



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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Prayers and Praises

Thank you for your prayers! We have two new applicants for the current Bellingham Summit house. Pray that their application process will go forward and they can move in this month. We could use sponsorship for these men, about two months worth is a \$1,000 sponsorship. Let us know if you're interested meeting this need. We can even introduce you to these men and follow their process if you so desire. Sponsorship gives them the opportunity to enter into the house and start looking for work to pay the program fees on their own. Also pray that our partnership with the Lighthouse Mission would be even more strengthened, so that more men and eventually women could come from there.

We also want to clarify from the last newsletter that the Summit house **is part of the process of men and women coming off the streets, but it is the final part of that process.** After they've been through the rehabilitation process in a place like the Lighthouse Mission they need the local Church to be their place of discipleship. Summit houses help men (and we hope women in the future as well) to make that transition in a way that is sustainable so they don't relapse back into their old life.

A house has also been provided temporarily for our Lynden 2nd Summit House. We are so thankful to see more churches interested in adopting a house, since it not financially burdensome and totally about making disciples. That is the job of the Church, so that's why we are excited to partner with churches to that end! Pray this will multiply in the coming years.

We now have a tea kettle and a rice cooker! Thank you friends who donated for the Summit house.

Our friend with the tiny house is now plugged into the United Reformed Church in Lynden and working full time at Scholten's Equipment! We are blown away at what the Lord is doing. **This is a huge adjustment for this man, so pray that he can persevere in Christ through these changes as well.** These are the types of things we love to see in graduates from the Summit house. For instance, one of our graduates moved to Arizona and is getting plugged into his local church now. Another is working still, plugged into his church and doing well. Our Resident Assistant is also working hard, going to school and has been fellowshipping with the Jesus Gathering house church network. It is this kind of transformation and forward movement that we want consistently for folks connected to the Summit house and beyond.

Jesus Studies take place on Sundays now at 5pm and we've already been inviting folks to join us from the street night. **This is an exciting opportunity for potential seekers and new believers** to do discipleship with us and get to know Jesus.

Consistently folks that visit our prayer meeting on Fridays have experienced God's presence and healing. One man is moving forward beautifully and well connected to his new Church as well. What a blessing this time has been. Many of our street night crew come to this to be filled up in order to minister well on Tuesdays the following week.

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Elders and their
wives:**
Mitchell and Rochelle
Senti,
Bernie and Mary
Brower

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deRegt

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deaconesses:**
Rustin Polinder and
Linda Hammingh

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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
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Our vision: to seek the
face of Jesus!

Peter Rust continues to meet with a small group and interview students from Bellingham Technical College. Pray that many will come to Christ at BTC and those that do will join in the ministry with him. HalleluYah!



month
time. *Part of the street night crew pictured above*

helped a man who had come to Christ in 1999 and was still a believer but needing to get clean and sober. Pray that he will, along with so many on the streets who struggle with mental illness and addiction. Pray also that folks who are interested in the Jesus Study will come and get plugged into the Body as believers in Jesus. Pray also that folks who attend will come to know Jesus there.

God has set folks free in deliverance from demonic oppression, so **keep praying for the protection of our staff and volunteers as we see the Kingdom of God overcoming** the kingdom of satan. Also, pray for our friend who has been in our baptism class as he might be baptized this month at Hillcrest Chapel on Easter Sunday. HalleluYah!

Our benevolence fund has also been used by the LORD to provide bikes, phones, and assistance for folks who are looking for work, housing and gas for their vehicles. Thank you for your generosity, friends! It is blessing and expanding the Kingdom of God.

Our Weekly Schedule:

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

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) Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)

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Christian Reformed
Church continues to
lead street nights on
Tuesdays. The crew
hands out socks, prays
with folks, some share
the Gospel, and all get
to know folks week
after week. Let us
know if you want to
join us on a Tuesday
night! Our homeless
friends notice their
consistent presence
and love and recognize
it comes from Christ.
Mitchell leads once a

as well and Jeff also from time to
time. Recently **they walked with and**