



# 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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## Stories for God's glories

**The Summit House Thrift Store will have a soft opening in August!** For now, drop off times are Saturdays from 10-2, at 404 Front St (in the Alley) in Lynden. For further information and info on volunteering: [www.summithousethriftstore.org](http://www.summithousethriftstore.org)

SERVE is a week-long event that happens around the country at different locations where youth groups come together to serve a community in any way that is needed there. In July 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Reformed Church in Lynden hosted 40 students and their leaders from different parts



of the country. One of the events they volunteered for was our street night ministry. They went out with our leaders in smaller groups and learn about homeless ministry. When they returned some of **our Summit house folks shared their stories with the students.** It was a beautiful time. In the picture on the left Aleta, Amber, Ryan and Jamey share their stories of redemption. In the picture below the students have returned from their ministry experience on the

streets. Praise God and may He bring eternal impact on all those who were involved!



July 15, Saturday **our street night crew led an event called "Fun at the Park" with oldies, Gospel music and preaching right downtown at Maritime Heritage Park.** God gave us more than one opportunity for the Gospel beyond the preaching including one lady who asked how to have a personal savior and a transgender man also listened afterwards to a one on one explanation of the Gospel and our purpose in this world to glorify God. We had many interactions and so much fun. Thanks to all who were a part of that event as well.

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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!



Our next Summit house resident's story is quite simple but quite profound as well. Randy Shirley once was lost and describes his new life and old life as... “Incomparable. I had no light before. Stumbling through life with no light on my path. Unable to see clearly what's next. **Now I have God's light, even if I stumble or fall.** God's light helps me see through the low and tough times. I was less of a man without God. I praise Him every day!”

Instead of smoking pot and going nowhere he found himself at the Lighthouse Mission some years ago and upon graduation admitted to having a lot of fear about what was next. He heard about the Summit house through our Belonging Class and decided to apply. We accepted him gladly and all his fears slowly vanished as he adjusted to being the second chef at the Lighthouse Mission, living at the Summit house, going to church at Spring Church in Bellingham and meeting new spiritual friends as a result. He is truly a blessing to all of us and we ask you just to pray that he can persevere as he has been doing for years now by the grace of God.

We've so enjoyed our discipleship class at the Bethel house and Safe People has gone well at the Hope in Christ house also. We could use some more solid candidates for our Second and Bethel Church houses so **please pray for God's blessing and peace on those houses** so He will bring those He wills to bring there. There are only two ladies at the Bethel house and three at the Second Church house currently.

**Please mark your calendars for our addiction training on October 14, 2023 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Christian Reformed Church on Front St.** It's an all day event on that Saturday. RSVPs to the contact info on the left margin would be helpful so we know how many will want to stay for lunch. The training will be hosted by our friends from New Earth in Burlington. If you've had family with addictions or just want to learn more about how to best make disciples of folks that struggle in that area, please join us. We still have lots of opportunities for folks to join us on the streets or to come alongside someone who needs a discipleship partner. Orientation for street nights are the third Tuesday of every month. We had 8 people at our last one and close to 20 joined us that night. We also do periodic training for discipleship partners. Please let us know if you're interested. Our general schedule is below:

**Our Weekly Schedule:**

**Tuesday:** Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist on 110 Flora St.

**Thursday:** Belonging Class at 11:30am at Lighthouse Mission.

**Friday:** Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

**Sunday:** Jesus Study at the Majestic (5pm)