

# Update on Envision

#### February 2023

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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## Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## Prayers and Praises!

## The Goals for 2023:

- 1- To start another Summit house
  - 2- To have Summit house residents lead Jesus Studies and help with street nights
- **3-** To infuse a culture of Truth in staff, residents and discipleship partners

**The women's house at Bethel Christian Reformed Church is operational!** We have two friends living there currently and are praying for more. Already folks from the churches locally are coming alongside these ladies as discipleship partners, with community meals, walks and love. It's been amazing to see God at work in their lives already, they love their rooms, their new beds, their whole new situation. Pray God continues to grow them, providing work, discipleship relationships and reconciliation with their families in the future more and more as well. Pictured below is some of our staff from left to right: Claudia Barbosa, Martha Kooiman and Miles Davis



**The first year program guys are still doing great over three years later!** It's been so cool to talk on the phone with the guys from our first year program at the Summit house. One has been at his job for two years now, is part of a small group at his church as well. Another man lives in Arizona, is very much getting know folks at his church there and growing in his walk with Christ beautifully. The other is our Resident Assistant at the Hope in Christ men's house. He is facilitating community meals, chores and is soon going to lead our Jesus Study.

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.)

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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

**The LORD is at work on street night!** One of our friends from the Summit house went out with another volunteer and not only prayed for folks, but some of them offered to pray for our team as well. We love it when that happens. As they sang songs at the end another man came and join them singing with gusto to the LORD. Others have conversations about the LORD, handing out Bibles, socks and fellowshipping with believers who are without housing and struggling on the streets. It's not always easy, as folks will sometimes struggle to trust the team, but we keep seeking to build trust over time, hoping they will go to Base Camp and start moving forward to better things that God has for them. Game nights continue also at Agape and the Ascent programs for women and men. And the Gospel still goes forward!



Pictured above: Claudia and Martha hanging out with one of the new residents at the women's house named Amy. 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 applicants 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. Also we could use a grass clippers and a shovel for the women's house. We'll probably want a grill again for the summer for them as well. See contact info in the left margin. Northwest Baptist is donating two lawn mowers for the current houses- we praise God for them! Would you consider giving a sponsor gift of \$250 for a free month for one of the ladies or guys? Some of them are having a tough time making enough money with work to pay all their bills, especially the new folks.

## Our Weekly Schedule:

<u>**Tuesday:</u>** Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on 110 Flora St. <u>**Thursday:**</u> Men's group at Woods Barkley at 7am. <u>**Friday:**</u> Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm) <u>**Sunday:**</u> Jesus Study at the Majestic all other Sundays (5pm)</u>