



# 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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## Praises and Prayers to our God

Our dear friend **Keith Botkin** from the Lincoln Square apartments' house church was **baptized on February 12 at the Jesus Gathering!** We had a marvelous celebration together and have enjoyed meeting at Hope in Christ at 4:30pm for that once a month service. While there another man expressed the desire to be baptized, so we invited him to the following Sunday service to start classes. He came to the service, but we heard he rededicated his life to Christ at Mt. View Church and we rejoiced that he is planning to be baptized there!



On one of our street nights we prayed with a homeless fellow who was unable to stay at the Lighthouse Mission because of disruptive conduct. He was at his wits end. One of our crew members was going to pray at the Light of the World Prayer Center from midnight to 4am so he invited him along. **The man received Christ at 4am** and stayed with a friend from the Prayer Center. He also received prayer for healing and the next morning had absolutely no pain, much to his pleasant surprise!

**The next street night we had a couple of great opportunities for the Gospel** as well, even encouraging a young musician on the street who desperately needed fellowship to join us. We have fellowshiped with him before and he was so thankful for our time together. With Gospel opportunities and reconciliations, prayer with those we meet, we so enjoy street night as we join Rising Hope Ministries on Tuesday nights to minister to the homeless. We usually hang out at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist first and then go out from there. Evergreen Christian's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class donated socks as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Lynden Christian, in addition to the socks we received the month before from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade LC class. We're so thankful and so are our friends on the streets for these donations!

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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.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to:  
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Picture on 1<sup>st</sup> page compliments of Diane Snider's photography:  
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Please be patient with us as we transition to a **new administrative team**. We may only send out thank you letters once every few months to save envelopes and stamps and our process of getting checks from our office to our bookkeeper can sometimes take a little time, so thanks for your understanding!

**Our Stephen Servants are hard at work.**

To the left is a picture of a bunk bed made by Ted Gray, with help from Timothy Potter and delivered by Morgan West and Ted's wife Gertie. They're doing such a

great job of leading meetings and ministering to the mercy needs of our folks!

More and **more of our folks are learning to give short Bible messages** at the house churches. Our men's group is moving forward with the Genesis Process, as six men are going through the book together.

**Diane Snider's concert went very well at Over Easy Restaurant** in Bellingham on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Folks enjoyed the music and Envision even received a small donation.

**We plan to do a blanket drive in March, so if you'd like to donate a blanket you can bring it to Hope in Christ between 10am-3pm on weekdays or let us know and we'll try to pick it up.** If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 360-392-0289 or [mitchsenti@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchsenti@hotmail.com)

That week on street night we also prayed with a man without housing who gladly received our prayers. The week before when we prayed for him he started making guttural sounds and shaking strangely. When we asked to pray with him he claimed that God wanted him to have "this dirty thing inside" him. We told him that he could be free from that and he said he would consider letting us pray for him about it. Last week we invited him to our Sunday night meeting, so **pray that he comes and receives prayer for deliverance**; he did seem open to doing that this past week.

The only feedback we've received on the experiment so far is that people want to see each other more often in the larger group setting. **Please pray for us to have wisdom** on that request; maybe we could have informal get-togethers more often or something like that.

**Here is our weekly schedule:**

Tuesday: Street night from 5:15-8:15pm starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on Flora St. in prayer room

Wednesday: House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.

Thursday: Men's group at Haggen's Sehome at 6pm.

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. at the Gray's)

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at Hope in Christ (Sunset and James) from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).