



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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Vision 2021

For Envision Mission this year the Vision for 2021 is simply: **Christ and Him crucified.** Thus we resolve that the central focus will be the Gospel: **to preach it, live it, disciple people to it.** That may seem like it ought to be the vision for any Christian organization in any year and that since it must be a given we ought to go on to more specific things. But not for this year. Precisely because we as humans tend to get off course to other things, we are going to resolve to make the Gospel our central focus; not politics or controversies, not fancy strategies for certain demographics, not masks or no masks, not any claims to wisdom or dynamic talents, or power, whether our rights or another's rights. Just Christ and Him crucified. That does, of course, have implications on the way we are to live, but we will learn that as we keep our focus on Christ.

In terms of this year's goals then, because of last year being a bit delayed by COVID we will simply expand on last year's:

For 2021:

- 1- We would like to **expand on the Summit House vision**, both for our current house and the 2nd one also.
- 2- We would like to expand our vision of **street outreach, neighborhood outreach and college outreach with BTC SALT**
- 3- We would like to do **a new CD and a concert or two** to encourage our supporters in meditating on God's Word and worshipping Him

Street nights are now led by Cal Buys and Rob Smit, from 1st Christian Reformed Church in Lynden on all the Tuesdays that Jeff and Mitchell cannot lead. We are so thankful for them and that folks are out there every Tuesday night again! We even had one man who was homeless himself that joined us and has now found housing. More **importantly he has found hope in Christ again when he was hopeless, and is astounded at the grace of God** to forgive him for cursing him and hating him. He is also now a part of one of the house churches and growing steadily. Another man who had cancer wanted prayer and another wanted to join the team in handing out supplies the following week!

Every Friday a small group of us pray, seeking the face of Jesus for the first hour in worship and adoration. Then we intercede for the poor and each other for the 2nd hour. On one of these occasions a man joined us who when he felt the power of the Spirit in the room **confessed his sins and recommitted himself to Christ in our midst.**

If you are interested in the Bellingham Technical College outreach BTC SALT the podcast is now available at <http://www.btcsalt.org/index.html> It's called Campus Salt Fellowship. **Thank you for praying that this will reach students who need Christ and His hope.**

Keep praying for our Iranian friend who has come to Christ to grow well in Him, even past language barriers. Also pray for another fellow in baptism class whose mental illness has made it especially difficult for him to move forward in the faith, as he is frequently on the edge of suicidal depression. **Pray for a miracle of breakthrough for him.**

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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 have had to allow one man to take a break from the Summit house program and another has been exited. We have a number of applicants, but only have two men in the current program now. **So if you know of anyone that would be ready and willing to join us at the current house, someone who is doing okay, but seems to be stuck in some area and is wanting to learn how to move past it by learning why they keep getting stuck, let us know.** Also pray that God will raise up men for the 2nd house as well.

We are still working on our two albums: “Songs of Joy” and the 2nd album will be a favorite hymns album by Rochelle. **Thanks for your prayers on that as well.**



Elisha, age 11; Peter, age 8; Johnathon, age 14 (don't you love their interesting facial expressions!)

Well, the Senti family got the Corona Virus and were in quarantine for many weeks, which is why this newsletter is late. Mitchell got it the worst, but the Sentis are okay now. In many ways it ended up being a good time for rest and reflection. Mitchell has been enjoying finishing the book his Dad Gale Senti had

been trying to write his whole life. Gale left notes and pieces behind, so Mitchell and his brother Joel are finishing it out. That process has been healing for both of them as they miss their Dad very much. Rochelle is still acting as admin assistant for Envision Mission, homemaking, assisting Mitchell with pastoral calls and raising some pretty cool boys while dealing with ongoing health issues including fibromyalgia. She serves in the prayer ministry at Bellingham Christian School with great joy. Also, she is enjoying playing music for the upcoming album and looks forward to doing hospitality again. Johnathon is 14 and builds computers as his hobby. Elisha is 11 and enjoys video games, times with friends at school and dressing up as the latest superhero. Peter is 8 and enjoys school, time to himself and reading the Hobbit in his spare time. All three attend Bellingham Christian School, which has been an amazing community for our whole family.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on Flora St.

Wednesday: Jesus Study at the Summit House (5pm)

Thursday: Men's group at Nick's at 7am.

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

Saturday: Jeff's House church at Bruce's 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 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) House church at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)