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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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Things to share and things for prayer

Diane Snider is doing a concert at Over Easy Restaurant next to Trader Joel's on February 3, Friday at 7pm. She is a friend of ours and wants to give half of the proceeds to Envision Mission. Feel free to come and check her music out, enjoy the setting of our friends at Over Easy and many of our Envision friends will be there too!

Our dear friend **Keith Botkin is set to be baptized on February 12 at Hope in Christ church** during the Jesus Gathering. We are having our once a month meetings there for a while to see if it is a better location than the Majestic and so far it has been wonderful. Please pray for Keith as he looks forward to baptism and especially afterwards that God will protect him and grow him in Christ.

Street night has been wonderful with Rising Hope Ministries' leader Jon Ng going out with us. We're looking for a new group to train up in street ministry and for now we're just a small group of 4 or 5 praying with folks. **We did receive 100 pairs of socks from one of Lynden Christian's 4th grade classes.** They were excellent quality and so well received by our homeless friends. It's a small thing we can do to say we love them, keep them healthier and open up relationship with prayer and fellowship right then and there with people. We continue to have wonderful conversations during that time- the **Gospel is preached- so keep on praying that folks will come to know Jesus there.**

Also be praying for our house church at Lincoln Square. We're still able to meet there, but pray for unity among our friends there, for others there to join us and protection from the evil one as they seek to be a witness to Jesus in their context.

Timothy Potter, one of our Stephen Servants, leads the **Jesus Study** on Sunday nights at the Majestic. It **has grown quite a lot in number but also in discipleship.** Folks feel free to confess their sins and receive prayer for healing one with another. It's been a beautiful thing to see God at work there! New folks have come, some who have been totally disconnected from the Body, others from other places moving here. We always want to have Kingdom growth and not transfer growth – God is gracious to answer that prayer for us - though it may not be hundreds, it is the real thing and for that we are thankful!

So far our experiment has been going very well, house churches are forming; folks seem to be getting used to the idea of a different location for the Jesus Gathering and leadership has been far more shared, as well as mercy ministry and other responsibilities. **Keep praying for us for wisdom as to how best to move forward** with that too.

Sometimes **challenging folks** to move forward towards a productive life in Christ **has been difficult**, as not everyone responds the way we hope, but it's worth it because **those that do really do become stronger disciples of Jesus.**

Our men's group, led by Morgan West, is going through something called the Genesis Process. Again, though this is a very small group, it is a **group of men who are hungry and willing to do the work of discipleship and growth in Christ in order to lead others to do the same.**

Mitzie has been leading the Ladies' meeting at the Flat Iron Woods on Fridays. **Pray for wisdom about whether we need to change location for that too and for more ladies to come.** She has been doing the EQUIPMENT sessions at our Friday prayer meetings and all who have attended have enjoyed those as well.

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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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Mitchell and Heath are almost finished with his new CD, “Celebration” and we’ll let you know when it is available. **Pray for open doors** at local open mics for outreach as well.

House church at the Senti’s is always full and again, real discipleship is taking place there. The other one that’s forming at the Gray’s house on Sundays is also excellent! **Praise God with us and pray for multiplication of authentic community in Christ** in God’s timing.

Below is a picture of the Senti family. **Keep them in prayer also.** Rochelle is still dealing with Fibro Myalgia, but full of joy and the kids are enjoying homeschool (Johnny is at Evergreen Christian part time as well). Thank you all so much for your prayers and generosity!



Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:00-8:15pm starts at Majestic. (1027 North Forest)

Wednesday: House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.

Thursday: Men’s group at Tim P’s at 6pm- contact us for directions.

Friday: Ladies meeting at Flat Iron Woods (10 Prospect) at 12:30pm;

Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm.

Saturday: House church at the Senti’s at 9:30am (2nd Sat. at the Gray’s)

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at Hope in Christ (Sunset and James) from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic.