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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.

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Prayers and Praises!

Before Street night even begins, as one of us is ordering a drink from Woods we are given a request to help a gal in a wheelchair get across the street and to her apartment because she doesn't have the strength to move, so we do it and share that we're from a church. Apparently some of our folks who lived in that same apartment complex knew this gal and ministered to her, so **pray that we can follow up and invite her across the street to the Jesus Study**. That same night we reconnect with a woman who used to attend a ministry called Sam's Café that Mitchell was involved in from Lynden at Sonlight Church back in '99. She needs housing and so we're trying to help her with that, so we finally sit down to pray for street night and a man comes up to us who is walking by and says he senses the Spirit's Presence and starts to pray with us. He is homeless and just out of jail. We've spoken with him before and he is Native American, was open at that time to Yahweh the Creator but not to Jesus. Now as he sits with us he is **confessing Y'shua (Jesus) as his Lord** and praying with us. We pray for him as he may need to go back to jail, that he will be strengthened in his faith. That same night he will sing on the streets with us and boldly proclaim Christ!

We also find out that many of our friends have found housing, some of whom we've asked you to pray for that very thing in this newsletter in the past. **Three folks we talked to found housing** and then the next week another who we'd been praying with for months also.

On another night we share the Gospel with a Native American fellow and his friend who are pan-handling; one of them weeps as he hears the Gospel both in word and song. Another Native American fellow comes up to us who is sober and clean and says, "Remember when I was like that?" We say yes and remind him to go back to his church at Life Church so he can remain strong in his faith. He agrees. We also pray with a single mom who we helped out of her street camp into detox. She got plugged into a local Baptist church. She is doing well with her kids, but needs prayer. **What a joy to see her staying strong in the LORD!**

On another night we are singing on the streets and a young man joins us who is into the New Age, so we proclaim the Gospel to him but he walks away, feeling respected but doesn't want to discuss it further. We pray with a woman whose husband is in jail and proclaim the Good News of hope in Christ to her, encouraging her to go to detox and look to the Spirit as she comes off drugs. We proclaim the Gospel to another friend and give hugs and encouragement to another couple folks down on Cornwall St. One gal is afraid to stay at the Lighthouse Mission because her abusive boyfriend is there. We encourage her to still try, but she says she's too afraid, and she can't sleep in the park because of fear of men taking advantage of her at night. We try to convince her to go to detox, but she says there's no room. She hasn't slept for three days and is starting to go into psychosis. The next week she tells us she found a place to sleep. She's waiting three weeks to get housing through Lydia Place. We pray with her as she's looking to the LORD. So many stories, so many needs- keep us in prayer and **keep these folks in prayer too as many believe the Gospel in a basic way, but need the tangible expression of the Gospel** in their lives everyday more and more.

The wedding of Timothy and Morgan Potter was just glorious:

The wedding itself was at "My Church" and the reception was at the Majestic. With the Gospel

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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

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preached in various ways and through various folks, **one of the groomsmen gave his life to Christ. Pray that he will follow up with baptism and a discipleship in Christ.**

With the help of folks from 3rd CRC and 1st CRC Lynden we had an amazing church picnic on Sunday July 17 at Boulevard Park. It all finished with a **glorious baptism of our friend Nic**



Potter with testimony and prayer. Keep him in your prayers to walk in the truth and be a light to those in darkness!

Our Stephen ministers were busy at work with the wedding, hospitality and helping folks in practical ways. We also have a new volunteer with us for about a month longer who has joined us on street nights and will be helping with Stephen ministry administrative details.

The ladies meeting is taking a break during the summer and only meeting once a month. But **one of our Stephen ministers is taking up the men's group weekly starting at the end of July.** Thanks for praying for men and women to be made disciples of Jesus among us

and for workers to be raised up for the harvest.

Mitchell had the opportunity to share some Jesus songs at Café Buzingo on a street night and one of the songs **clearly presented the Gospel.** We hope to attend open mics in the area at least monthly for now and so far it's been working that way; pray for eternal relationships.

At one of the house churches a Lummi family joined us and the mother was happy to let us pray for healing for her from cancer. **Pray they may come to know the LORD.** We cherish the Native American brothers and sisters in our church and pray that many more will come to know their Creator through Jesus Messiah.

One of our regulars has some major lung problems and his doctor prescribed a high quality air filtration system. We helped him with one, but to have a second one would be very helpful for him in his house. If anyone is led to give \$300 for it, please mark it on a separate sheet of paper and we'll be sure it goes to that purpose.

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 once/mo. in summer Prayer at Prayer Center from 3-5.

Saturday: For summer: House church at the Senti's at 9:30am

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