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Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Praises and Prayers

We welcome Josiah Heinz to the staff as an assistant for our discipleship partners in Bellingham and to provide some Stephen Servant assistance. He has been and continues to be our 12 step leader as well, and as we currently need a little more help in this area we plan have him work for Envision at least a few months and hopefully longer.

We were so blessed to have 15 folks joining us for street night one night in August. A visitor from Alaska came and boldly proclaimed the Gospel with us, praying with folks, handing out socks--what a blessing! We continue to share Christ on those evenings; some are open to us and others are not. On another occasion we shared the Gospel with a man who had never heard it and he took a New Testament and said he would read it as well. Pray that he will come to Christ. (picture below)



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.)

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 trust that by the time this goes to print we will have had a wonderful concert at 1st Reformed in Lynden on August 28.

Our partnership with the Lighthouse Mission continues to be a blessing with the Bellingham house now being completely filled, and more guys are looking at the Lynden house as well. Pray that this will be a fruitful year for transformation for them. Also pray about being a sponsor for one man so he can transition into the house as his paycheck starts a couple months into the program. Consider sponsoring him for one to two months, \$500 per month.

One of our most important goals for the men in the Summit houses is to build real friendships and find a support system in the churches that they attend. Pray that these men will develop in this even further and that their discipleship partners will help them more and more to that end by the Grace of God. Also pray for those looking for work to have wisdom and success as to what that means for each of them.

Pray also for our staff retreat coming up in October to be a blessing to the staff and volunteers as we consider the significance of Christ Crucified for our ministry work. For many this summer has been a busy time and we are in need of refreshment and rest. Pray also for our protection from the evil one, power for ministry, and to have energy and love for those God puts in our paths, even for our own families as well.

We are praying also that Peter Rust will be able to raise enough support this summer to increase his time commitment for Bellingham Technical College outreach with BTC SALT.

A number of us who are connected to the Jesus Gathering house churches attended a conference about making disciples put on by Francis Chan's group, "We Are Church." It was a great blessing to consider together how we might be about making disciples as a church. It got me thinking to ask folks: how are you making disciples right now? Is there someone in your life that you are helping to disciple to Jesus? We encourage our discipleship partners to "do life" with our guys at the Summit house once a week, and to share what they are learning. So consider that question for yourself as well. "How am I making disciples?" It's not just about bringing folks to church, but enfolding people into our lives and sharing what God has taught us.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on 110 Flora St.

Thursday: Men's group at Woods Barkley at 7am.

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

Saturday: Jeff's House church at Cornwall Park at (10am)

<u>Sunday:</u> House church meetings at the Gray's (10am) and the Rust's (5:30pm) Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)