



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 for the Streets and the Summit Houses

We are still 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! We had our first game night at the Agape home and are praying for more. Please also pray that women and married couples will be willing to come alongside gals who will be graduating from the Agape home in the future.



Thank you for so many offers for a grill, **we were able to get one from a donor on the first day that the newsletter went out!**

We often spend time singing on Railroad and Holly at the end of our street nights. Our friend William came here from Texas with nothing but the clothes on his back and a bicycle. **Now he operates a clean and sober house for the glory of Christ** on Billy Frank Ave. He loves to sing with us on Tuesday nights and share Christ through songs. (Pictured left with Mitchell)

One of the things our guys at the Summit house do is called self-evaluation. We ask questions like "what did you do?" "How did it affect those around you?" "Why did you do it?" "What's your game-plan for doing it differently next time?" We always hope to get to the heart of a matter this way and then to bring the Gospel to bear on the situation. We pray with folks and encourage them to pray and ask God for insight. This is something all of us can learn from. **Are you willing to self-evaluate?** It's not just a behavior change, but a heart check that can lead to transformation. This is something the church can learn to do with one another and be strengthened by as well. It's amazing how often it seems like one of the guys might not make it another week, but after self-evaluating and praying they get back on track. A similar question we sometimes ask is "what do you need to repent of lately?" These are good question for us all to consider.

Be on the lookout for our **Christmas album which will be available in December.** Our first Christmas concert will be at 2nd Church on the first weekend in December at 7pm we hope. Mark your calendars early if you would like to come and get a CD or just information on how to download. We hope that album will bless our supporters to meditate on Christ's incarnation, even as we seek to incarnate Christ into the lives of those we work with.

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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!



On a street night our folks spent a good amount of time at Base Camp talking to folks there. One of those folks was the gal pictured left who was pretty inviting to talk to. She was trying to figure out how much the bus fare was out of Whatcom County. She felt stuck and wanted to leave the area, and described her plight as not having a lot of options. She felt she could either live way out in remote Maple Falls or potentially be mistreated on the streets. Her other option was Base Camp which she felt was too public a place for her. It reminded the team of the particular struggles that a woman can go through being homeless. Women without housing often share with us their fear of being messed with if they are alone. Before the team left they asked if she wanted prayer. She didn't want prayer out loud, but she did feel she can talk to God on her own. As we consider doing Summit houses for women in the future **pray that God will prepare the hearts of these ladies.** The gals that graduate from the Agape Home will be ready and willing to move forward, but they still need our prayer for that path to become clear.

When the team walked down Commercial St. they saw this large conglomeration of stuff, including a ladder. They thought a business was renovating for a minute. Then they talked to the guy who was camping with it and realized the ladder was his. They asked how long he was staying in that spot. He said just for the night anyway. The crew was surprised about how he could transport all those objects each day. Some folks seem to have nothing; others seem to carry everything they can along with them. **But pray they can all come to know Jesus!**

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 Study at the Majestic 5pm

