

Dear friends,

July 2021

Because we are gone at the end of June, I decided to just write a letter to y'all. I hope this finds you well. Our family is certainly in a good season of healing and grace.

And God is on the move with Envision also. First, let me tell you a story of one encounter that really blew me away: the folks at a local mental health facility asked me to come up and pray with them. So I visited with them up at their parking lot, since outsiders aren't allowed inside. One gal I'd never met before came up to me and said, "I'm a lesbian." I answered, "Hi, I'm Mitchell, nice to meet you. What's your name?" She answered and then I shared what we were doing and asked her if she had faith of any kind. "I believe in the devil," she stated almost as if to see what I would say. I explained to her that if she believed in the devil it would make sense that she would also believe in God and then shared the Gospel with her. She admitted that there must be a God, but that she'd been hurt by churches over the years because of her orientation.

She didn't receive the Gospel right then, but seemed respectful of what we were doing, so I continued by praying and anointed the sick with oil for healing while she observed. Then she asked if we would pray over her. So we laid hands on her and prayed that God would show her His love. Immediately she was overcome and asked us, "what is that energy going from my forehead down through my body when you prayed? That's amazing!" We told her that the Holy Spirit was demonstrating to her just what we had prayed, that He loved her. "I'm all in!" she exclaimed and then as we shared the Gospel she received it and prayed for forgiveness of sin and the Holy Spirit. She even wanted to know what this meant for her sexuality so we shared God's plan for men and women and the importance of sex being reserved for marriage, that lust was a sin, no matter what kind. "I can be single for God," she said. Pray that she can be followed up with and grow in this faith and that it will take root and bear fruit in her.

More and more folks have joined us for street night and we've been sending out teams, some doing orientation, others learning to pray with folks and share. Families have joined us as well and we've had opportunities of the Gospel as well as openness from folks that we've talked to and prayed with.

Keep praying for more men to join the Summit houses both in Lynden and in Bellingham. Transformation is already happening for our newer folks that have come into both houses.

Also pray for the BTC outreach to finish strong before the summer. We'd like to do an end of year party and are excited for more engagement with students.

Thank you all for your generosity and prayers. Look in our next newsletter for a date on the next concert since the new "Songs of Joy" Cd is now available!

Shalom in Jesus alone,

Mitchell and the Envision family