



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Still Going Strong

The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially 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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The Senti's blog is also on our website

We are still hiring for a new position related to our Summit House program: a **Summit House Ministry Director** would be a **full-time salaried position**. This position is for a community developer/ministry director that can engage the local churches in Whatcom County to meet the need of long-term discipleship housing for disenfranchised individuals who need help moving forward in their discipleship process. Through the development of Summit Houses this Ministry Director will work with local churches to not only disciple these men and women in one to three year housing programs, but help them thrive in the context of a local church and vocation. It will include fundraising and equipping communication with churches as well as closely working with us at Envision. Let us know if you're interested in applying and we can share the full job description. mitchsenti@hotmail.com or 360-392-0289 if interested. We look forward to what God will do in this county by His Spirit.

We're still going strong as a ministry, even through this shut-down. We're so excited about a friend of ours that we met back in 2007 at the Three Trees Coffeehouse, having **recommitted her life to Christ**. **She's going to church**, attending many of our zoom meetings and looking to the LORD like never before. Pray for her to continue. It seems that this quarantine season has been good for drawing people closer to Christ.

We still have two **friends in baptism class and joyfully look forward to their baptisms** this year! It's been a time to call lots of folks on the phone and to use Zoom. We praise God for the ability to stay connected, but please continue to pray for our single folks to sense the LORD's presence with them, especially those with mental illness.



Our Senti Concert was on Youtube on Friday at 7pm and many viewed it with lots of encouraging comments and donations for the new CD, "Our Eyes Are on You". This will remain available on our website of course, but also on YouTube if you'd like to see it:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi7jvqFoUZqzHkg6Vj9nWkg> You can also look it up on our YouTube channel: Envision Mission. **Thank you to all who viewed and supported us through prayer, donations and encouragement!** What fun!

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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!

Jon Ng is moving on from our staff to continue his work full time with the Lighthouse Mission. He and his wife still attend our house church at the Majestic and he will consult with us on the Summit house movement. But because of busyness with both jobs, we've mutually agreed it best for him to focus on his work at the Lighthouse Mission with Street Connect and Shower Connect. This has been a very gracious move all around and he is still very much a part of us, just not on staff now. **Pray for him and those at the Lighthouse Mission, especially for their Drop in Center through this present crisis** as it winds down and they take necessary precautions. We so appreciate Jon and his wife Nadia!

We would like to also put out a **strong request for someone who has acted as an elder or deacon in their local church, that they consider helping us with shepherding and mercy work** for a time. Ask your pastor and council if you could be on loan to us, as we always need stable and healthy leadership. Bernie Brower is both a member of 1st Reformed Church and an elder with us. Linda Hammingh has been a deaconess with both Third Christian Reformed Church and us as well, so there is a precedent for this kind of partnership. Prayerfully consider joining us and don't wait for us to ask you- wait for the Holy Spirit to ask you and then contact us and we can explore this option with you.

Please be praying for Peter Rust and our Bellingham Technical College outreach that is in pre-launch stages. He is connecting with students on the phone, but the on campus stuff doesn't start until later, so it's hard to know how to do ministry there right now. We are excited though about the future of this ministry and he is having conversations with Chi Alpha, which is Campus Christian Fellowship's University ministry about helping us establish this outreach. Thanks for your prayers

Rochelle and Mitchell are starting to engage with neighbors more. We hope you all are in this unprecedented opportunity, especially when the restrictions start to get lower and we can go door to door and ask folks if they need help or prayer. Let's all be praying for our neighborhoods as well. As folks come by the Senti house, sometimes for food, sometimes even a little work, by God's grace we try to be open but it's also tough to have good boundaries. One fellow who was suicidal just needed a hug, so there are times where we have to do what needs to be done. **Pray for us for wisdom and protection.**

As we wrote last month we have **one sponsor stepping forward already** and we may need more soon. The commitment could be as much as \$1500 for three months' sponsorship. If you're interested our preference would be that we introduce you to the person you sponsor. Please let us know- mitchsenti@hotmail.com or 360-392-0289 if interested.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night last Tuesday of each month (5:45-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St with a Jesus Study at Drop in Center at 6pm. College outreach 1st Tuesday of each month at noon- location announced on FB and e-mail.

Wednesday: Men's breakfast at Overeas Restaurant (7am) House church at Lincoln Square (3pm) Jesus Study at Flat Iron Woods at 5pm.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

Saturday: Jeff's Discipleship group at (10am), Jamie S's group at (10:30am).

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