



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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Prayers and Praises!

God is always faithful and on the move. **We keep on seeking Him and believe that authentic community will be the result of His Spirit poured out on us** as we live lives of repentance and humility before Him. Please join us in that endeavor and let's be free from slavery to self!

We have reached our goal in pledges for the maximum amount needed to get a ministry van for our friends in southeast India: \$33,000! Thank you all so much who have given- wow the Lord is amazing! If you still want to give there are many needs there and we can find other ways to use the funds effectively. We're going to assess more specific needs with our friends there and/or in Delhi and plan to have a **dinner to remember India at "My Church" in Bellingham** next year sometime in their coffeehouse. We're going to have Indian food catered by Tandoori Bites and we will sell tickets to make sure the cost is covered. The biggest thing we learned from them is prayer, so please keep praying for them. We also learned that they go to where the people are in the villages. We're asking ourselves, how can we translate that more to our context? But as we benefit from them spiritually, we want to bless them materially so that their work can continue without hindrance. **Pray that the Gospel will continue to go out there and here as well!**



Timothy Potter (pictured left with a friend from India) leads our Jesus Study on Sunday night. He came to us with lots of struggles, but is fast becoming an amazing leader as a Stephen Servant. Sometimes it's hard to facilitate meetings at the Majestic, but he is led by the Spirit to navigate discussion and also gives excellent messages based on the Sermon on the Mount. The other night a lady came who was walking by, checked us out carefully, and **soon was crying as she listened to the lesson and comments from folks there. The Lord touched her heart** and she

shared that she was going through a divorce. Folks prayed with her and we hope she returns. A friend of ours named Diane leads worship and we really believe this could turn into a house church someday.

Please mark your calendars for **October 20 at Sonlight Community Church in Lynden on 8800 Bender RD. We're going to do a CD release concert for Mitchell's new album "Celebration"**. If you make a donation of any amount at the concert you can take a CD home. It will start at 6:45pm and go until about 8pm, so you're welcome to bring kids too. The Senti kids will also be playing along with Rochelle and Mitchell Senti. Donations will all go to Envision and our work of ministry in Bellingham.

Morgan West will start an internship with Envision through Western WA University.

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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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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

He will be helping us especially with assessing mental health, addiction and homelessness concerns, helping with street night, men's group and other events as well. We're looking forward to working with him more closely as he's been on break from being a Stephen Servant so he could be a camp counselor with Camp Firwood this summer. We often find discipleship is very practical: helping folks with hygiene, boundaries, addiction recovery-support, relationships, financial decisions, and a host of other things.

Jon Ng leads Rising Hope our street ministry on Tuesday nights. YWAM has joined us and the students bring a very fresh perspective as we pray with people, hand out socks, and share the Gospel. For those of us who have been doing it for a long time, it's like experiencing it again for the first time. **Lots of opportunities have come our way and we're so thankful!**

One fellow has expressed real faith in Christ after many years of hearing the Gospel with us. He had six different people pick him up when he was hitch-hiking in the mountains and tell him that “Jesus wants to bless you, man!” He is clear that Jesus is getting his attention and wants to know him. We've talked about how to begin that relationship. Please pray for him to be connected to the Body. Also pray that we can start a Jesus Study somehow on Tuesdays.



A couple of us went to a local open mic and shared some songs as “salt and light” in the downtown culture. We'd like to do more of that, but it's difficult to find time. We also would to have a group of folks start an open mic up again, **so pray for open doors for that so that eternal relationships can be built.**

Folks have expressed a desire to access Mitchell's music. You can always check it out on our media page: www.envisionmission.org/media and find writings and CD's. Just follow the instructions and make a donation of any amount. If you can't afford to, let us know and we'll send you a code for free.

Our friends Rocky and Lynn pictured here on the left at the July picnic; **they are such a blessing to us!** One of our greatest joys is to see people growing in Christ and they certainly have over the years. **Keep us all in**

prayer that we all may grow in Christ together as a community.

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:30-8:00pm starts at 1st 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 2nd Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).