



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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Prayers and Praises

Our first lady applicant has obtained a vehicle and is working on the details of renewing her license!! We also accepted another dear lady to the Bethel house, and our second guest has already found viable housing and is moved out. **A huge thank you to those who gave towards sponsoring a month for our guests in the Summit houses!** We're still looking for an affordable place for one of our male graduate friends to move into. He has found an apartment in Sedro Wooley. If you want to help with moving costs let us know. Also if anyone has an extra shovel or shears for the ladies' house let us know as well. Continue to pray for these folks to grow in Christ, for work and for stronger integration into their churches.

In the past e-newsletter we mentioned the possibility of a new funding source and a possible full time job. The funding source is going forward and we will have details about that in the next newsletter. God is moving so fast that lately it's been difficult to keep up! As soon as we mentioned the idea of a full time job a friend of ours **Aaron Speyer** inquired and before we could even post the job he passed all interviews and has **accepted the call to be our Summit House Ministry Coach.** He has twenty years of experience in ministry and will be helping our guests to review the Genesis Process, Grace Model, and self-evaluation process so they will be even more prepared to integrate into church, vocation and the life of discipleship. Again, more about him in the next newsletter. Pray for him as he starts his work this month to be able to adjust well and help our guests get at the root of their struggles and find healing in Christ Jesus.



The street crew is still going out on Tuesdays giving out socks, blankets, Bibles and prayers for folks. Men from the 2nd House and women from the Bethel House will be joining more and more in the next month. Game nights continue as well both at Ascent and Agape program from the Lighthouse Mission. **We so value our partnership with various ministries and churches,** including 1st Baptist where we meet for Street Night. Hope in Christ, Second Church and Bethel Church sponsor churches for Summit Houses, and so many others including Love Inc, My Church, First CRC, Third CRC, First Reformed, Sonlight, Victory, Christ the King, Mt View, Spring Church, and more. Northwest Baptist is even in discussion with us about doing a fourth Summit House for men later this year. And we were able to do a training for discipleship partners at 2nd Church recently! This is

truly God's ministry and His vision. We are just along for the ride and trying not to get in the way. Thank you for your prayers friends.

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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!

As we continue to share the stories of our Summit house graduates and guests, please pray for them and remember they are our friends, not projects or charity cases. We don't want to use them to promote ourselves, but **we do want to share their testimonies of what God has done in their lives.** So here is another example from Mitchell's desk:

Mark Tarbell is a guy I met at Sam's Café way back in the early 2000s, but I never thought we would meet again and he would become the Resident Assistant for our men's Summit house. I remember meeting him outside of a church called "My Church" in Bellingham. He told me his story a little bit and I've marveled at God's work in him ever since. His childhood was pretty tough with a step mom who abused him regularly and an absent and mentally ill father. He went to a Presbyterian church for a while in those days, but it wasn't until later that **Christ found him and gave him new life.**



He was in a motorcycle accident many years ago that put him in the hospital. He kept asking for pain medication and one of the nurses proclaimed "I know what you need!" and he knew she was talking about Jesus somehow. And indeed he prayed and felt the presence of angels all around his bed and **as he trusted in the LORD a new sensation of life came upon him he felt totally born again from that day forward.**

Honestly, as he got involved in the church things didn't get better, but worse. He found a lot of divisions, weird spiritual manipulation, and didn't know what to do with it all. But as he grew in his faith he had various times where the LORD really revealed

Himself. When he came to us he knew he needed stability and it seems as if he found that through Christ's work in the Summit house and through folks he's befriended at Hope in Christ Church. He currently attends there in the evening service and is hoping to get a job in Lynden at a care facility for the elderly. He may even become the Resident Assistant at the 2nd Church Summit house in Lynden. **Please pray for him for work, abundant life in relationship with God and others, health and strength as he moves forward in the LORD.** He really has been a blessing to us over the last three years and I consider him a dear friend. He has also found his current church experiences far more helpful than in the past 😊 .

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 all other Sundays (5pm)