



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

As we went out on a street night, the ground crew went to the Drop in Center and Glenda spoke briefly to a man there and quickly discerned that he was suicidal. She went into the room where we hold Bible Study and told the team. One of them suggested that we pray because he had learned that day of a friend who had committed suicide, so we prayed. **He then felt strongly that he should speak to the man and did so, sharing the hope of the Gospel.** Then he brought the man into the Bible study and our Bible Study leader, Mike, shared a short but powerful message from Scripture. We then all prayed together after singing and all the guests who came were highly blessed as were we. It was a great example of the Body working as a team, from different churches, using gifts to minister together. Praise God with us and pray for more opportunities like that!

One of our friends finished his baptism class; **pray that the other two will also and be baptized around Easter/Resurrection Day.** It's been such a joy to do that together on Wednesday and Sunday nights in conjunction with the Jesus Studies.

We have had family reconciliation on our hearts a lot lately. One of our dear friends is seeking to reconcile her marriage. Another, Glenda, is heading back to Georgia to strengthen her relationship with her family there also. **Please pray for them since reconciliation is God's heart for us in Christ.**



Pictured left, Mitchell, Mary Seeley and Bernie Brower after a prayer meeting at Light of the World Prayer Center. **They pray there every week to focus on Jesus and the poor** and anyone would be welcome to join them on Fridays from 3-5pm.

Glenda will need to sell her car and is looking for a mechanic or fixer-upper-type person to buy it, since she has to put anti-freeze in every two weeks. **She has a 2003 Chevy Impala sedan and wants to sell it for \$500.** Let us know if you're interested.

We are excited to announce another Senti family concert on April 26, Friday, at 7pm at Hope in Christ Church. Mitchell is putting out a new worship CD/album! Be ready to worship the LORD, but also bring any extra clothing you have because the next day we will be doing a clothing drive!

Board:

Elders and their wives:

Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
Bernie and Mary Brower

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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!

The CD is called, “Wake Up Oh Sleeper”. If you're interested in getting a copy beforehand, let us know at 360-392-0289 or mitchsenti@hotmail.com **There are 12 songs, mostly taken from Scripture** and we would love to bless you with this CD. You can choose to donate to Envision or to the Senti family in any amount and receive a CD as a thank you! The clothing will be collected that night and all the next day at Hope in Christ church's sanctuary. It will then be sold to a company that recycles it and the money used for our Summit House. Any donations given at the worship concert the night before will go to Envision Mission's general fund.

Would any men be interested in tutoring one or two of the men at the house in reading and writing his Bible Study and 12 step material? Let us know if so. We've received computers, still need a printer and mattress for the discipleship house called “the Summit”. If you're interested in **donating please write checks to Envision Mission and be sure to put “Rising Hope” on the memo line**, as that is the name of that ministry of Envision. Our 12 step leader is still hoping for more help, but the men there have said that the process has already been life-changing within the first month!

We also started the series on Sunday night called “Life's Healing Choices” as a precursor to the Celebrate Recovery program which we are prayerfully considering whether we should host in Bellingham. It is an 8-week series and will be facilitated by Mitzie Crosser, one of our Stephen Servants. **Pray that we will have wisdom about that and it will be an effective way to disciple folks in terms of recovery.**

Jon Ng, another Stephen Servant, has been tirelessly working to help folks get shelter in this cold weather season. We so appreciate him as he leads our Rising Hope ministry for the homeless. He's a busy man these days so **pray for his strength, protection and perseverance, especially as he is newly married**

On one of our street nights, we've been praying for a local porn shop to be shut down and the people therein to be saved. Well, **we've had the opportunity to pray for and share Christ with some of the workers there recently** and we are hopeful that the business itself will change completely. That night we also were able to pray for a couple who lost a homeless friend on the street and share the Gospel with a young man who was hanging outside at a bar. There are so many opportunities for the Gospel that come up like these. Pray these doors continue to open for the Gospel at Envision.

Please let us know if you're interested in coming to the India dinner with Project 92 on March 23 at North County Christ the King in Lynden at 6:30pm.

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: 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: Men's breakfast at Overeasy Restaurant at 6:45am. 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).