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# Update on Envision

**Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County** 

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#### **Praises and Prayers**



Street night was filled with variety the last few times we've been out. When we asked two ladies if they'd ever read the words of Jesus they said no. When we asked if we could share what his message was, they again said no and then proceeded to tell us what He was about, even after admitting that they'd never read a word of His words before. It was sad to hear their closed-mindedness, but also that they'd been that hurt by Christians. Another gal expressed that she didn't care after we shared the Gospel, others received prayer, and one

man (pictured above) was like a moth to a flame when we mentioned Jesus. We talked for a while, so pray that he would come to know the LORD. We've also followed up with others and ministered to the needs of some who just wanted socks, prayer and a friendly visit.

The **Senti family was on vacation from August 10-21**, but used a rental car this time! And the trip was wonderful, from the sand dunes of Colorado to the Grand Canyon it was a very refreshing time. Thanks to all of you who prayed for that!

Keep praying for Peter Rust and his outreach to Bellingham Technical College. He's made contact with students there and hopes to have some kind of outdoor event in September. **Pray for literal and spiritual doors to open there for the Gospel.** 

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've had one interview and one inquiry for the job so far, so if you know someone interested please let us know. Four folks have inquired and we are seeking God's wisdom for now. The program is on hold for now with three guys in the house, but we have others inquiring about entering the program and pray that they will. We hope for many to be ready for this kind of discipleship.

We had a baptism on August 9 at the Jesus Gathering and an immersion affirming the

### 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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"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!

**baptism of another**. Gina Hildebrand was baptized and Ruth Cooper affirmed her previous baptism as an infant. It was such a wonderful celebration and perfect weather for the occasion. Rochelle did the Bondage Breaker steps of freedom, as we always do with those who are being baptized and Mitchell did the class. Gina's baptism is pictured below.



Also please pray for God to provide us with elders and deacons that will bring stability to our house churches and ministries. God has already answered for the Senti house church, but we still need more help so keep on praying! The house churches have still been a great way for us to disciple folks once they come to know Christ so we're thankful for that partnership with the Jesus Gathering. Peter Rust has a house church, as does Ted Gray, Mitchell and Bernie's has only met with the larger Jesus Gathering because of the vulnerable nature of Lincoln Square residents. Please keep praying for these as well, since they are in partnership with Envision Mission. Jeff Grothe also has a discipleship group which he hopes will be a house church as well. He continues to lead one of our street night teams once a week. Jamey Sweet dreams of having a house church, his discipleship group has met on and off through his workplace. Pray for his physical health as he has had some challenges and for the spiritual health of his discipleship group as well. We hope this Fall will be as exciting as in past years! Praise the Lord!

#### **Our Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday:** Street Night third and last Tuesday of each month (5:45-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St. **Wednesday:** Jesus Study at Cornwall Park (5pm)

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

Saturday: Jeff's Discipleship group at (10am) House church at the Gray's (10am)

**Sunday:** House church meetings at Rust's (10am) Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2<sub>nd</sub> Sunday of each month (4:30pm) House church at Cornwall park all other Sundays (5pm)