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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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To India and Beyond!

Timothy Potter and Mitchell Senti are planning to depart to India on a peer-learning mission trip from April 24 to May 15. They plan to visit with indigenous missionaries in Delhi on April 25 through a local missionary organization called Project 92 directed by Matthew Smith. God willing, from there they will fly and be driven to a city called Ongole in central eastern India. They will visit there for two weeks and learn from indigenous missionaries, since that is what we are at Envision also, about ministry to the marginalized, house churches, to join them in ministry and to see what God is doing among them. We hope to bring that encouragement back with us to churches here; also giving opportunity for those who are prompted by the Spirit to pray and give financially towards the ministries in India. The ministry through Project 92 is in the slums of Delhi and the ministry in Ongole is an orphanage/church that has been supported by friends from one of our house churches here in Bellingham. We are very excited for this opportunity and ask for your prayers for our protection and best use of our time there, for opportunities for the Gospel, but mostly to encourage our missionary friends there in their work, even as we are certain they will encourage us in ours. Below is a picture of an evening prayer meeting in Ongole



that we will also join while there. We will obviously share more details in the May newsletter upon our return. Our friends there are asking for a vehicle to do their ministry as they do house visiting through the community and share the Gospel, so they don't have to keep renting one. If the Spirit prompts you to give towards that let us know and write "India" in the memo line of your check. We're also very excited about how this trip could teach us for our own context of ministry!

The man we asked to pray for whom had strange manifestations when we prayed for him in Jesus' Name, allowed us to pray for him again on Street night. Indeed the power of Jesus took authority over the unclean spirit inside him, but then the man himself stopped us and told us he wanted the spirit to stay inside him because he felt it was from God. We did everything we could to help him see that he was deceived but he refused to listen and left still insisting the same things. **Pray that he will have a truth encounter** where it becomes obvious to him that he needs the real Jesus and the Body of Christ in order to move forward and not be tormented any longer.

The following week another man we prayed with in the same way was set free from the heaviness of accusing and legalistic voices he kept hearing in his head. He had been led to Christ by Jon Ng two years ago and was desiring to be baptized. **Pray that he finishes his baptism classes and deliverance sessions so that he can be baptized soon.**

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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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As we have opportunity to share Christ we do our best to bring it, sharing testimonies as well, always pointing to Jesus. With the Spirit's help, one of us discerned that a person needed healing in his leg, which he affirmed, another shared a heartfelt prayer for him, another is praying nearby. Some folks respond positively, others thank us but don't go any further. We never feel adequate or powerful, but we hope that sharing these opportunities will also inspire you as supporters to share the Gospel as you have opportunities. Pray for us **for boldness, open doors, and that the mystery of Christ will be revealed** to folks we meet on the streets and in every context.

We have another friend without housing joining us for house church and the Jesus Gathering- **pray that he continues** and can move forward in Christ Jesus.

Thank you to those who gave blankets in March for the blanket drive. The 4th grade class at Evergreen Christian contributed as did a 5th grade class from Lynden Christian school, with socks donated as well. As we move into spring we won't need blankets as much, but these will be effective ways to open doors for prayer and relationships with those that we meet, also providing comfort to them physically.

The experiment has gone very well and **we are planning to move in the house church direction** now, which will take on a life of its own in the future. The only feedback we've received has been that folks want to see each other more than once a month in the big group, but we plan to encourage our friends to get together outside of programmed times more and more. And we have been doing that more as a community, getting together for birthdays and it has been very healthy for all of us.



Rochelle and Peter Senti are pictured (left) at one of our monthly Jesus Gatherings. Hope in Christ Church has been kind enough to host us there free of charge, and we're loving it! We are so thankful for them.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail let us know and **thank you so much for your support in prayer and finances!**

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:15-8:15pm starts at 1st 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

Sunday: Bible Study/House church at the Gray's at 10am. 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 (1027 North Forest).