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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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# Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## The LORD has done great things!

The November concert was so much fun! The LORD brought 88 folks, provided \$3000 for Envision and we celebrated His amazing character and works!

**Our vision for 2018 was outreach of all kinds.** We truly came to the end of ourselves and are waiting on the LORD for the next steps for 2019, but the vision was:

- 1- **More Jesus Studies** – God opened the door for us at the Villa hotel on Samish Way to start a Jesus Study there. It had a very rocky beginning but now it's bearing fruit so that we have a man of peace who lives there to minister with, 2 men desiring to be baptized, and our dear Stephen Servant Glenda who lives there and ministers to the ladies in Jesus' Name! We also had a Jesus Study at the Drop in Center at the Mission for a number of months that was a real blessing as well.
- 2- Open mic as a possibility? We knocked on that door but it did not open.
- 3- **India visitors learning and teachings outreach here in Bellingham.** God also opened that door and they visited us for 10 days after doing a YWAM DTS. What a joy to have them with us and we learned from them and they from us!
- 4- **A summer mission trip for the Senti's!** Well, it was an adventure! The Senti RV broke down 3 times and then the mini-van they traded in for it broke down on the way back. But God brought a man to Jesus who was baptized in a Motel 6 swimming pool, we were able to visit and mutually encourage our friends in Zuni and share Christ in Colorado as well!

**Our friends in India received the ministry vehicle after much difficulty and delay.** Thank you all who gave towards that and prayed for them. They are bringing to Gospel to unreached areas with it and for that we are eternally grateful!

**There were remarkable miracles in people's lives,** from deliverance from porn addiction, to healing of cancer, to freedom from demonic strongholds, to a healed shoulder, a restored foot that had been crushed in a construction accident, and many more. All of these pointed folks to Jesus Christ who is the Gospel!

**Hope in Christ's Friendship ministry, Christian school classes and others delivered socks/water/Bibles to our friends on the streets through our ministry!** Jon Ng described one of those experiences on Christmas Eve in the February newsletter.

**We also lost three friends, two from the streets and one from house church: Tina Vander Woude, Timothy Cornelius, and TJ Duffy** who we all have great hope to see again in glory!

We were so excited to announce that **our street night coordinator Jon Ng joined the staff of the Lighthouse Mission** to develop their street connect ministry in partnership with ours. **Morgan West, was also on staff with them and with us and helped lead the Jesus Study there. What an amazing partnership!**

**Glenda Price and Mitzie Crosser received training as Stephen Ministers from Sonlight Church in Lynden!** That has been an excellent partnership this year as well.

**Board:**

**Elders and their wives:**

Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,  
Bernie and Mary Brower

Elder/Pastor: Ben deRegt

**Treasurer/Elder:** Dan Obbink

**Deacon and deaconess:**

Rustin Polinder and 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!

**We partnered with 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church in Lynden in their SERVE project** that brought 4 youth groups from around the country to our street night with the Lighthouse Mission and Envision Mission. **One of our friends shared his testimony of salvation and transformation** and they also joined us in ministry on the streets. What a blessing!

God also continued **partnerships with 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist's Tuesday night meal, Victory Church sent Glenda to us a missionary, just as 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed** has done with Bernie Brower, Third Church with Linda Hammingh, and many more. Three Christian Reformed Churches put on a picnic for the Jesus Gathering at Boulevard Park in the summer. **Bethel CRC also put on a Thanksgiving feast in November for the Jesus Gathering** and we are so thankful to all of these churches for their partnership with us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

While we felt the press personally in the ministry and **even at times the Street Connect team had to flee from danger**, there were many celebrations as well. We celebrated the Passover together as a church family, had CD release concerts, and the ladies even went to the Quilt Museum in Laconner together.

At least **12 folks received Christ** that we witnessed, one of those was a young man at the Drop in Center who joined us at Jesus Study and then at house church and then we sent him to Alaska where he found a church and a job and is still thriving there! There were many other stories such as encounters at Maritime Heritage Park, right in our neighborhoods, and on the streets.

Folks were referred to treatment and detox, some came back and connected to the Jesus Gathering, **others needed help with housing inspections, finding work, and medical bills.**

**Men's groups were raised up organically** and officially, from recovery material to breakfast meetings weekly to basketball. We so appreciated that the LORD gave us help with Morgan West and Timothy Potter, though he moved both of them on from us in mutual blessing.

We found out that the **RV we traded in for a mini-van was given to a single mom** and her two children in Idaho as they were in an accident on their way from Washington State.

The **opportunities to share the Gospel are too many to count**, whether with mechanics, on the streets, at the Jesus studies or Gathering, in living rooms and everywhere we could by God's grace. We've prayed with many, shared testimonies, invited folks to join us and shared the way of salvation over and over again.

One gal who came to Christ at a Christmas feast (which we plan to do again this year) is **being baptized on December 9 at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Bellingham!**

**We have added two new Envision Council members: Ben deRegt and Rustin Polinder; and Rochelle Senti has taken the interim position of the Administrative Assistant.**

The new thing that is happening is that **we are starting a discipleship house** as part of launching Jon Ng's dream called "Rising Hope". **We need \$2400/month** to do it so if you want to give towards that put "Rising Hope" in the memo line of your check or let us know by e-mail.

**God has provided for us even though we are very low on funds at Envision** and we believe He will continue to provide so thank you for your prayers and gifts, friends!