



# Update on Envision

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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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## Praises and Prayers



Pictured on the left Cal, Gene and Rob praying over their buckets along with many other volunteers not in the picture. Street night has continued to be a place where volunteers can relate to people on the streets, share Christ and build relationships by handing out items like socks, water, and Bibles. Our street night leader Cal Buys and one of our other volunteers went to Base Camp and outside they met a man who was interested in what they were doing. They shared items with him according to his needs and then

Cal simply said, "we're just sinners like everyone else, we just sin differently than you". The man said "Thank you. My uncle is the only Christian I know and he just condemns me for being an addict, but you're the first Christians I've met that aren't like that. I really want to get clean". So Cal and Mary introduced him to Base Camp and encouraged him to talk to them about what it would take to get clean. So many opportunities come up like this. **Praise God that the name of Jesus can be lifted up on the streets, and pray that folks will not only come to know Him but move forward towards getting clean and sober.** Eventually we hope to see them at in a Summit house some day. We pray with so many, some desire to get clean and yet struggle, but most receive prayer and help each Tuesday night. As the weather gets warmer we see more folks.

**We have a new guest at the ladies' Bethel house named Kim!** We are so excited to get to know her more. Please keep praying for our ladies especially our friend Amber who is recovering from an accident that damaged her knee. Also, for discernment on those who apply

to the houses and for our friends both women and men who are seeking to move forward in their discipleship development in terms of gaining support, work and focus.



**We had such a great time at the 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Missions Fest on Saturday, March 16 and 17!** Pictured left Miles and Aaron at our display table from Saturday night. We so enjoyed the festivities and meaningful sharing from missionaries both locally and abroad.

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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!

**The Summit Thrift store could use more volunteers.** Give us a call if you're interested or just go on in to the store and ask to be put on the schedule. We praise God for His provision. Check it out on Front St. in Lynden. Thank you to all who have donated and bought items-- every dollar counts!



As much as we see people on the streets in need, like as in the picture to the left, we **also see God helping folks move forward.** Our first guest at a Summit house is moving out at the end of April into housing locally. He has been our Resident Assistant at the Hope in Christ house for over five years now. Our friend Randy Shirley is going to take the position over. But for now he could use help with the following items if anyone is led to donate, let us know:

Box spring, frame and sheets for a double bed.  
A dresser and a night stand. And end table and a bookcase or 2

A couch in good condition, 1 or 2 bookcases, and a medium sized desk  
For the kitchen: 4 plates, 4 bowls, knives, cutting board, small/large skillet with lid  
Small/large saucepan with lid, spatulas, toaster/toaster oven, towels  
And a couple bath towels too.

Our dear friend has always **struggled with God's love for him but this process has reminded him remarkably of that love.** For instance, as one of us walked out of the house he said, “Oh I forgot to tell you, I also need an office chair.” 3 minutes later someone texted us saying they had a new office chair that didn't fit and could we find a place to re-home it. He was overwhelmed with the immediacy of God's answer.

Joshua Parriera from International Saints and Abolitionists gave us a presentation on March 28 on pornography and its effects so that we would be more equipped to help our people overcome in this area of their lives. This issue is pervasive in our culture, so **pray with us that we can also be effective in helping our men and women overcome addiction in every way.**

We're also exploring ways to creatively address the housing crisis, especially for our folks. **We'd love to see ways for them to build or buy their own tiny houses and pay a small rental fee for land together in a setting where everyone is a Summit house graduate.** Pray for us as we look at local options along these lines, for wisdom and favor.

Keep your eyes open for trainings coming up and celebrations of completing the program for our dear friends. **Almost all the houses are full right now** and we're excited to start another one this year with Northwest Baptist Church in Bellingham. More folks are applying currently as well. With new houses on the horizon it's still vital that folks are giving towards Envision, so thank you for your generosity friends! Rent, utilities and appliance replacement all add up.

#### **Our Weekly Schedule:**

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

**Thursday:** Discipleship class at Bethel house at 5pm.

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

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