



# Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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## Prayers and Praises

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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**The May 2 Genesis process training was a great success!** The room was packed, Aaron shared great truths from his heart and from the material, as did friends of ours from Summit Houses and friends of Envision. We will have the training available by video soon as well. The amazing part is that Aaron was able to do the training after he had been technically dead and given a 3% chance to live only a month or so before! Praise God for resurrection life! Thanks for praying and thank you for those who could come.



**We have another new lady at the Bethel house and that makes three!** We're so excited to have these ladies growing in discipleship with us. **All the houses are going strong still**, so thank you for praying. There are four guys in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house and three in the Hope in Christ Summit House. And Miles and Jess are living at the Northwest Baptist house due to flood damage on their house in Sumas.

**Randy and Ryan** have moved out into their own house connected to Ryan's work, Dawson Construction. They're having a house warming party soon and we're so proud of them! Pray that they can keep moving forward, well connected to the Body and thriving in Christ.

**Dale Neal is the newest Resident Assistant (RA) at the Hope in Christ Summit house.** He has taken over for Randy after Randy moved out. So that we can continue to tell the stories of our friends who have completed one year, we will tell some of his for God's glory: Previously Dale had been in a Gospel Mission program in Longbeach, CA starting in 2005. He was hired on staff and continued in that capacity until 2017. Then he relapsed. One of the things we observe in Gospel Missions throughout the country is that folks tend to relapse 80% of the time. Why? Because they tend to isolate from community. That's exactly what happened with Dale. He became busy and outwardly doing all kinds of awesome things in the community but he didn't have healthy connections with his church or immediate community.

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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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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

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He spent three years with his family in Centralia before he came up to the Northwest. In 2022 he entered the Lighthouse Mission's programming in Bellingham. He entered the Ascent program and got involved with Spring Church. When he graduated he came to the Summit house. Our whole goal is to help people connect to their church and immediate community in a healthy way. By the time he came to us he was an elder in his church. He would say that this kind of healthy connection is the difference between staying clean and sober in a consistent way and not doing so. He is an amazing presence at his church and at the Summit house. But more importantly he is not hiding in the dark, but rather staying in the light.

When he struggles he has people he can tell. When he is well he has people who rejoice with Him in the Body of Christ. That's a lesson for all of us. Do you have that? Do I? That's an important question. If we don't, let's find safe people who we can be in healthy community with. It makes all the difference. These lessons, like the Genesis Process, aren't just for folks who graduate from Gospel Missions. They are for all of us. Jesus' vision is that his church is more than a social club, **but rather a place of authentic community where the Gospel really addresses our secrets and cleanses us both now and into eternity.** Pray for Dale to say on that path. May we all.

On the same theme from Aaron's Desk: Ironically, **what we need the most we also fear the most. We are created for intimacy with the Lord and others.** The Lord himself examples this in his relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit and his enduring pursuit of his people throughout all time. "...How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me" Matthew 23:37  
But building relationships beyond the superficial is an activity that requires making a choice to initiate and/ or receive. It's not a controlled or transactional appointment, it's a process, it takes practice, it's often uncomfortable, messy, confusing and the only thing binding it together is the choice of two people continuing to risk sharing life by trusting one another, offering vulnerability, honesty, faith and love.

Don't forget to check out Mitchell's latest album and download it with a donation to Envision, scroll down on the media page until you find "Shorts": <https://envisionmission.org/media/>

Please see our latest video testimony from the Summit Houses: <https://youtu.be/UAarDpp263A>

### *Our Weekly Schedule:*

- Tuesday:** Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm),  
Begins outside First Baptist Church  
at 110 Flora St, Bellingham
- Friday:** Hope in Christ Church  
710 E Sunset Dr., Bellingham (3-5pm)
- Sunday:** Jesus Study at the Bridge Church,  
1815 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham (5pm)

