



# 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

Please keep our team in prayer especially. Whenever we begin to reach out into darker places, the darkness seems to resist quite strongly. From areas of conflict even between one another, to emotional struggles, to an unusual number of our friends having struggles as well with addiction and all the above, **we certainly feel the press of late.** We so appreciate your prayers.

And while these may be some of the reasons why the enemy is coming against us strongly, **we can also praise God** for the following:

Back in 2012, after the coffeehouse was closed, we met a young man who was struggling with heroin addiction and when we prayed for him because he said "something is in me, man!" he cried when he felt it leave him through the power of Jesus. He was baptized soon after and then was with us for a time. But after a while we didn't hear from him. While absent from us he graduated from a drug recovery program and had a daughter, but now he has made contact with us again. **He is still walking with Jesus, plugged into a church,** living in Ferndale and what a joy to meet with him again as he also wants to see more what we're doing in our ministry!

Glenda, our new Stephen Servant is now living at a hotel on Samish Way and getting to know folks more. **We hope to start the Jesus Study there officially in May** and pray that folks will come to know Jesus there through her and those that help her there.



Jon Ng, who works for Envision and the Lighthouse Mission, now goes out with his Street Connect van every weekday night doing ministry. He drops a group of us off at the Drop in Center at the Lighthouse Mission and we just spontaneously worship Jesus there as folks join with us. Through that we can share Christ also with folks there. Jon and his wife Nadia went out

recently and saved a homeless man's life on the streets as well. **Pray that our work on the streets will be effective and more will not only come to know Jesus but also move forward in discipleship and transformation.**

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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!

**We're also considering starting an open mic again with friends from Fairhaven.** We have someone who is willing to lead it and is also a musician himself, so pray that door will open as well so we can build eternal relationships with folks in that culture. Maybe God will have us start one downtown again as well.

We've had many opportunities to pray with folks, share the Gospel and give hope with words of knowledge and even healings that point people to Jesus. We always want to have places though for people to plug in from there and so **we're also considering doing another Jesus Study** so pray that we will have wisdom about that and our folks will find more and more fellowship.



The Ladies meeting recently went to a Quilt Museum in Laconner and some of them so rarely get to experience things like that it was such a blessing for all who came! Mitzie (pictured left) facilitates those get-togethers. Morgan West facilitates our men's meeting and prayer meetings. Timothy Potter leads our Jesus Study and **our team is such a blessing!** From helping

folks get ready for housing inspections, to just being a friend, to helping folks find work, so much of their work has become their life and not just a job and that is one way that authentic community in Jesus is demonstrated among us.

**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.**

We're still wondering if anyone of you know of a place for an RV trailer to be parked where a homeless person in transition towards housing who is part of our ministry could stay for temporary periods of time near Bellingham?

**We also still want to especially have you pray about whether your small group would be open to enfolding someone,** to 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. 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, **especially if your small group has gone on a mission trip and wants to do something local and more long-lasting.**

**Also if you want to help the Senti's refurbish their '79 Dodge Jamboree RV** to get it ready for travel this summer to Zuni Mission in New Mexico let us know!

**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: (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).