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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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After much prayer this is the vision for Envision Mission for 2019:

- 1- **Family discipleship** the Spirit of the LORD seems to be highlighting the need for families to have a family altar daily for worship, Scripture and prayer. We will be encouraging families in this way, including the Senti family trying to find a good balance between ministry at home and outside the home, as well as our staff and the churches we work with.
- 2- Launching Rising Hope- we are starting at discipleship house for men as continuation of street ministry with Jon Ng and our partnership with the Lighthouse Mission. The program will be called the Summit and by 2020 we'd like to see Rising Hope become its own non-profit. The house itself will be for men who need transition into the Church, workplace, and further tools for life in Christ. More details to follow, but our greatest need will be having churches help us lead a Bible study there on weekday afternoons or evenings so that these men will have connections to the Church upon reentry. If interested and want more details please contact us! mitchsenti@hotmail.com
- 3- Neighborhood outreach- in the second part of the year we want to learn more what it means to reach out to neighbors and equip others to do the Luke 10:1-10 model of sharing Christ two by two and doing hospitality with folks we meet and letting them take us into their lives as well.
- 4- We also want to release a CD of worship- to encourage the churches with Biblical songs that have sound doctrine and inspire worshippers to know Christ more! CD release coming in the spring!

We are happy to announce that **we have a leader for the Drop in Center Jesus Study** again and there is certainly a lot of hunger there from the folks that hang out there for it to get started. Pray that the leader will be ready and those who participate will grow as disciples of Jesus!

One of our friends who has been coming for many weeks, received the LORD in prayer and is coming not only to one of our Jesus Studies, but also to one of the house churches. She is already helping us get the word out about Envision and the Jesus Gathering. **Pray she will feel ready to start her baptism classes soon.**

On our street nights we are still sharing the Gospel quite frequently, just finishing our Christmas caroling and having started the Jesus Study at the Drop in Center. On the last street night we had two men from "My Church" in Bellingham sharing the Gospel with a man for at least 20 minutes. On another occasion we got a blanket for an older man who prayed with us and even sang Christmas carols with us. We so appreciate the gifts of socks and items we can give out to the homeless. Lynden Christian Middle School is gathering over 200 pairs of socks for this and it's a great way for our team to build relationship with people and share with them.

Board:

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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.)

If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to: Envision Mission, 710 E. Sunset, Bellingham, WA 98225

Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

Here is a picture of some of our street night team who likes to sing and share; sometimes we



have 6-8 people on the ground crew and 6-8 more people who take the Street Connect van out to the camps as well. We are so thankful for our partnership with the Lighthouse Mission with the leader of Street Connect, Jon Ng. Pray that we might bear fruit that lasts as we share on the streets!

We had a wonderful Christmas feast at the Jesus Gathering put on by the Veltkamp family from Lynden on the 2nd Sunday in December. We also held a small Christmas get together for our Sunday night Jesus Study group on the 23rd for folks that didn't have a place to go for the holiday. Everyone so appreciated both of these occasions.

Please pray for the Rising Hope discipleship house called the Summit, that the men God has appointed will be there and receive the help they need. Jon Ng will be raising funds for that ministry of Envision and until we have the house filled that will be a financial need as well.

Pray also for the Senti family and the staff as we move into the next year, seeking to be faithful. Glenda still leads the Jesus Study at the Villa with Mitchell's help and there have already been two men desiring baptism and one who has heard the Gospel very clearly and is considering it there. We also have a man there who helps us reach out to the people and is a believer himself. Also Mitzie continues with hospitality ministry and more ideas to come!

Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street Connect from 5:45-7:45pm starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St. Jesus Study at Drop in Center at 6:10pm.

Wednesday: Men's breakfast at Overeasy Restaurant at 6:30am. Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm. (House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.) Jesus Study at McDonald's on Samish at 7pm. Thursday: Men's group at 6pm location TBA.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm.

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 2nd Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5pm on all other Sundays at the Majestic (1027 North Forest).