



# 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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## We Need Your Prayers

Please keep our Envision family in your prayers. There are always struggles, watching folks go in and out of addiction, mental illness, and homelessness. Some of us struggle through sicknesses, like Rochelle's diagnosis of fibro myalgia. There are lots of little things that come up too and they are like a slow erosion of our stamina that can be discouraging if we let them. **Pray for faith to be strong, healing, protection and peace in Jesus.**

Praise God that so far \$15,500 has come in with more pledges towards a ministry van for our friends in southeast India. **If it's on your heart to give more, write checks to Envision Mission and put "India" in the memo line.** If you give online make sure you put "India" in the notes, so we know what it's intended for. We just got word that one family wants to match gifts that come in from August through September of 2017, up to \$9,000, so that the maximum amount can be raised. That means anything you give will move us closer to our goal! HalleluYah!

**YWAM has joined us! Rising Hope with Jon Ng** leads the street nights with 7-10 students on Tuesday nights in downtown Bellingham. We are excited about this partnership in the Gospel and pray that God will use them and all of us mightily for His purposes. The first two Tuesdays have been a wonderful time of orientation for the students and they're excited to dig into the work in August.



**On July 9, we had a Jesus Gathering Church picnic with several Lynden churches** serving the food. A big thank you to all of you who came and served that night. It was a great gathering of friends, a message from Bernie Brower and singing right there at Boulevard Park. (Bernie Brower preaching open air at the Park, pictured left)

**Mitchell spoke for SERVE Lynden** hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church there. At least one young man came to Christ there and many lives were touched as students served throughout Whatcom County that week, worshipped together, heard Mitchell's heart on authentic community in Christ and processed together in small groups. We heard that there were over 20 recommitments to Christ as well! Pray that seeds will have been planted that will last into eternity.

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Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,  
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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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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

Thank you for praying for the **young man and his family who are taking baptism classes this summer** as well. Another couple came and listened to the Gospel in their home, so pray that they will all eventually be baptized!



**What does hope look like for folks in the psych ward or who live at a boarding home for folks with mental illness?** Do they have hope only for the next life or can they have hope for this life also to be abundant? We believe that they can, though it might not look the same as we think or imagine it should always. Please pray for them- we've already noticed hope arising there also. Some of us have been just hanging out there and encouraging our friends and one another in Christ. Many of our friends who've been staying at the boarding home were also at the picnic with us that is on the picture to the left.

**One voice is a CD** of worship songs from various churches in Bellingham that our house church is going to contribute towards. We will give more details at a later time. We also will have a CD release concert for Mitchell's new CD

“Celebration” in the Fall and will send dates for that when we have more details.

**The house churches are strengthened by the Word, in fellowship and even in number.** We are thankful that there are 3 of them and are still hoping this will form a network for other house churches to join. Mitchell is also excited to do more outreach in downtown Bellingham once these are well established. Pray for wisdom as we move forward with this.

Nick Potter has been facilitating the Men's group while Morgan West is away working at Camp Firwood. When he returns we plan to have him doing an internship with us full time for three months. Timothy Potter consistently leads the Jesus Study on Sunday night. Ted Gray and Mike Nelson are being raised up as elders at their house church. Bernie continues to lead the house church at Lincoln Square. Morgan Potter is our office assistant and Mitzie Crosser leads hospitality at the Jesus Gathering and for the Ladies' meetings once a month. **God has raised up leaders among us and we are so thankful for that!**

**Here is our weekly schedule:**

Tuesday: Street night from 5:30-8:00pm starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on Flora St. in the sanctuary

Wednesday: House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.

Thursday: Men's group at Laurel Park at 6pm.

Friday: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).