



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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Self-Evaluation and Excitement For the Future

This was the Vision for 2019 and an evaluation as well:

- 1- **Family discipleship-** Each of our families have made family more a priority, some moving back to where they had come from because of separation, others of us making a family altar a greater priority. Mitchell has preached on this already and plans to continue to do so. Small groups have also been prioritized in providing family to those who are without. It seemed like this was an emphasis from the Holy Spirit this year.
- 2- **Launching Rising Hope-** So instead of launching Rising Hope as its own non-profit our Board has decided to incorporate Jon Ng's vision into the core of Envision Mission! More details to follow!
- 3- **Neighborhood outreach-** On this we did not do as much, but we hope to do more with this next year.
- 4- **We also want to release a CD of worship-** and this happened as well with a concert in Bellingham and Lynden. We hope to do this again next year as well.

One of the things we've been learning at the Summit house is how to do self-evaluation well. And we also believe that's important for an organization to do. What was the vision for the year and how did we do in getting there? Also what is the vision for next year? We will share more on that in the next newsletter, but the "spoiler alert" is that it will have to do with neighborhood outreach, more Jesus Studies and expanding the vision of the Summit house!



We had the joy of baptizing our friend Ken S. at the Jesus Gathering on December 8! (Ken's baptism is pictured below with Mark -from Summit house- and Mitchell pictured as well) He gave testimony that Jesus is Lord. Pray that others will be baptized this coming year also. Praise the LORD!

We've also had many opportunities for sharing the Gospel! God has us still going out on the streets at

least once a month and through December we did more Christmas caroling and handing out socks as we prayed with people at the Drop in Center and on the streets.

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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!

We've started an outreach to Bellingham Technical College on the first Tuesday of the month. On one occasion, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a young man and that same day a new believer from Iran needed a church home and agreed to come to one of the Jesus Gathering house churches!

On another occasion God gave us the opportunity to pray with a man who used to be part of the Jesus Gathering, but has lost his way. Mitchell has also been able to follow up with the man who says he is a Deist and received a Bible some time ago. **Pray for all these and more to either come to Christ or come back to Him.**

Please do not donate anymore more socks because we are happy to say we have too many! The ones we currently have will last us into next winter, so thank you but please hold off until next year. And thank you again for all your generosity.

We had the privilege of leading the memorial of **Scott Colville who passed away on**



November 24, 2019. He clearly professed his faith in Jesus, but died tragically in his apartment and God gave us the opportunity to share the Gospel with many (over 50 people) who loved him at the Lincoln Square apartments recently. Some have started coming to the house church and others inquiring about it because of this tragedy, so God even uses difficult things for His beautiful purposes. Isn't that like Him- He did that with the Cross and the Resurrection most especially and He still does it today. (Scott is pictured left.) We remember Scott fondly as a regular at the Lincoln Square house church and as our friend.

Please pray that God will give us wisdom about a new location for the Jesus study on Wednesdays. The man who was previously our man of peace in the Samish Way neighborhood has moved to the Bellingham Technical College area and will be joining us for outreach there. So we are seeking the LORD about what is next for our Wednesday night crew. Recently Jamie Sweet has helped lead that, so we are praying about many options of places to go next with the Word of Christ.

For us at the Summit House it's **amazing to see the transformation in the lives of the men there.** One of them has become our resident assistant for the next batch of men that will be coming in. Pray that the right men come for the next program year, starting in February, Lord willing. The clothes that were donated have finally been sold and the funds are coming in for the Summit house, especially to sponsor some of the men to start the next program year.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night last Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7:45pm starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St with a Jesus Study at Drop in Center at 6pm. College outreach 1st Sunday of each month at noon- location announced on FB and e-mail.

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. 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.