



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
- 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

We are very happy to announce that we have hired Miles Davis (not the late jazz musician) as our **Apprentice for the Summit House!** He attends 2nd Christian Reformed Church in Lynden and is planning to help us start another Summit house in Lynden. He has some experience already, and we are taking him on as a part time Apprentice. We are already having a great time meeting with him, having him learn what we do with the guys at the present program and hearing his feedback for the future. Please be praying for him for wisdom, protection and strength for the days to come and praise God with us for providing what we needed! Miles is pictured left.



We're excited to be welcoming three new students to the program, and the three former students will be helping to disciple the new ones in the house. Jim Stitt has already started our 12 step group there and we have plans for much more. We didn't know with COVID how much we would be able to do, but God has opened the door for us to move forward. **Pray that these men will be disciples of Jesus fully with vocation and church involvement.** Also pray for their protection from the evil one as they move forward.

Also, if you make a donation of any kind Mitchell's new CD is still available. Apparently there was a mix up with the code online--we have caught it and fixed it! Sorry about that! Let me know if you already donated but were unable to download the CD. mitsenti@hotmail.com Also, if you can't afford to donate but would still like a CD we will send you the code. **We love to thank our donors** for giving, but also for praying more importantly!

Our intern James Sweet is still helping us with our Jesus Study curriculum and has also developed his own curriculum as part of his schooling at Trinity Western University. We are so proud of him. **We want to make these discipleship materials available** in case someone wants to use them. James has found it difficult to keep a small group going consistently at his workplace because of employee turnover and switching departments. One of the things we've learned, in case any of you are also trying to do the same in your workplace, is to stay in touch by texting, keep expectations low for how often and how many months the meetings will continue consistently.

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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!

Another thing we've learned: **One on ones are much easier** in work settings, so it's important to keep the focus on making disciples and not on having a consistent group meeting time. Discipleship can happen in the workplace as well, sometimes more so. But it's also good to share life outside of work with someone that you are discipling. And let them help disciple you too. What a joy our brother has been- thank you for continuing to pray for him as well.

Another brother who has volunteered with us, **Jeff Grothe, has also been appointed an elder and his house church** is fully functioning along with the Jesus Gathering network. He also helps Envision's BTC outreach and Street outreach. On the last Tuesday of the month he takes



the crew out, usually around Base Camp at the Lighthouse Mission, and leads ministry to the homeless there, sharing Christ and giving to needs that may present themselves. Keep him in prayer as well! Jeff and some of the crew pictured left singing on the streets.

Sometimes folks will receive prayer and help, sometimes not. One fellow told us that Jesus didn't come to save us but to show us the way to do it ourselves. When we shared with him further about our need for a Savior he got angry and insisted that we leave. But a father and son received us with gladness and even accepted our invitation to join us for worship that Sunday. **We prayed together and fellowshiped right there on the streets.**

Rochelle and I have continued sharing with our neighbors, offering to pray for them and asking about their concerns. It's been a very slow process, but God is helping us. **We encourage y'all to do the same in your neighborhoods.** See what the Lord can do through you!

Another outreach is starting to take shape for Bellingham Technical College. Peter Rust plans to do a podcast, both audio and video, and invite students to share their talents and be interviewed as well. The response has already been excellent, **but pray that doors remain open** and effective for that ministry as well.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts and even some of you joining us on street night. Many blessings in Christ Jesus!

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 House church at Bruce's at (11am) House church at the Gray's (10am)

Sunday: House church meetings at Rust's (10am) Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) House church at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)