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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Update on Envision

Looking Back and Pressing Forward!

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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Mark your calendars for Thursday night at 6:30pm on January 30. We plan to have a two hour **trauma workshop at the education building of Second Christian Reformed Church** in Lynden. Have you or has someone you loved experienced trauma of some kind? Are you curious why certain behaviors seem to go along with that? Are you trying to understand the behavior of someone you're working with who seems to be sensitive or often tired? This is a must for our discipleship partners, but all are welcome. Our friends from En Gedi Refuge will be conducting the training. Pray that many will attend that need to and that we will all learn more about this important subject.

While we are thankful for this past year for what God has done, it is always vital to evaluate the year before. The goals for 2024 we as follows:

- 1- **To start another Summit house with Northwest Baptist Church in Bellingham.** Well, that happened, praise God!
- 2- **To get our guests involved in street night, helping with discipleship studies and even discipleship partnerships.** This happened also, especially with discipleship studies but we could have done more to get our Summit house folks involved on the street night end.
- 3- **To equip the church with trainings and connecting our guests to church Bible studies and recovery groups.** This also took place frequently in this past year, though again we hope to do so more and more.

The theme for 2024 was "grace" and the **theme for 2025 will be "more grace."** This is based on the Scripture "where sin abounds grace abounds all the more" from Romans and "he gives more grace" from the book of James. More details in the next newsletter, as well as the goals for 2025 which will include primarily filling the Summit houses that currently exist. The local Gospel mission is in transition between education quarters. As some of our men and women have moved on from Summit houses we are now waiting for applicants who will graduate in January from the Gospel mission programs to apply to Summit houses. Thus we have 17 beds and only 8 people using them at this time and we hope to fill those beds up before we formulate plans for another Summit house.

Our newest guest, Chris Coffey, comes from the Lighthouse Mission internship program. **He plans to move into the Northwest Baptist house and we are super excited to welcome him** as the first of our new wave of Summit house guests we hope for 2025. See Miles' Desk on page 2 for more of his story. We also plan to share highlights of those who have moved on in upcoming newsletters.

We need socks for street night so if you want to donate please let us know. (See the street crew pictured left singing Christmas carols at Base Camp- what fun!) One of our newer volunteers for street night had a powerful but difficult experience as his team went into one of the alleys in downtown Bellingham. One minute they



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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.)

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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

ministered to a young man and his mother, the next minute the young man seemed to be dead. His companions got some NARCAN from a local establishment as our volunteer called for an ambulance. The ambulance came and the man seem to revive, but as our dear friend came around the corner he was asked “are you okay?” and he answered, “no, I'm not.” This event shook more than one person involved and they wondered what would become of the young man. At Thanksgiving dinner at the local Gospel mission there stood the young man and our friend rejoiced with him that he was alive and seemingly well. **Praise God for saved lives, and may more be saved in the eternal sense on the streets of Bellingham also.**

Miles Davis hosted a time of bowling for some of the residents of the Ascent program from the Mission and invited some of our friends from church to join in also. Everyone had a great time and we hope these events will help folks get to know each other so that if a resident of the local Gospel mission wants to move into a Summit house the transition will be as smooth as possible.

From Miles' Desk:

At Summit House, we're privileged to witness stories of profound transformation through God's grace. One such story will continue to play out as our newest guest, Chris Coffey, joins our program this January:

Coming to us from the Ascent program at Lighthouse Mission, **Chris recently celebrated a year of sobriety—a milestone he credits entirely to God's unending love and faithfulness.** Through his time there, and the supportive, Christ-centered community of brothers and sisters at his home church, The Bridge, Chris has already begun to learn what it's like to live an authentic life in Christ: meeting people where they are and walking together in faith.

Over the next year, Chris will continue his spiritual and personal growth, trusting God's plans for his future. We look forward to walking together with him and believe we will see abundant answer to his prayer, “[...] that by living authentically in God's grace, **I can be a small reflection of His transformative love to those around me.**”



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Our Weekly Schedule:

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

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

Sunday: Jesus Study at the Majestic (5pm)