowship of the saints. We always see new faces at Jesus Studies, the Jesus Gathering, Street night and house church. Some remain with us, others do not. But we're thankful for the fellowship we have in Christ.

Also we've noted some healings among us; one young man from hives and vertigo, another of our Stephen Ministers has had prophetic words for people and notable healings from sickness or emotional burdens. As we continue to encourage folks in being set free from the power of darkness we see transformation in their lives. **These are also signs of the Gospel** of the Kingdom of Heaven and can point folks to the living Lord as well.

We're also excited about the **wedding of Timothy Potter and Morgan Ambrose on June 25** at "My Church" and the Majestic. By the time this goes to print we trust it will have been a blessed event from two very dear people to Envision Mission. See picture below:



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.