



# 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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## Praise God with us for His Great Works!

So at this year's Christmas feast not only was the Gospel proclaimed but a **lady we've known for years through street night gave her life to Christ** and renounced Wiccan. She is starting baptism classes as well.

**Another gal came to Christ through street night and follow up meetings with Timothy**, one of our Stephen Servants. Pray that she can have good soil to keep on healing and maturing in her walk with Christ.

**The door has opened for us at a local hotel on Samish Way to start a Bible Study** as a dear family lives there for a couple months and serves coffee (donated by Woods Coffee) and prayer for people who live there also. We'd like to see if we can do a Jesus Study there if things progress well so pray that it will go forward and folks will come to Christ and be disciples of Jesus there! The man who lives there now would like to do odd jobs for folks and will work with people's budgets in terms of pay. If you have something that you need done let us know and we'll get you in touch with him.

One of our dear sisters received prayer for healing and went in for her test. She was very concerned because they had confirmed that she had cancer and were going to start treatments, but **when she went in for further tests the cancer was gone**. HalleluYah!

**A friend** from Hope in Christ has desired to do ministry with "the least of these" for a long time and **has joined us**, already ministering to the gal that came to Christ **from street ministry**.

The Lord has delivered folks from porn addiction through community in Jesus and deliverance ministry, set folks free from long time emotional struggles, and done some remarkable miracles



in people's lives. **All of these point to the One who died for us and rose from death**, who calls us to repentance from sin and a new life in Him!

**Hope in Christ's Friendship Ministry has also delivered socks/water/Bibles to us** and those have been very popular to hand out on the streets. We have the opportunity to pray with so many on those nights and share the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers! (pictured left items for street night)

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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!



Jon Ng describes his experience on Christmas Eve during our feast: (Jon is pictured left with street night volunteers)

We witnessed a legit Christmas miracle tonight when we went to hand out presents to the homeless downtown. As we were handing out gifts, we had three presents for toddlers, which I was confused why we had these as we never see kids out on the streets that young.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, we saw a single mom walk right in front of us with three toddlers pushing a stroller with two infants

(a 1 year old and a 3 months old baby) trying to get to the mission for dinner. We had the exact number of presents for the bigger kids so we immediately stopped them and gave them the Christmas gifts. As we were giving the gifts out, another homeless woman walked past and said there was no more food and the mother of 5 said "ok who's ready for Top Ramen?" And the kids all said "noooo". My heart died a little inside so we offered to buy them a meal since we couldn't fit them in our car to take them to another community dinner we knew of. The mother began to cry thanking us for everything.

We also had a car full of gifts that had jackets, hats, gloves and more, and these kids barely had a jacket on. None of them had any hats and neither did the mother. **Before we parted ways, they all had full winter clothing, a warm meal, and we even got to pray for her 3 month old baby who defied all medical reasoning to have been born.**

For me and my wife's first Christmas together, I couldn't have asked for a more memorable, blessed way to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, and how he came to do the same for us (and so much more) as we did for this young single mom of 5.

Yet the month hasn't just included miracles and salvations; it's also been very difficult. We find that offenses have come up more easily among us and yet the Lord has brought reconciliation. **Please do pray for protection** for us from the evil one.

Also a dear friend of ours **named Tina Vander Woude passed away tragically** on Saturday, January 6. 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist did the street family memorial with us on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Mt. View CRC had one for family and church friends on the 18<sup>th</sup> that Mitchell facilitated. We will miss Tina. She attended the Jesus Gathering often and we prayed with her many times on the streets. She was a believer and we are so thankful for that. Details have not yet been released as to the cause of death. Please pray for her sister and brother-in-law who are covenant family with us.

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