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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Update on Envision

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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Look What the LORD has done!

We had the pleasure, by the grace of God, of welcoming Chris Coffey, Jason Long, Rick Gerard, Dave Bosman, Torrance Atkinson, Mike Fogg, and Jennifer Santoro into the houses this year. **The men's houses filled up in the summer time much to everyone's delight** and God's glory. God raised up discipleship partners for our guests, helping move folks in, taking walks, playing pool and meeting frequently to encourage each other.

God amazed us by the connections that our male Summit House guests have established with family, friends and the church. Over the holidays, **no one was hiding, alone or forgotten, it was more the challenge of how to keep up with all the opportunities and invitations given them.**

The Lord helped us to host a **discipleship partner training with lunch provided at Northwest Baptist church on Sunday after church on May 4.** Then the door opened for us to host a Trauma workshop led by Kara Veldman from En Gedi Refuge at 2nd Church in Lynden. Then we had a mental health roundtable discussion at Bethel church in Lynden in April. We also had an amazing presentation from International Saints and Abolitionists on **recognizing trafficking in our area and what to do if we see it, especially for our street night crew.**

In the summer we hosted a **barbeque at Berthusen Park in Lynden on July 17 for our wonderful volunteers and staff.**

What an amazing privilege to experience the Celebration of Summit houses for three of our men who have completed their first year in the program. It took place at 2nd Church in Lynden in September. Then on **October 23 Kellie-Anne Markel led a training called "Understanding Relapse"**. Finally by the time this goes to print we will have had our Staff Retreat at Cedar Springs with volunteers joining us on Saturday the 6th of December. Our theme for the retreat and the year has been "More Grace", learning how to stay in the light of God's grace instead of hiding, isolating and going back into our addictions.

With the theme of grace we also had the honor to be invited to the Grace Training hosted by the Lighthouse Mission, our staff with their staff. That training was nothing short of amazing! We love our partnership with them in the Gospel and look forward to how God will use that in the future. Already, in addition to the Belonging Class this year we have had two opportunities to go bowling with the guys who live at the Ascent Program, among other activities. Martha and Dolores have also consistently hosted a Bingo game time with the ladies at the Agape program every other week this year. All of these have been excellent connections, put together by God and a blessing to all.

Aaron Speyer led a small group weekly involving the Genesis Process at the Bridge church. We so value our partnership with the churches, which we consider essential for the ongoing transformation of our guests. In addition to events, discipleship partners we have also been a part of 1st Christian Reformed Church's Mission celebration, Sonlight Church has sent their youth group out on street night. And we cannot measure how many volunteers from the churches end up helping on Street Night.



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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

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Street night has grown to 8-30 people coming out to volunteer every Tuesday. Cal Buys led the team every week as a volunteer. The Gospel has been preached to the poor, needs are met and eternal relationships built. On one occasion a volunteer saved the life of a young man with NARCAN, the man was very angry when he came to, was taken away by ambulance. But the same volunteer saw this same young man months later at a dinner given at the Mission, volunteering at the Mission and moving forward beautifully! **Praise God for saved lives and saved souls!** On another occasion one of our volunteers asked a man from the Ascent program why he came into that program. He said that a street night volunteer prayed for him to enter and so he did. On hearing this story everyone was encouraged. So many stories could be told of encounters on this night that we pray will have eternal affects.

We told **stories in these newsletters of some of those who have competed the program** and moved forward since the year began: Tony Bowen, Tony Anderson. Others have not moved on yet, but completed their first year including Reid, Aman and Dale. ‘

We welcomed Jeff Grothe to the Board of directors, gave hospitality to friends who have been with us before like Jashuva from India and Glenda from Georgia. Mitchell had the opportunity to go to Israel with a group of pastors and also got to officiate the marriage ceremony of our new Board member Jeff and his wife Mikaela. Miles also married his new wife Jess, so we had much to celebrate this year!

Stremler Gravel came through with an outstanding donation of the use of an excavator, dump truck and gravel for a complete transformation of the outside of the 2nd Church Summit House. 2nd Church knocked it out of the park as well, with 18 people plus 9 more from other contexts helping to transform the house. We cannot thank all these folks enough for their help.

God made it possible for us to welcome legal immigrants into our houses as well, partnering with Amor Viviente Church to help a woman with her three children at the Bethel Summit house, as well as our opportunity to help a friend from Kenya and Kyrgyzstan.

Mitchell also had some highlights of completing his “Shorts” album and starting a new painting business part time with his son Johnny. The whole staff including Martha, Missy, Dolores, Rochelle, Aaron and Miles met regularly to encourage each other in the work. The Jesus Study continued to thrive each Sunday night being led by various Summit house guests. One of those guests, Jamey, got cancer. **We asked you to pray and he was totally healed with no trace of cancer** even in his blood. Halleluiah! Prayer times met every Friday as well.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm),
Begins outside First Baptist Church
at 110 Flora St, Bellingham

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center
824 W. Smith Rd, Bellingham (3-5pm)

Sunday: Jesus Study at the Bridge Church,
1815 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham (5pm)

