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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

Prayers and Praises

From the Desk of Miles Davis, Program Administrator

Traditions come in all shapes and sizes. Funny, heartwarming, inspirational... odd. I know a couple who celebrate the Fourth of July by watching Godzilla movies. This year we held our Fourth Annual Summit BBQ, and while it may seem like your typical sort of summer gathering, it holds a special place in my heart.



I love food and I love fellowship, but what I enjoy most is simply the grill. Cooking, in all its facets, is a passion God has gifted me with, and being able to use that gift to serve brothers and sisters is a joy. It's the same kind of joy our brothers and sisters in the houses experience when they get to use their own gifts.

Aman has helped me with my car more times than I can remember. Dave has given me solid advice on landscaping and drainage on multiple occasions. Anthony's passion for his school inspires me to further my own study. Torrance can get me to chuckle, even before my first cup of coffee. Dale's insights from working with multiple missions helped me when I first started going to the Lighthouse Mission. Mike's writing and storytelling has helped my own.

These are just a few examples, but they remind me of something I think we can easily forget: we all have something to offer.

Sometimes we think of ministry as something we do for people. But so often, ministry is something we do with one another. God has given each of us different gifts, experiences, passions, skills, and perspectives—and each one of them adds something unique to the rest of us.

That's one of the things I love about the Summit BBQ. Yes, I get to stand behind a grill and feed a bunch of people, which is basically my idea of a perfect afternoon. But I also get to watch people fellowship, laugh, teach, encourage, help, and serve one another in ways that have nothing to do with barbecue.

Four years in, that BBQ has become more than a date on the calendar. It's a small reminder that the church is at its best when we bring what God has given us and share it with one another.

From the Desk of Martha Kooiman, Co-Director of Summit Women's House

Jennifer and Anthony are guest in our homes in Lynden. July was an exciting time for them. Jennifer completed the Genesis Process recovery workbook with her coach Angela, while her husband Anthony is still working through it with his coach Aaron. They also were able to have their two children visit from Colorado for 5 days. What a wonderful time they had spending time together as a family. They were able to stay all together at the Bethel quilt house. They arrived the day of our Envision barbecue at Berthusen park and so were able to join in to meet many of our Envision community. They enjoyed the Razzfest in downtown Lynden, kayaking, Sunday service at Bethel and some good family time together. It was a blessing to have their children here and be together.

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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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Over the last 6 months Jennifer had been working with her coach Angela through the Genesis Process which is an individual treatment plan where one identifies their own addictive behaviors, including relapses, but most importantly they get to the underlying issues that drive them. The bottom line is that if you want to change behavior you need to change the heart. It focuses on Romans 7: “Why I do the very thing I don't want to do.” She met with her coach on a weekly basis as they worked through each process so to bring healing and prevent relapse. Working through the process is intense and requires commitment and willingness to be vulnerable with your coach.

On Tuesday July 14 we had the privilege of celebrating the completion of the Genesis Process workbook. We call it the “pray out”. Jennifer chose an accountability team of about ten people that are committed to support and encourage her as she moves forward in the weeks and months ahead as she continues working on her recovery. What a beautiful time of reflection, gratitude for what God is doing in her life, a time of sharing and blessing her as well as spending time praying for her as she takes one day at a time. It truly was a blessed time seeing what God is doing in her life.

***Mitchell Took a Break***

Throughout the month of August, Mitchell was enjoying a brief Sabbatical. He was able to catch up on a few things around his house and yard, work on recording some of his original songs, spend time with his family, host a missionary friend from India, and have alone time with God. It was a needed time of refreshment. *This Fall he will continue to lead Envision Mission in a part-time role, and will also be joining the staff at Hope in Christ Church in Bellingham as a part-time Outreach Pastor.* Please be in prayer for him and his family during this exciting transition.



Check out our latest video testimony from the Summit Houses:

<https://youtu.be/UAarDpp263A>

Our Weekly Schedule:

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

Fridays: Prayer Time for the Poor (3-5 pm)
Light of the World Prayer Center
824 W. Smith Rd., Bellingham

Sundays: Jesus Study at The Bridge Church (5pm)
1815 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham

