



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

The Concert of worship at Third Christian Reformed Church in Lynden blessed all of us who were present! The Lord raised \$1,500 from the love offering. And God was praised, we updated friends on what God has been doing and enjoyed the music together with the Senti family and friends who came. Thank you to all who came! (Picture below)



We are still looking for leaders for our Jesus Studies, one at McDonald's and one we'd like to do at either Agate Heights (mental health boarding home) or at Washington Square (low-income housing). We would also like to do an outreach at the skate park, but would need a leader for that as well. Let us know if you're interested.

The Envision Board has decided to hire a $\frac{3}{4}$ or full time person for **Summit House ministry**, as well as helping with street outreach, diaconal ministry and a building relationships with local churches. More details will follow in time, but if that interests you let us know. **Thank you to those who gave clothing to the clothing drive for the house.**

We have another man moving in at the beginning of November. And we are super excited about the men who are living there currently, how their lives are transforming through accountability, encouragement and classes! Jesus uses it all to help us make disciples of Him. There are so many struggles and joys that go with this work of discipleship. Sometimes we think guys aren't going to make it- we may have to kick them out- but then we see God turn it around and make them even stronger! The Holy Spirit is working in the lives of these men. We can't share all the details, but know that transformation is happening and thank you for your generosity and prayers to that end.

Our Tuesday Street night has still been a great way of reaching out and inviting people into community in Christ Jesus. **Keep praying that the LORD will open doors for the Gospel** there and draw people to Him and to His Body!

One such story we can share is about our friend Sopaaajay. That is his Canadian First Nation's name and it means "rays of the morning". His adopted name is Andrew Campbell. I met him in 2007 at three trees coffeehouse and he could hardly speak to me. Finally he did and we eventually became friends. (His picture is on page 2)

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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.)

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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!



Since that time we have watched him grow slowly but surely. He has been delivered from bondages of the enemy, has gone through all kinds of trials and difficulties and struggled with depression and chronic fatigue. When we opened the house, we invited him to move in. But it was a difficult decision for him because he was given the opportunity to move to Arizona and pay very little rent there. He chose to commit instead to living in Summit House. Since then he has wept over learning the tough lessons in 12 step, Safe People, and living in community with brothers in

Christ, but he has come through shining like gold in Christ. The LORD showed him how he has been refined into a beautiful heavenly vessel through his trials. He wants to learn to be a blessing to all those around him. We have so many hopes and dreams we share with Sopajay and he with us, but we trust the LORD for his future. **Pray for him that he might graduate in December** and go make disciples as he has been made a disciple himself. He even led his longtime friend Shane to Christ, as we shared in a previous newsletter. To God be the glory!

Also, a friend from a local boarding house is now coming regularly to meetings and is in Baptism class. Thank you for your prayers on his behalf. Our other friend who came back to town has not only been involved with our Drop in Center Jesus Study but also came back to the Jesus Gathering. And still another friend is still in Baptism class and regularly attending meetings with us as well as Hillcrest Church. Whether through deliverance ministry or just a helping hand, the Gospel is advancing and for this we praise God!

Our house church Kingdom multiplication meeting happened on October 19 at Hope in Christ Saturday and it went very well. There was honest sharing about how things are going and what we all want to learn. Another meeting is scheduled for November 20, Wednesday at 6:30pm with more and more folks interested. **Pray that the Kingdom will be multiplied through these efforts for the glory of Christ Jesus!**

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 4:30pm.

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.) Jamie's Discipleship group at Woods in Ferndale at 2pm. 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.