



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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Vision 2018!

So what is the vision for 2018? **Outreach:** Learning it, teaching it, doing more of it

Here's what that could look like:

- 1- **More Jesus Studies** – these could eventually become house churches for the Jesus Gathering but they are a great way of introducing folks to discipleship in Jesus Christ as we especially focus on the Gospel accounts together
- 2- **Open Mic?** It's still a possibility that the musicians among us would like to pursue but it needs more shared leadership so keep that in prayer
- 3- **India-** A number of us would like to partner a bit more with Project 92, but for Envision's purpose we would love to have a learning partnership also with our friends in southeast India; maybe even bringing one or two of them to visit us.
- 4- **More Street Nights?** We would like to do more than one, if possible and many folks have ideas for discipleship housing, which could be developed more
- 5- **Summer Mission-** the Senti family would like to take an old 70's RV to some places like Zuni, New Mexico and Cary, Mississippi for a month long mission trip, encouraging, preaching and leading worship in such places.

Our main desire is **to see more folks come to Christ and to be made disciples of Jesus.** We believe it will be an Isaiah 61 year of transformation and pouring out our lives in Christ Jesus.

Last year we multiplied from one to three house churches, kept our Jesus Study going strong, and raised up Servant leaders. But we weren't able to start an open mic, expand the Lincoln Square house church, or start another Jesus Study on street night. But there's always another year! Praise God for His faithfulness. **Keep these 2018 goals in prayer with us.**

God has given us opportunities already **to follow up with folks** we prayed for a lot when YWAM was out on the streets with us, with those we baptized last year, to **pray with management at a local hotel on Samish Way, to help folks with work, teaching them to pay back their debts, and sharing the Gospel** on occasion after occasion.



By the time this goes to print we will have also had a Christmas feast, first going to the highways and byways of downtown and inviting people there, then having a Jesus Study on the Incarnation and then finally a Christmas Eve feast especially for those who don't have a place to go on that day. **We trust it will have been another opportunity for the Gospel to be preached!**

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Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
Bernie and Mary Brower

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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!

A sixth grade class at Lynden Christian school **gave two boxes of socks for the homeless** and Sonlight church's youth group put on a feast for our friends at Lincoln Square for Thanksgiving. We so appreciate everyone's generous support and pray that we can continue to partner in the Gospel with all of you who read this newsletter, whether through prayer, giving, or getting involved together practically in ministry. It's a great addition to the many opportunities we have to help people practically on the streets and those who are low income also.

The Senti family is doing well; Rochelle, while struggling with chronic pain does amazingly well as a homemaker, teaching homeschool and doing hospitality for the Jesus Gathering. Johnny (11) goes to Evergreen Christian part time and is also homeschooled, while Elisha (8) and Peter (5) are both homeschooled. Mitchell is now an elder with the Jesus Gathering and still leading Envision Mission as a missionary to downtown Bellingham. **Thanks for praying for them also and your generosity towards them particularly.** (See Rochelle and Peter Senti pictured below at a recent concert at Sonlight Church in Lynden)



Here is our weekly schedule:

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

Wednesday: Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm. 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).