



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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See what the Lord has done!

What a year it's been! While we said goodbye to two staff members named Linda, though Linda Hammingh remained a deaconess with us, we took on more staff members such as **Morgan and Nick Potter who have been administrative Stephen Servants with us.**

It was a year of **raising up new leaders with the Stephen Servants-** Timothy Potter has been doing an apprenticeship with Mitchell and Morgan West has done an internship through Western Washington University with us! Both of them have been amazing mercy ministers. Mitzie Crosser has also continued to be a Stephen Servant and Jon Ng as well. Timothy focuses on the Jesus Study on Sunday nights. Morgan facilitates the men's group, Mitzie the Ladies group and hospitality for the Jesus Gathering, Jon leads the street night with YWAM.

A man named Chuck came to Christ on a street night and checked himself into rehab.

Another man named **Keith** and a man named **Miles** were **both baptized** at the Jesus Gathering this past year. Keep them in prayer to return to the Church even though they both still have faith in Jesus. **Another man came to Christ** with some of our Envision friends while at the Light of the World Prayer Center. **Another friend of ours has expressed his newfound faith in Christ** as well and continues to walk in relationship with us to this day.



Diane Snider put on a concert for us at Over Easy Restaurant (which has also featured us as a local outreach this past month) and we did a really fun **CD release party at Sonlight church that to our happy surprise raised over \$2,500 for Envision.** We're also part of the upcoming One Voice CD project and one of the members of the Jesus Gathering who is also the director of Love INC is doing a CD project as well to share the glory of Christ!

We received 100 pairs of socks from one of Lynden Christian's 4th grade classes, as well as from Evergreen Christian's 5th and 6th grade class and another 5th grade class from LC again.

We tried an experiment with house churches **that raised up three house churches with elders** that is now its own house church network now known as the Jesus Gathering.

Stephen Servants helped folks move, brought bedding, gas cards, hospital visits, food, rental assistance, and a host of other **helps to many folks in the context of relationships** that are eternal in Christ Jesus!

We had a blanket drive in March, helped folks in and out of detox from drugs, had outings for the Ladies group, campout for the men, Passover and Good Friday celebrations, and a church picnic with the **generosity of local churches who came and made food and worshipped with us** this summer.

Board:

Elders and their wives:

Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
Bernie and Mary Brower

Treasurer/Elder: Dan Obbink

Deaconess: Linda Hammingh

Bookkeeper: Karen Kooistra

“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!

Bethel CRC in Lynden put on a Thanksgiving feast for us at the last Jesus Gathering. Mitchell had the opportunity to speak at 1st CRC's SERVE project this summer as well, where many young folks from across the country professed faith or recommitted their lives to Christ.

New elders have been raised up, some of us have been salt and light in some of the downtown open mics, in Psych Wards and Boarding Homes, and others have found work, housing, and healthier lifestyles.

We had the joy of seeing Jon and Nadia Ng get married and join us at the Jesus Gathering. YWAM has joined Jon's Tuesday night street ministry Rising Hope with great opportunities for the Gospel over and over again. Whether through healings (medically verifiable), deliverance from demons, or just words of knowledge about deep hurts in people's lives we've had **opportunities to preach the Gospel** as well.

Timothy and Mitchell had the opportunity to go to India together and learn from friends there how to spread the Gospel and pray for God's power. Timothy and Morgan's baby was healed miraculously in the womb just before we left and then we witnessed 10 baptisms there at the Bay of Bengal. We shared the Gospel with villagers there over and over again and learned that we must go to where people are and not just expect them to come to us.

Though some of us struggle through sicknesses still and we don't know the mysteries of God in these things, we do know that He is still working mightily and **granting glimpses of His Kingdom!** Folks have wept as we shared the Gospel with them, we've wept with others who are struggling. Marriages have been reconciled, even as the Gospel is preached to the poor.



The Lord raised \$37,000 towards a ministry van in India which was more than we needed so we also purchased a motorcycle and hope to help build a church there also in 2018 through Project 92 with Matthew Smith.

God has made so many of you generous towards us in love and we so appreciate your support as well as your prayers! **May He continue to exalt His name in 2018!**

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 Hope in Christ at 6pm.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm. Ladies' group once a month.

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).