



# 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

If you'd like to donate socks for street night let us know and we can either pick them up or you can drop them off at the Lighthouse Mission and be sure to say they are for Street Connect. Jon Ng is working part time for us and part time for LHM and they have purchased a van for him that says, "Street Connect" on the side. We love partnering with the Lighthouse Mission.



On one of our street nights we talked with some friends of ours that have been on the streets for almost two decades, but this time it did seem like they were being proactive towards getting housing. Pray that they will and for others like them. One of the folks that received Christ hasn't been coming to baptism class largely because she really needs housing and doesn't want to walk the whole way to the Majestic. **But we hope to start a Jesus Study at the Drop in Center** so she and others like her won't have to go far to study the Word with us. Pray that will happen soon as well.

That same night Jon Ng led a group from "My Church" out on the streets and warned them beforehand that if there's danger it's time to go. Well, one of our street friends warned them that a fight was about to take place, so **they were able to get out of there quickly and safely.**

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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!

That youth/college group that was out with us was such a blessing and were even praying with someone just before the warning came. **We so appreciate their partnership in the Gospel.** Pray that folks on the streets will come to know Christ so that they can have peace in Him.

Does anyone know of a place for an RV trailer to be parked where a homeless person could stay for temporary periods of time near Bellingham?

**We are hiring on a new Stephen Servant, Glenda Price, who is being trained in official “Stephen Ministry” along with Mitzie Crosser by Sonlight Church in Lynden.** We appreciate their partnership with us also. Glenda will be living at a hotel on Samish Way and continuing the Jesus Study that was started by a family who was living there temporarily. Please pray for Glenda to be safe but also to have lots of opportunities for the Gospel, and to be part of enfolding folks into the family of Christ.

We have so appreciated our Stephen Servants, like Timothy Potter, who continues to lead the Jesus Study and walks along-side many for discipleship along with his wife, Morgan, our admin assistant. **Keep us all in prayer as a staff for protection, strength and opportunities.**

**We continue to have opportunities for the Gospel in many ways,** so thank you for praying for that specifically every month! Last night we went out and prayed with a number of folks, sharing the Gospel with one woman who so happily received it and a Native man who sang songs with us as well, but pray that he will not be confused in his walk with Christ.

**Shannon Williamson** who attends one of the Jesus Gathering house churches is the Director of LOVE INC and **is doing a CD release at the Light of the World Prayer Center on April 14 at 6pm.** You're welcome to join us there and purchase a CD on the “Cross” of Christ. She is very talented and her music will be shared for God's glory and also to encourage missionaries here and abroad. As we meditate on the Cross of Christ we increase in our capacity to love others also!

By the time this goes to print, we will have **celebrated the Passover at the Prayer Center** as a ministry led by an elder from the Jesus Gathering, Mike Nelson and his wife Michelle. This is always a highlight for us as we celebrate Jesus together!

**We still want to especially have you pray about whether your small group would be open to enfolding someone,** getting to know a person from downtown Bellingham, loving them, meeting them and maybe even bringing them into your lives a little bit, maybe a lot. It's not to treat them like charity cases, but to truly live out making eternal friendships with folks who could use some practical help as well as just company with someone. I know many small groups already do that, but if the Sprit is prompting you give us a call and we will pray about who might connect with you and give some help in what they could look like.

**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).