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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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## Prayers and Needs

This newsletter articulates many of our needs and prayers as a ministry. We of course **praise God for all that He is doing**, but please consider prayerfully whether you can be of help or in prayer for these things that we present:

Our most urgent need is financial as we have one more month where we can pay expenses and then half a month after that. Please consider giving, especially this summer so we can continue this important ministry. We are spending twice what we are taking in per month, but we trust that God will help us in time of need even as we tighten spending where we can.

We're excited to take on the lease for the newest men's house, our 4<sup>th</sup> house, sponsored by Northwest Baptist church! We hope to have at least three bedrooms and one of our friends who has completed his program with us, Jamey Smith, has agreed to be our Resident Assistant there. He is working full time, has led Bible Study for Christ the King church and we're so proud of him. **We plan to have a work party on a Saturday in June/July** to help get the house turned over from its previous renters. If you're interested in helping please let us know. And if anyone wants to help us pay the monthly rent, \$1600/month, please let us know as well. We understand that is a big commitment.

For the Hope in Christ house we also need **two mattresses new or newer; firm and full size**. Is anyone interested in buying them for us or does anyone have something that would work? We already have the box springs, but the older mattresses are many years old now and sagging.

Our last **Discipleship Partners meeting was a smash** with sixteen of us present to encourage each other in the work and remember expectations and what discipleship looks like in this context. Here is a link to a short Discipleship Partner training: <https://youtu.be/mQGtT-9XteA> If you're interested in becoming a Discipleship Partner please contact us using the information in the left margin.

We are excited to welcome our new intern, **Rebecca Ball**, from Bethel Christian Reformed church. She will be working with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays observing how we function and helping with our new filing system in the office. Please pray for her to gain some excellent experience in the non-profit sector and we are confident she will be a blessing to our ministry as well. She will also join us on street nights.



*Pictured here: the street night crew meeting up at First Baptist Church, downtown Bellingham.*

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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!



Street night continues on first meeting in front of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist church on 110 Flora St in Bellingham. **Some of our Summit house guests have joined** us again lately.

Summit house guests usually join our game nights at the Ascent program at the Lighthouse Mission at 6pm. But they also show up for prayer before-hand at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, encouraging our volunteers who go out week after week that it's not in vain. They were once out on the streets too and God transformed their lives. **Pray that more and more of our Summit house guests can join Street night and be an encouragement.** That's sometimes difficult for them after a long day of work or because of other schedule conflicts. The folks that go out on street night first receive an orientation, then shadow with our volunteers, and then start to go out with

them and join in the work. We think of it like Jesus touching the crowds and blessing them. We go out two by two or three by three and just hand out things they need, ask them if they need prayer and share Christ as the opportunity arises. Like as in the picture to the left folks are open and often receive prayer with thanksgiving. The game nights also connect us to folks at the Lighthouse Mission programs who might be interested in the Summit houses.

Once folks come into the Summit houses it's always a learning curve. One of the things that can be the most difficult is agreeing on how to do **chores**. **Please pray over that process in the houses that God will bring unity and peace.** Pray that our guests will continue to make it a priority to get to know folks in the local churches so that they can create a strong support system for themselves when they complete the program.

**Pray also about whether you could give \$250 or \$500 to help someone with one month's program fees.** All the houses have a person that could use the help. We also need \$1000 for a new oven for the Bethel house.

**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. Thank you to all who have donated and bought items—every dollar counts. Donated items are still appreciated too. 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!

#### **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)