



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

The **Summit Houses Celebration on Thursday October 3 at 6:30pm at Sonlight Church so encouraged us!** Thank you to all who came and gave so generously. About 120 people attended around tables, we expressed appreciation to volunteers and had some tasty desserts at the end. It was truly a celebration as guests shared from their hearts with us about their experience at Summit House. Baked goods and decaf coffee came from Woods Coffee, Lynden Dutch Bakery, Pure Bliss Desserts, Barb's Pie and Pastries, and some of our Bethel house Discipleship Partners. Mitchell and Rochelle got to sing some songs from their new CD "Shorts" as well. Folks from all different churches attended. We appreciate discipleship partners coming from Bethel, Second, Hope in Christ and even First CRC as well as folks from



all over the County. People came from the Thrift Store, Street night, the Board, countless other volunteers and others who came to hear about Envision for the first time. What a blast it was! (Pictured here: Rob Smit, Bernie and Mary Brower and so many of our friends who came.) We invite you to go to:

www.envisionthesummit.org/blog
- **Summit Celebration Fall 2004** to watch the full-length video of our event!



Even though we've had a couple relapses in the houses recently we are still very much in touch with those folks and seeking to support them from a distance. On the other hand, the people still in our houses seem to be moving forward in beautiful ways. Whether they are regaining custody of children, finding employment, increasing work hours, helping others or making wise choices we rejoice with them.

Pray specifically that we can fill our five empty rooms with graduates from the local Gospel Mission (or some like program) who are ready

to move forward on the path of discipleship with the Body of Christ. Pray also for those who have relapsed to restart their journey with grace and courage.

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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!

From Aaron's desk:

With wonderful support from Pastor J.J. at The Bridge (Church), my friend Justin, 2 older gentlemen, veterans of faith who know the change that Genesis Process brings, and with genuine interest expressed by Ryan W. from our HIC House, we now have a great opportunity to kick off our Genesis Group for Change small group. **(Pray that this will be a blessing both to the church and those involved from the Summit Houses.)**

Summertime, as I've reflected upon before, offers both relief and restlessness. Whereas the fall months offer both routine and responsibility. Now with both come stressors, but by the time Fall rolls around it seems that most folks are ready for re-entry into more organized structure, practical routine and connection.

I've observed this with our guests as well. I find it encouraging to see their desire for continued teachable, meaningful and connective experiences, specifically ones that lead to growth and change, and by the grace of God, literal transformation. Our folks are uniquely hardwired to want to be helpful, useful and effective in serving others, in some ways, seeking to make up for lost time that was given to self-serving addictive/ compulsive behaviors for years.

I believe this corresponds powerfully with the call of being a disciple, as well as the maturation into discipling others. (Pictured left, Rob Smit and Ryan Wright, discipleship partners and friends)

From Miles' Desk:

Some of the most difficult footsteps Jesus left us to walk in are those involving transparency. Relapses occur in isolation, and while they may be a very visible example of what can happen when we fail to shed the light on our sin struggle, we all have corners in the recesses of our hearts that we would rather not show others. That's the challenge of accountability. But it comes with an extraordinary promise! As James the brother of Jesus wrote, *“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”* Ja. 5:16 ESV We aren't told to self-flagellate or to expect due scorn, quite the opposite. Once it's out in the open, the damage our sin has caused us can, and will, *heal*.

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 4:30pm.

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

Sunday: Jesus Study at the Majestic (5pm)

