



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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We Love Bellingham/Whatcom County



Cal Buys and Rob Smit pictured above on a street night, the original bucket boys. But the sign behind them says it all. God loves Bellingham/Whatcom County and so we also have that love in our hearts for our community. That's the source of our love capacity: God Himself. This past Street night we prayed with so many folks, giving out resources and building trust relationships. There were 20 volunteers going out in 5 groups of 4. One man, a notorious "drunk" who had been baptized was clean and sober and testified to us: "I have a new spirit. I have Jesus!" Young and old joined us, some passer by's even sang with us on the corner. This is the work of the LORD. **Keep us in prayer that the Gospel continues to go forth on Tuesday nights through us.**

We finally got a chance to put up a table and a banner on campus at Bellingham Technical College. We invited many, many folks to join the BTC SALT club on campus as well. We're excited to see eternal relationships being built because of that. Peter Rust has been working on a podcast to continue outreach to those who don't yet know Christ. More and more students are getting involved and we're excited to see God at work there also. One young man expressed his desire to find Christian community again at the College, since he grew up going to youth group, but now is too old to do that he's excited to get involved with something in his age group. **Pray for that eternal fruit to be born there also.**

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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!

The Belonging Class continues to be an effective means by which graduates from the Lighthouse Mission can be introduced to local churches. The guys go on field trips to meet local pastors at their churches and see what it's like. **Pray that these dear men will find community in the Body of Christ.** The class is led by Matt McCoy from Spring Church with the help of us from Envision Mission.

One of our friends from the Lynden Summit house, Jeremy, has shared his testimony a number of times in local churches and folks have been super blessed by that. He is working with a Bellingham construction company and involved at 2nd CRC in Lynden as well. He has even gone out with us more than once on street night and shared his story with those he used to know on the streets to give them hope. These outings on street night



aren't just ways to give out stuff to the homeless. Picture our 'bucket boys', like in the picture here, following up with folks they know by name, giving a fist bump and asking how they're doing. Any of us in the church can do this stuff, even in our workplace. What are our priorities? Are there things we can give up in order to make time to get to know someone who needs discipleship? Actually we all need discipleship. It can be just doing life together with folks. One of our guys likes to go bike riding on trails. Does anyone in Lynden enjoy that and could show him around? It's little things like that which make all the difference. Relationship with Jesus and each other is the key and as a church we've got to find ways to make time for it. Life is too short to pass that up. This is just another reminder for all of us as we seek to strengthen the church in its mission of discipleship in Jesus. **Pray about how God would be calling you to this as well.** Maybe it's just visiting someone at the health care center, maybe something else. But God is calling all of us to the work.

And we are still in serious conversation on a women's Summit house with local churches. **Pray this can come to pass this even this year.**

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: House churches meet

Sunday: Jesus Gathering at Hope in Christ on the 2nd Sunday of each month (5pm) Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)