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Prayers and Praises!

Update on Envision

We are almost finished with baptism class for one fellow from the Samish Jesus Study, **please pray that he finishes well and is connected to the Body after baptism. Also pray for the next couple folks who are considering baptism** that they will go for it! In fact, one of them by the time of this publication just started on Sunday nights with her baptism class.

Picture a group of folks gathering into a room at the Drop in Center at the Lighthouse Mission as we sing songs for the LORD, clapping and laughing with joy! Then our leader shares a short message on peace that encourages everyone there. We all hold hands and pray for each other. Thereafter the folks there line up to head over to the other building to rest for the night. Pray that folks will come, hear the Word and move forward with hope in Christ to the destiny that God has for them.

Lynden Christian Middle School has gathered over 500 socks for us to give to our friends without housing on the street! Many thanks to them as it will open doors for the Gospel and potentially eternal relationship. We think about how many times we used to pray with the gal that recently got baptized at 1st Baptist when she was on the streets and we are excited to do this more and more!

Thank you so much to all who have donated gloves, hats, coats, etc. BUT we are maxed out! We have far more than we can possibly hand out in the next year! Please now donate them to the Lighthouse Mission as they have storage for such things. We appreciate all the amazing donations we have received this year—they are a huge blessing for the recipients.

We had our first meeting at the Summit discipleship house operated by Rising Hope, a ministry of Envision and it was so amazing to see how God brought these men together, the excitement for the future and the hope that it gives them do flourish in Christ Jesus! There are three men living there so far and more applying. **Keep praying for this for these men** and for those who lead there. **Especially be praying for Jon Ng who is the visionary** for this discipleship house and leader of this ministry for Envision, that he might have wisdom about making decisions. Bible study leaders have come from local churches such as Hope in Christ, My Church, Creekside Calvary and the Jesus Gathering thus far. A 12 step group starts the week of this publication in the house as well. Thank you to all who gave donations towards the needs at the house. The only things we need now are: a mattress, two house computers and a printer.

We are excited to introduce a book on Sunday night for 8 weeks that could be the beginning of a Celebrate Recovery group started by Envision for our Jesus Study time. **Pray that we will have wisdom as to whether this is a good fit** or if we should do recovery discipleship in a different way. **Also pray for those who come Sunday night to be plugged into house churches or other local churches as well.** Mitzie Crosser does such a good job with hospitality at the Jesus Studies and at the Jesus Gathering which is the once a month gathering hosted by Envision through Hope in Christ Church for the house churches that meet during the week. Keep her in prayer as well, that she might be able to balance family and ministry well. In fact, pray for all of us on staff to balance that well according to God's Spirit.

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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"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!

Also keep praying for Glenda as she leads the Jesus Study at the hotel on Samish Way. She is looking at moving back to Georgia in April, so pray that she finishes well with us this year. Also, if you are interested in helping us with that Jesus Study we would need a volunteer leader to keep it going. Pray that God will raise up workers for the harvest and/or move these folks on to already existing meetings/house churches.



The Senti family is doing well, as we focus this season on family discipleship. Peter is in 1st grade and will be going to school at Evergreen Christian school part time. Elisha is in 3rd grade and also will be going there part time. They both enjoy playing Minecraft and their musical instruments, guitar and drums. Johnathon is going Bellingham Christian as a 6th grader and enjoys being on their basketball team. Rochelle is now our admin assistant at Envision, which she enjoys along with home-making and although she could use continued prayer concerning her health we are thankful for how well she has been doing. Mitchell is busy as usual with ministry, but is enjoying working on the new worship CD recording which we will give further details on when it is finished! Pray for the Senti's and praise God with them for His love!

Mitchell will also be helping Matthew Smith's organization, Project 92, to put on a dinner that will raise funds to help indigenous missionaries in Southeast Asia to receive training for reaching the

billions of lost folks in that part of the world. The dinner will be on March 23 at Hope in Christ church. Please let him know if you're interested in coming so they know how much food to prepare. 360-392-0289 or mitchsenti@hotmail.com

Thank you all for all your prayers, gifts and love in Christ Jesus!

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).