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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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Becoming A Part of the Mission of Christ

We are seeking applicants for our Women's Summit House Coordinator position. It is a 30 hour a week position and we are looking for ladies with some experience to help us assist churches in adopting women's Summit houses, particularly working with graduates from the Agape Home. If interested contact us at 360-392-0289. Pray for us for the right fit!

Keep praying also that we can have opportunity to start game night at the Agape Home and enlisting folks from churches to join us.



More and more volunteers are joining us on street night. **Names are so vital for us not only to ask, but to remember** so the next time we see people they know we care. The man pictured here with one of our volunteers writes his name on all of his belongings because it matters so much to him.

Sometimes we show the Gospel in deed more than in words, though both are vital. One of our volunteers listened as a man bemoaned the fact that his vehicle wouldn't start and he couldn't get a mechanic to fix it. The volunteer took a picture of the wiring, asked his permission and fixed it on the spot. When the vehicle started the man rejoiced and they all rejoiced in the LORD. Another volunteer noticed a gal's loneliness as she lived under a bridge, so she finally got on her knees and gave the gal a hug. Many times tears are shed as folks are prayed for, not only by those receiving the love,

but by the volunteers as well. We also have the opportunity to share the Gospel in words. One woman had visited the Baptist and Catholic churches locally, said that she was seeking but seemed guarded, so we shared the Gospel with her in detail and she was deeply encouraged, assuring us that she would continue to go to churches and seek the Truth there. **Pray for her and others to believe that Gospel and become disciples of Jesus** who are well connected.

We finally got some traction in helping the young man who needed mental health services. After arriving at 5:50am and waiting three hours outside in line his insurance was rejected. But then his advocate personally met with him, got him to sign a release of information, and went to talk to the facility about obtaining an appointment. **Pray that this will happen** soon! Board: Elder/Pastors: Mitchell Senti, Ben deRegt

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Bookkeeper: Karen Kooistra

"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!



As our volunteers share and pray with those on the streets, we also encourage folks to go to Base Camp and start the process there. A man told us recently that he wanted to start school but didn't know how. When we encouraged him to ask for help at Base Camp and consider the programs there, he thanked us and remembered that folks there were so helpful, shaking our hands. Another of our volunteers told her new friend that she would see her again, the lady chuckled and shrugged it off as if that wasn't going to happen, but then she saw her that week and truthfully told her

she was praying for her, remembering her name. This kind of stuff is so vital for building trust. And again, our hope is that these folks will go further into the Lighthouse Mission's programs, experience rehabilitation and then join a Summit house after they graduate. **Building trust is the first step**, since that is what is usually broken down in the first place.

The Bellingham **Summit house guys would love a used grill if anyone would be willing to donate** it so they can do outside community meals this Summer. Thank you to those who have donated finances to help those who could not make their program fees. Both the Lynden and Bellingham house are going forward into God's purposes with the men in terms of vocation and church connection. Thank you for your prayers!

One of our regulars at the Jesus Study asked for the Lord to give her the gift of tongues and as we laid hands on her and prayed for her **she received that gift from the Holy Spirit.** Others have seen answers to prayer for healing as well. We continue to gather folks around God's Word, both in the Summit houses, on the streets and in other contexts. Pray this will continue for the glory of the LORD!!

The man who wrote his name on his belongings also gave flowers to one of our volunteers and as we were singing together she took a picture of them as the bag laid on the street before her with the flowers in it. We desire to bring hope to the streets of our County, so pray that more will come to know the hope of Jesus Christ. **And consider prayerfully how you might also join** to be a part of that!

One of our Summit house guys was struggling with anger and didn't know why. We had him do a self-evaluation



and then he got down to the root of loneliness. When he realized he needed community he went to church and later testified that the anger he'd been feeling for weeks just disappeared. "I didn't realize the importance of fellowship, not just online, but in person, until now." HalleluYah!

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