



# 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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## Look what the Lord has done!

What a wonderful time we had at the **concert on November 11 at Sonlight Church!** The Senti's played their songs, a lot of folks came and enjoyed the music and we even raised \$1,640 from the love offering. What a joy to remember what the Lord has done! And that's what this newsletter will be about too- we're going to remember the things the Lord has done this year; of course we can't recount it all, but here are the highlights:

In January the **Senti's had a short Sabbatical** for which they were very thankful since it restored them for vision, energy and personal boundaries.

We set out at the beginning of the year with a vision 1- **to be more relational**, since that has always been a strength of our ministry, including things like bowling, parties, having folks over for dinner- and that has all happened wonderfully, especially around birthdays.

2- **Less programs; which included not having the Jesus Gathering every week and not having open mic anymore.** But we did go to local open mics in Caf s and Taverns almost every month as a means of outreach in addition to our street nights.

3- **Shared leadership;** and in this we thrived the most. We now have **Jon Ng**, who has led Rising Hope Street Ministry for 4 years, **leading our street nights on Tuesdays** and bringing 23 YWAM students along with him. We have **Bernie leading a house church at the Lincoln Square apartments on Wednesdays** with new folks coming. We have **Morgan West leading the Men's meeting** which we prayed would happen, even taking the guys camping and helping them grow in Christ as men. We have **Mitzie Crosser**, who has been with us for 10 years, **leading the Ladies' meeting on Fridays** at the Woods Coffee, as well as using her gift of hospitality. While Mitchell leads the house church that meets at his house with another one being raised up as well, **Timothy Potter leads the Jesus Study on Sunday nights** at the Majestic, especially helping our downtown folks to be disciples of Jesus in the hope that this too will become a house church. **Heath Oberlander also was a Stephen Servant with us** in 2016 and we're deeply grateful for his service with us, even as he continues to help Mitchell record his latest CD. **All of these folks are also helping with what we call Stephen Service;** that is doing mercy ministry with the folks in our church and outside of it who need legitimate help. For this we praise God! Thank you for your prayers!

**As always the Gospel is preached,** especially on street nights and we don't have time to tell all the stories by which that happened, except to say that in every way we continue to share, sometimes accompanied with miracles or works of service, the love of Christ Jesus to the lost. Evergreen Christian School did a sock drive for us this past year as part of street night outreach. We sang Jesus songs and built relationships at local open mics and especially prayed for **housing for our street friends, many of whom did receive a yes answer** to that prayer!

**On April 23, Over Easy Restaurant hosted a song and celebration night** for us that was a joyous night and raised some extra funds for Envision. Donors gave us a new computer and gave special offering for Stephen Ministers and special benevolent needs that helped our folks not only with their health but to move forward with work. Another such request has come in that we have deemed worth noting:

A certain friend of ours has chronic back pain with multiple trauma, fibromyalgia, history of

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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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encephalitis, and neurofibromatosis, among other things. These medical conditions require treatment by a qualified anesthesiologist and he has been referred by his doctor to one in Edmunds, but his Medicaid doesn't pay for it and it will be \$500 for the first visit. **Would someone be willing to give towards that?** Please let us know on a separate piece of paper.

**By the time this goes to print we will have had our Thanksgiving Service** at the Majestic. We had a Reformation Day service and we will update you in January on the Christmas service there, with help from other churches as well!

On a more personal level, three of our regulars stopped smoking marijuana and made huge strides forward in their discipleship process in the Lord because of it. Five folks we'd prayed for were cancer free by the grace of God. While Rochelle was diagnosed **with fibromyalgia we praise God for how well she was able to live this year** and thank you for your prayers for her!

**Folks were taken to detox and treatment, others got apartments** and we helped them move in, another was healed from a rattlesnake bite and shared his testimony with us at street night.

We had the chance to celebrate the Passover together as a community, we had a **church picnic at Boulevard Park where one of our friends was baptized** who has come out of homosexual lust and we also got to baptize Mitzie Crosser's son Devon at the Jesus Gathering. We have **another fellow in baptism class from Lincoln Square** and pray for more to come.

Our community has sought to practice Biblical hospitality by taking folks into our homes who were homeless and have a relationship with us. While that has not been easy, **in some cases it has borne amazing fruit for the Kingdom** that has lasted to this day!

**God did miracles of healing** some from vertigo and hives, extreme back pain was taken away and emotional burdens lifted.

Timothy Potter and Morgan Ambrose were married on June 25 at "My Church" and the reception was at the Majestic. **One of the groomsmen came to Christ** and is still walking with the Lord through hardships.

**Mitzie Crosser lead a homeless feast at Loaves and Fishes ministry at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist** in the summer, many homeless were given food, clothing, Bibles and especially the Gospel along with relationships and invitations to join us.

Timothy Potter and Mitchell have had **an open door to go to India in 2017**, the house churches have thrived as we have experimented with new ways of doing ministry, and although there has been a lot of transition we've actually weathered it all quite well so thank you for your prayers!

**Here is our weekly schedule:**

Tuesday: Street night from 5:00-8:15pm starts at Majestic.

Wednesday: House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.

Thursday: Men's group at Tim P's at 5pm- contact us for directions.

Friday: Ladies meeting at Woods at 12:30pm; Prayer at Prayer Center from 3-5.

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

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at the Majestic from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on other Sundays at the Majestic.