



# Update on Envision

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The Mission of Envision is to:

- commune together with God in prayer in groups of 7-12
- that we may be filled with His Spirit
- and love one another

Our goal is to:

- proclaim the gospel
- and make disciples of Jesus Christ
- within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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## PRAYERS AND PRAISES!

❖ **The Senti's are happy to announce that they're quite sure their mini-van is finally fixed!** Thanks again for gifts and prayers. The car was in the shop for over a month, even after they got back to Washington. (Rochelle and Elisha Senti pictured right with the rental van the Senti family had to use on their trip to Colorado.)



❖ **Thank you for praying for those who have come back to their faith in Christ.** We always have seekers and new believers coming to the Jesus Study and Jesus Gathering. Some of them are growing in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Pray that they'll make a public profession of their faith in Him.

❖ **In September a group of sophomores from Lynden Christian High School came and cleaned the coffeehouse from front to back. They also helped us get a new bed for one of our friends who came off the streets into an apartment.** One of our ministries is to help people move into their places who are low income and we've found ourselves doing that a lot this past month.

❖ **Because of the current financial situation our last night open for the coffeehouse outreach will be November 22. Our last Jesus Gathering in that space is scheduled for November 27, Sunday.** So much is still up in the air so pray that God leads us to where He wants us to be. There are still many options that could come to pass, even the possibility still of another coffeehouse taking over that space so we can stay there. Thank you for your prayers for us during this transition.



❖ **We praise God because there are 30 committed believers coming to the Jesus Gathering and attendance holds steady at 40-50!** Thank you for all your prayers! These are folks who wouldn't otherwise be connected to the Body in any tangible way, so we're very thankful. (Pictured right some of our regulars from the Jesus Gathering.)

❖ **On September 2, Friday, we had a benefit concert at three trees for our friends at Whatcom Dream at 7pm.** Some of our regular musicians put the show on and it was a great success raising almost \$150. Whatcom Dream is a financial literacy program primarily for low income folks, which started in the Roosevelt Neighborhood here in Bellingham.

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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 received a lot of comments about how wonderful the atmosphere at three trees is and how much the coffeehouse will be missed. Our mission statement for the coffeehouse has been “to create an atmosphere where the Spirit of God living in people draws lost persons into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It would be open to anyone in Bellingham, a place where ideas, art, and music could be freely shared, but with facilitation from a Christian perspective.” This present transition is an opportunity for us to give credit where credit is due. **Pray that we will give Christ the glory** and point people to Him as we transition into this next phase.

❖ In the next couple months you might notice a change in the structure and names of Board members for Envision. Many of the folks on our wonderful Board of Directors have served ever since the beginning in 2005 and we appreciate their service so much. Yet we’ve all mutually agreed that it’s time for a change, even in the structure of the organization. There are certainly no hard feelings in this, just a prayer of thanksgiving and excitement for the future. Our lives are so busy, so we’re trying to find ways to cut down on extra meetings and streamline the leadership for Envision. One couple’s names you may not have heard before are Jim and Jan Crouse. They’ve been coming together since the beginning and have become well acquainted with the regulars who come.



You’ll see them on open mic nights and at the Jesus Gathering, mingling with folks. Their hearts are to see people come to know Jesus Christ. Jim has been a pastor in the Advent Christian denomination for a long time and now serves as superintendent for the West Coast, especially encouraging church planters. He has a **passion for Kingdom growth** and his wife Jan supports him in that role, sharing a deep love for the people at three trees and the Jesus Gathering. (Here they are pictured left at the Jesus Gathering.)

❖ The **second Saturday of every month we still have a class/debriefing on relational evangelism and coming-along-side ministry. It happens at 3pm at three trees** in the upper room. All are welcome! We’ve had a lot of fun so far. It’s been fun to see people come along-side people and learning discipleship together.

❖ **Our new hours at three trees coffeehouse are Tuesday through Thursday 4-10pm, Saturdays 10-4pm and Sundays for Jesus Gathering from 5-7pm.**

## **WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY SO MUCH!**

- ★ Please see [www.threetreescoffee.com](http://www.threetreescoffee.com) for our calendar information at three trees, but soon our only website will be [www.envision-ministries.org](http://www.envision-ministries.org) and our e-mail contact is now only at [mitchsenti@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchsenti@hotmail.com)
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**(Mitchell doesn’t see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives and expresses his deep gratitude along with the whole staff!)**