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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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# Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## Prayers and Praises

**A friend from the old Three Trees Coffeehouse days has returned to Christ!** She used to be homeless and a notorious panhandler. Our 2004 street night crew helped her come out of an abusive relationship and she came to Christ and was baptized. She got clean and sober and then frequented our coffeehouse often, but returned to paganism later on. We just talked on the phone and she, knowing we'd prayed for her, wanted to let us know that she is returning to the Lord. Pray that she grows again in him and bears 30, 60 or even 100 times more fruit in Christ.

Our staff has an upcoming retreat and our theme is "**Strengthening the Church**". Pray that the retreat will be a blessing to us and ultimately a blessing for the churches we are in partnership with. One of our foremost desires is to help the church to make disciples that will make disciples. We hope to do more training sessions in various churches to that end, so be on the lookout for these as we will be announcing them over the next year.

In the picture below, you can see our friend Cal Buys sharing with a man downtown. Cal leads the Tuesday night street night with the crew called the Bucket Boys. His partnership with us is invaluable and he and his crew have grown in prayer, evangelism and hearts of mercy. They have passed on what they have learned to many others from various churches as well. **Pray that they will remain encouraged in this difficult work that doesn't see a lot of results--but is so important.** We also hope to do game nights on these nights to get to know guys and gals from the Ascent and Agape programs at the Mission, so let us know if you're interested in joining us on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm.



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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!

More men from the Ascent and Pursuit programs of the Lighthouse Mission are moving into Summit houses again. Pray for them to have a wonderful season of growth in Christ. We're excited for the next group for both the Lynden and Bellingham houses. Also pray for our women's Summit house idea to move forward according to God's will in Christ Jesus. **Does anyone have a mother-in-law suite or a basement apartment they are willing to rent out** to one of our graduates who has a long history of working hard, paying his rent on time, is very respectful, has been sober for many years now and is attending church regularly? He's looking for something around \$500-950/month. He has a lead for the next six months, but after that he will be in need of a place to rent again.

**Our first Christmas concert will be at Second Christian Reformed Church in Lynden on December 2 at 7pm.** Mark your calendars early if you would like to come and get a CD or just information on how to download the album. We hope that this collection of Christmas carols 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.

These signs outside Base Camp remind us that God is watching over us while we're out there and especially that he is looking out for those that wander and remain without housing. We lost one of our dear friends to a heroin overdose recently who had even spent some time at our Summit house. **Pray that God will rescue folks out of these perils and into His glorious Kingdom by the power of the Holy Spirit, and even that these folks will come to homestead in the Church instead of in the devil's clutches.** On our most recent street night we noticed more folks have been attacked randomly who live

on the streets, stolen from and harassed. One young man who we prayer for a while back outside of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist always seemed drunk and loud and would go on and on. He always wanted us to pray for him for housing and job, and we wondered if he would be able to move forward and see those prayers answered. Then on the last two street nights we met him and learned that not only is he in housing, sober and working, but his job is now to be a security guard for downtown Bellingham. So a man who was once disruptive to downtown is now being used by the LORD to bless the safety of downtown. Only our God can do that! Praise Him with us as we finish this year expectant of what God's Spirit can do.

### **Our Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday:** Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1<sup>st</sup> 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

