



# 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 through Summit discipleship houses
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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## 20 years of God's faithfulness!

**20 years!** Dave Richards, Dan Obbink and Mitchell Senti sat together at the Grace Café in 2003 to discuss how the Senti's could start a ministry called Envision. By March it was registered with the state of Washington. And what a 20 years it's been! God is good...



**The Senti family covets your prayers.** We are super blessed living in the country now by the gracious provision of God. We love each other and we sense God's love for us too as a family. Johnathon is 16, Elisha is 13 and Peter is 10. Rochelle's health has improved by living in the country, but Johnathon has suffered with long covid, which really amounts to severe fatigue and foggy brain, but he has weathered it well by homeschooling and helping his Dad around the place. Keep praying for our protection and strength as a family. We persevere on as long as God calls us to it, but only by His grace. This work does take its toll at times. But God is faithful.

**Our Christmas concert at Second Christian Reformed Church in Lynden proved to be a delight!** Folks sang along with us and we worshipped Christ with good music and some laughs as well. The LORD even inspired folks to give \$5,300 towards Envision.

We are also happy to announce that **the women's house at Bethel Christian Reformed should be operational by the time this goes to print!** Keep that in prayer as well.

**Board:**  
**Elder/Pastors:**  
Mitchell Senti, Ben deRegt

**Treasurer/Elder:** Dan Obbink

**Advisory Deacon:**  
Rustin Polinder

**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!

The Bellingham Technical College outreach, BTC SALT Fellowship, is launching out on its own this month, just like Envision did out of Hope in Christ Church 20 years ago. BTC SALT will be launched by Envision Mission and registered this year with the state of Washington. Isn't it cool how things come around? **Pray they might reach students there for Christ in a big way!** We're so thankful for that ministry and Mitchell and Claudia will still work as board members for them.

It's important to look at our goals from the past year and evaluate how we did as a ministry: Last year's goals were...

- 1- To **start a women's Summit House** in Whatcom County- accomplished!
- 2- To do **an outreach at Bellingham Technical College** or have BTC students join us for an outreach event on the streets (or both) – both of those things happened as folks from BTC SALT joined us on more than one occasion for street outreach. And the focus of the ministry became outreach at the school café four days a week!
- 3- To strengthen the Body through **preaching, discipleship partner classes and another CD of Scripture songs** from the Senti's and a corresponding concert of music- Mitchell was able to preach and lead discipleship partner classes frequently with the help of Miles Davis and the Bridges of Hope team on a couple occasions. The Christmas CD and concert was a great success!

For this next year you'll notice in the left margin a proposed change to the mission statement. We replaced the focus on downtown culture with a **new focus entirely on Summit houses. That is the vision for not only next year but the foreseeable future.** Pray for us in this endeavor. Even our street nights, prayer meeting and Jesus Study will now be part of that focus as well. On Street night we have already started doing game nights at the Agape Home and Pursuit program in order to get to know folks there. Our Jesus Studies we hope to have led by Summit house graduates as well as their involvement in street nights. Our prayer time will also keep its focus on Summit house guests and staff.

Our theme for 2023 will be **Truth**. We will share more on that later. Just remember: Jesus is the Truth, and to walk in truth is to walk in His light always. That has to do with being honest in community as we fellowship together and pray for each other. We also hope to share more stories in later newsletters about the lives of our guests with their permission.

We're still looking for an affordable place for one of our friends to move in to towards the beginning of next year. Let us know if you hear of anything. **We also would love to help our first lady applicant to get a vehicle** as most of her appointments will be in Bellingham. Let us know if you hear of anything, even if at a discount price. See contact info in the left margin.

The street night crew has enjoyed doing Christmas caroling at Base Camp and some of them have even **taken items to the cold weather shelters in their 4x4 trucks when the snow was too dangerous to walk in.** Keep them in prayer for effective outreach this year also.

**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 all other Sundays (5pm)