



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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The Story of God's Glory



The addiction training on October 14, 2023 at 2nd Church was a hit! 35 people came, and some who had experienced addiction themselves joined a panel to talk about their experiences, even those who had family members who had gotten caught in addiction. We learned in a very personal way with presentations from Alan Muia and Sarah Wevadou from New

Earth Recovery Center in Mt. Vernon, WA. Their presentation will be available in audio form on our website: www.envisionthesummit.org/blog (A picture of the training above)

Also the Senti's new album, "Shorts" has been produced. Look for news about a concert next year. If you're interested in purchasing that CD, Rochelle's hymns CD or the Christmas CD please contact us using the information in the left margin of this newsletter.

The Summit House Thrift Store has been very successful! Drop off times are Saturdays from 10-2, at 404 Front St (in the Alley) in Lynden. If you want to volunteer or need further information see: www.summitthriftstore.org Volunteers are definitely needed! 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!

The bucket boys and friends are still going out on the street every week, praying with folks, handing out sock, tracts, and love in Christ's name. When I asked our street team leader Cal about how the night went he texted me, "Lots of people were open to prayer. **People on the streets really know who we are and are grateful for what we do.**"

November 17-18 we have a staff retreat coming up. **Please pray that it 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.

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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!



Amy Landsiel (pictured left) was with us for only a few months before a housing opportunity came up that she definitely couldn't turn down. We understood, but had hoped to walk her through the Summit house process. Yet we can rejoice that she not only found housing, but has stayed connected to her church and to us. She has come to discipleship classes, stayed in touch with her discipleship partner and even come to some of our trainings. We love her and miss having her with us. **“This program was the last step in my journey to reconcile with my family.** Because of the love and support that I have found I have now had my family come from Canada to visit me for the first time in 2 and ½ years. God is so good. The Summit house is still very much a part of my spiritual family and I could not be more grateful. I had messed up so many times in my life and dissatisfied so many people that I didn't want to do that anymore. But God promised me we would walk this together. And as long as I gave Him control He would keep His promises to me. So with complete abandon I embraced this program and met some of the most wonderful people I could

have imagined to meet. When I came to Whatcom County I was homeless and truly at the lowest point of my life. My relationship with Jesus was very strained I was very new to my walk with Jesus. My addiction had finally made my life a living hell. I knew that evil was real so I went on a mission to find Jesus' voice. He moved many mountains and held me very close to ensure that I was surrounded by many brothers and sisters. Honestly I didn't want to move from Bellingham to Lynden. I just didn't understand the necessity that I truly had in my life for the growth that the Summit discipleship gives you.” Keep our sister in prayer as she continues to move forward in Christ Jesus.

Another story that didn't go the way we expected it involved another graduate of the Lighthouse Mission who came to us with a pretty great attitude. It was so tough for him to sit through church he often asked if he could just do it online. We only compromised with him to do that once a month, but we were always proud of him for going. He also worked at the Mission, did the classes we asked him to do, and joined in the community meals. Yet all along he would speak of a gal that he loved and we would encourage him to keep his boundaries strong with her because of a tendency to be codependent. He listened for months, but it finally got the best of him. He wanted to be with her. He wanted to smoke pot. So we let him go. He has stayed in touch with us, even considered doing rehabilitative work again with a local program, but still he hangs on. He loves the LORD, has tried to steer clear of meth, and stays connected where he can. **But pray that he can be at the place again where he's willing to do whatever it takes to move forward in his discipleship and sobriety.**

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st 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)