



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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Praises and Prayers

Mitchell and Rochelle's Dad, Gale Senti, passed into glory on July 24 at 2:30pm. It was a beautiful moment when he passed and a beautiful memorial at Third Christian Reformed Church thereafter. They are thankful for the example of honest trust in Christ that he left behind. He also touched many lives through Envision over the years. We praise God for his home-coming! Thank you also to those he who gave to Envision on his behalf! He will be missed by many connected to the Envision family. (Gale is pictured left at Silverado Memory Care Center.)



On Wednesday night we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with an older woman who came through a connection with the facilitator. She started the study by telling us she believed nature was "god". **By the end she prayed the God would show her about the beauty of Jesus Christ. Pray that she comes back.**

Also from that study another fellow is looking to be baptized soon! **Pray that**

he can find strong fellowship in the Body as well. Plugging into the Church seems to be the most difficult part of discipleship after folks come to Christ and move towards baptism.

We've had many **opportunities for the Gospel on Street Connect** Tuesday night, as well as in the Jesus Study at the Drop in Center from that night. Jeff G. is doing a great job leading that and has many helpers. Pray for more such opportunities in Jesus' Name. This past Tuesday we heard good reports from those we've been praying for. We have prayed for years for one man to have housing and he finally has a studio apartment; another found a job as a prep cook. Another man took a Bible who is on probation from jail and heard the Word gladly. Some are not so glad to hear us, but we pray for all of them to find fellowship in Christ and His Church.

The Senti family had a much needed 4 week vacation, so many thanks for your prayers for them. Mitchell and Johnathon Senti went to Zuni, New Mexico where Mitchell preached and they came back after about 5 days. But then the Senti's waterline busted and they had to replace it, then their Dad passed away, and Rochelle got pneumonia and a sinus infection. So it wasn't the easiest 30 days off, but they are thankful for it nonetheless. Mitchell had some anxiety coming back in while still grieving, but God is strengthening him more and more daily. This ministry is difficult and it takes its toll on all of us as a staff, so pray also for Jon and Mitzie and Bernie. And **pray for the Senti's to have some good rest and for healthy emotional strength as well as physical health.** The Senti's plan to take a break at Cedar Springs as well. But also pray for protection from the evil one as the battle is not just emotional, but spiritual.

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Mitchell and Rochelle Senti,
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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:
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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

If you still have clothes for the Summit House clothing drive let us know, because the folks in charge of the house need to sell a storage container full of clothes to a non-profit recycling company in order to raise the money. They will even come and pick up the clothes from you if need. Also if you're interested in **donating towards the Summit house please write checks to Envision Mission and be sure to put "Rising Hope" on the memo line.** There are four men living at the Summit House at present and discipleship is going well again after our July break. For all the guys the July break was difficult, but we are hopeful coming back into the groove again Aug/Sept. **We have so appreciated folks from various churches helping with the 12 step program and Bible Study at the house there as well!**



We have a new intern joining us named Jamie Sweet! He is from Trinity Western University's Bellingham campus. Please keep him in prayer as he will be doing 6 hours a week in helping us with discipleship curriculum, learning about house church leadership and familiarizing himself with Envision Mission as a whole. The internship is set until April of 2020. We praise the LORD for him and his involvement with us! (Jamie is pictured left!)

We also say goodbye to our friend Shannon Williamson who is moving to Vancouver, BC to train for becoming a US Naval Chaplain. She became a deaconess with our house church network, was Director of Love INC and a dear friend of Envision as well. She attended the Senti house church, the Jesus Gathering, and Envision was quite connected with her work at LOVE INC as well. Shannon's third album is out as well- "New Songs- Oil of the Prophets".

Keep your eyes and ears open for a Senti family concert coming up in late September or early October as well, probably this time in Lynden. Think weekend, like a Friday night at 7pm. CD's of the new album "Wake Up Oh Sleeper" are still available for donors. We hope to have it up on the website soon as well. Also check out new sermons on the website: www.envisionmission.org/media

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 6pm.

Wednesday: (House church at Lincoln Square at 3pm.) Jesus Study at McDonald's on Samish at 7pm.

Friday: Men's breakfast at Overeasy Restaurant at 6:45am. Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm.

Saturday: (Jeff's Discipleship group at Jeff's at 10am)

Sunday: (House church at the Gray's at 10am.) Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ at 4:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month. (House church at the Majestic at 4:30pm all other Sundays.)

Monday: Prayer at LOWPC from 10am-12pm.