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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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# Update on Envision

Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## Training, Store and Stories

You are invited to our addiction training on October 14, 2023 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Christian Reformed Church on Front St. It starts at 9am and goes to 3pm that Saturday. Just e-mail [mitsenti@hotmail.com](mailto:mitsenti@hotmail.com) or text 360-392-0289 and let us know if you're coming by writing "I'm coming". That would be helpful so we know how many will want to stay for lunch. If you forget to rsvp you can still come though. ☺ 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. A light lunch will be provided.

**The Summit House Thrift Store is open!** Drop off times are Saturdays from 10-2, at 404 Front St (in the Alley) in Lynden. If you want to volunteer or just for further information: [www.summitthriftstore.org](http://www.summitthriftstore.org) It opens at 9:30am and is open Tuesday through Saturday until 4pm. There are so many God stories just in seeing this get started. Check it out!



One of the things that happens on Street Night is Game Night. (Pictured on the left Rob Smit with our friend Ryan from game night) The ladies play bingo at the Agape Home starting in October. And the guys play games like Sequence and Chess at the Ascent program across the street. This is a way for us to get to know folks in those programs, so if they're interested in a Summit house upon their graduation from the Lighthouse Mission they will know some of us. We'd

really appreciate folks from the churches joining us. There are already 5-20 people coming pretty regularly to street night, but we'd love to also see some folks get to know guests in those programs so that when they arrive at a Summit house they aren't strangers to people from the churches who sponsor the houses and supporters like you. **Thank you for praying for the Gospel to continue to go out through street night as well.**



**Please pray for some more solid lady candidates for our Bethel Church houses.** There are only two ladies there currently but we'd love to see a third lady join the guest-roster. (Pictured left is Aleta, Amber and Bernie on street night.) The ladies still go out regularly on street night to share with those in need.

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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!

November 17-18 we have a staff retreat coming up, **so pray that will be a time of bonding, learning and refreshment for all**, including volunteers for the Saturday sessions. Our theme this year is truth and we not only remember that Jesus is the Truth but that we are people of truth who are called to be in the light with our lives, not hiding in the dark. The retreat will take place at Cedar Springs retreat center in Sumas, WA.

We also have **discipleship classes at the Summit houses**. Hope in Christ house is just finishing “Safe People” curriculum. As shown in the picture to the right the Bethel house just finished a discipleship class from the book of Matthew. The Second Church house will also be starting this soon we hope.



Let us share another Summit house story:

He came from gang life in Florida, from time in prison and a life lived in fear. He got about as far away as he could, making it to Bellingham, Washington. After entering the Ascent program at the Lighthouse Mission he then entered their internship program when Aaron Speyer was there. After some beautiful spiritual growth he entered a Summit house. During his stay there he grew more in Christ, attending church and studies regularly; working two jobs and meeting with us at Envision. But due to a miscommunication with a fellow guest at the house, he chose to act out with physical force. At that point we had to exit him from the house, even though in so many ways he was thriving. We worried this would hijack his spiritual journey, since that sometimes happens. But he understood our decision, even taking responsibility for his actions immediately, turned himself in, and kept his jobs going strong. He found housing with a clean and sober friend. He stayed in touch with us, kept in step with his support system. Even though he began to falter just a little bit, he caught himself doing it, met with us and asked if he could return to a Summit house at a different location. His housing lease was coming to an end and needed further support. When he received news that his mother was in crisis he prayed and wept before God. The LORD showed Himself to our dear friend, and he believed God was instructing him to go back to the south and care for his aging mother. We supported his decision, gave him temporary housing at the Summit house, and prayed with him often about his next steps. He had begun volunteering recently at the Summit thrift store and asked us to commission him in prayer for his next step, that God might go before him. Right there in the thrift store we laid hands on him and prayed. Soon afterward he drove back to his home state, has stayed connected to his family, to church and stays in touch with us. Again, his story was not what we had expected, but God's hand has been with him. We just want to share that even though these stories don't always go in a direction that we can foresee, at least at first glance, God still works out so many details in a way that glorifies Him and is for the good of those who love Him. HalleluYah! **Please pray that our friend will continue to grow in Christ Jesus where he is and be a blessing to his family and his church there.**

#### **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 <winter quarter>

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

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