



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

We have another new guest at the ladies' Bethel house and her name is Staci! What a joy she is and already she has a discipleship partner from Bethel church. She is a graduate of New Earth in Skagit county and we're so excited to get to know her. There are now four ladies at the Bethel house. Please keep praying as many have experienced various health struggles. **Pray that they might be healed and for protection from the evil one for them and all of us.**

Mark Tarbell has moved to his place in Fairhaven! He could still use a medium sized desk and a side table. **Pray that his transition out of the Summit house will be a joyful success.**



Randy Shirley (pictured left at his celebration of completing the program) will be taking the Resident Assistant position at the Hope in Christ house.

Randy is already implementing his style of leadership in the house and we're so proud of him. Pray for him as he takes on this new position.

The Summit Thrift store could use more volunteers, especially on Saturdays. Give them 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. **Donated items are especially needed at this time. Just bring them**

to the back of the store during open hours and press the button. Even though we have the thrift store, 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. Keep praying for us as we look at local options for housing for our folks as well.

Game nights continue at Agape and Ascent programs at 6pm. Agape Bingo night is every other Tuesday. Ascent game night is every Tuesday, usually playing the game "Sequence". The folks that go to game night meet up with the street night crew on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Street night is also going great as usual. Whether discussing faith with an Iranian man who had just converted to Christianity or talking to an older man about eternal life in Christ since he didn't think he had long to live, **the team is out there weekly sharing the Lord.** A lot of items are given out as well. On one night, Cal Buys reported 24 subs, 3 loaves of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, three big garbage bags full of blankets, and tons of socks given.

Mark Tarbell continues to lead the Jesus Study at the Majestic downstairs at 5pm on Sundays. It's really turned into quite a little small group of folks from different churches and many who haven't felt like they're part of the 'in' crowd at their churches.

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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!

A number of us also pray on Fridays at the Light of the World Prayer Center every week from 3-5pm. A Bethel church member leads our ladies discipleship class on Thursdays. These weekly rhythms are all vital to our programming and ministry. If you're ever interested in joining us come on out or let us know if you need times and locations. We list weekly events at the bottom of the newsletter as well. **Pray that God will continue to use these weekly gatherings to grow His Kingdom.** We are interested also in getting together with the Ascent program guys on Fridays at noon to join their barbeque time together. If you're interested in bringing something to grill and joining us let us know.

We also plan to have a Discipleship partner get-together at Hope in Christ in the foyer on May 3, Friday at 11am for those who are interested or have already been DP's. We hope to encourage each other in this important, but also organic and less programmed part of our ministry where folks become spiritual friends with guys and ladies from the Summit houses. **Pray that God will raise up workers for the harvest of need for friendships in Jesus' Name.**

We are so happy that Aaron Speyer has been with us now for one year! Here are some thoughts from his desk:

“My main reflection (is that this past month) was VERY active! Like a literal, “Spiritual Springtime”! This is a great thing to celebrate and reminds me that not only are there literal seasons but also spiritual ones as well. Sometimes Spiritual seasons, especially in ministry, are not in sync with the earth's prescribed monthly formulas and sometimes, they are. Each week over the past 52 has been a gift! I'm deeply thankful for varied aspects of trust and support given me from the board and the team.



Ever since the Lord rescued me as teenager he's put a call on my heart to serve those wrestling with Him. The Lord created me as an individual and as a family/team member to be involved in ministry as a vocation. Having the honor to serve with Envision has restored a confidence in this calling and a growing trust that was in a place of seeming disrepair. Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)”

Our Weekly Schedule:

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