



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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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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Praises and Prayers

Praise God, we hit the streets of Bellingham again for the first time in a little while, staying 6 ft. apart and praying over our streets, even interacting with a business owner about praying for



our city, and leaving a pair of socks for one of our friends without housing as he slept on the sidewalk. This picture is of downtown Bellingham, but it feels very empty lately, so we hope by the time June is in full summer bloom that this picture is more accurate to the landscape of downtown, since it was taken before the quarantine.

We could use a **number of items that would bless some of our folks who are low-income** and you could send them to the address in the left margin: A scrap book for one of our ladies who wants to put her pictures together in an orderly way, two large garbage cans for a new believer, a size eight woman's pair of shoes, and a crib for a new single mom.

The fellow we mentioned last month who was suicidal is doing better, but still depressed. We are going on walks and involving the Crisis hotline with the volunteers of America. He is also getting counseling set up and hopefully more of the services he needs. **It's been good to have proper boundaries, even when folks are struggling**, but it's not always easy to maintain those boundaries. Thanks for your prayers for wisdom about these things.

Thank you also for those who watched our concert and gave towards Envision, receiving a CD or download of "Our Eyes Are on You" as a thank you. **We raised \$950** during that time and so appreciate the much-needed support!

By the time this goes to print we hope that the Senti's will have gone two-by-two to their neighbors offering prayer and further relationship as the Spirit leads. **We again hope and pray that all of us can be "missional" in our neighborhoods during this season**, especially as some of the restrictions begin to relax. Let's pray for each other to that end.

Our friend **Peter Rust is raising support for part-time ministry work at Bellingham Technical College as an outreach of Envision Mission!** We are so excited for him and for the opportunities with students that have already happen and are sure to continue happening.

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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!

Please continue to keep him in your prayers as well, that he might be able to raise support but **most importantly that God will use his ministry to reach students so they become disciples of Jesus and a great harvest of souls will come there in Jesus' power.**

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 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 keep praying for our staff, Bernie, Mitzie, Rochelle and Mitchell for health and strength and for our volunteers such as James Sweet and Jeff Grothe. **Also pray for wisdom as we move into Phase 2 and begin meeting in parks with small groups and for the Jesus Gathering, for those looking towards baptism** on timing and location.

And happy Pentecost to everyone as we move into Summer **we pray that God will send revival** in Jesus' Name! We greatly need the power of the Holy Spirit!

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night third and 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 Overeasy Restaurant (7am) House church at Lincoln Square (3pm) Jesus Study at Flat Iron Woods (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)