



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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The Mission of Envision Ministries 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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THANK GOD WITH US!

- ❖ We thank God for opportunities to pray with people personally for healing, reconciliation, and forgiveness over and over again this past month. We also have a black box for prayer requests that has been used frequently, a prayer meeting on Tuesday night and pre-service/pre-opening prayer every time we have a chance.
- ❖ At times we've had to confront folks also, but it's amazing how even so they know we love them. For instance, one regular who has fallen away from the faith talked about why she can't consider Christ more than one of many ways. We said, "Until you **realize that you deserve hell because of your sin, and Christ has given you eternal life**; if you keep going to Him because you're lonely or if he makes you feel good, you're not going to come to Him as the only way to the Father." After that she said something like we are some of the only ones who she trusts.
- ❖ In addition to meeting with one of our regulars weekly to teach her the way of Christ, our Foundation series has gone very well at the Jesus Gathering in keeping us focused on Jesus. A lot of us have been shaken with trials, so it's been all the more important to consider how to build the foundation of our lives together on Jesus Christ. **Please do pray for us as many of us have had family and financial struggles.**
- ❖ Thank you for praying for a counter-offer to come from the landlord, which has happened. **Keep praying for us as we wait on the Lord through this transition.**
- ❖ On the 24th of June we had a benefit concert for three trees with our regulars at three trees. Mike Marker played his music and it was a great success, since we're not open on Fridays anymore it's fun to do that again once in a while. Our next one will be July 23, Saturday with Bob Galford and friends (including Mitchell Senti)
- ❖ Our new hours at three trees coffeehouse are Tuesday through Thursday 4-10pm, Saturdays 10-4pm and Sundays for Jesus Gathering from 5-7pm.



❖ The Gospel is still preached in every context we know how to share it, whether open mic (as is pictured to the left with Bob Haskell, Jalel, Josh and Mike looking on), small groups, at the Jesus Gathering or in practical helps.

- ❖ The second Saturday of every month we 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.

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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

SOME OF OUR NEEDS



Pictured left we have Harvey and Kevin doing maintenance for us. We've so appreciated their help and others, **but it looks like we need help again** so give us a call if you can help. We need new multi-fold bathroom towel dispensers, still need our front door fixed, and lighting in the upstairs office. Contact us if interested:
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Our friends at Lincoln Square apartment complex are running out of food at the end of the month again. They could use some cans of soup and instant oatmeal packs. If you would like to donate some of those at the end of July and beginning of August, we can get them there for the month of August. **Just drop them off at three trees coffeehouse** during open hours Tuesday through Thursday 4-10pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Thanks!

ANOTHER DESSERT NIGHT AT GLEN ECHO GARDENS

Yup, we're having another dessert night/benefit concert at **Glen Echo Gardens on Friday August 5, so mark your calendars.** If you missed it last year you don't want to miss it this year. Even if you made it, you want to come again. It's a beautiful spot and we'll have dessert and music at 6:30pm. More details to follow.

OUR SERVICE PROJECT WITH THE SEASON OF SERVICE

For our service project this past month a bunch of us went down to Maritime Heritage Park on a Saturday and cleaned along the stream. It was one of our regulars' ideas. We'd like to do some renovations on low income housing, but haven't had any leads yet. If you know of any please contact us.

Northwest Ministry Fest is the name of a non-profit started to oversee the collaborative work of churches and ministries in Whatcom County for the next six months. They will be coordinating a **Season of Service from April-October** (starting after Easter, ending with Make a Difference Day), helping coordinate Community Celebrations in each area in July, and coordinating a Festival with music, activities and Andrew Palau in August of 2012. The festival will take place at Civic Field. But the main thrust of this effort will be in the service projects that take place throughout the coming months.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY SO MUCH!

- ★ Please see www.threetreescoffee.com for our calendar information at three trees, but soon our only website will be www.envision-ministries.org and our e-mail contact is now only at mitchsenti@hotmail.com
- ★ If you'd like to make a donation, please send checks to:
Envision Ministries, 118 W. Holly St., Bellingham, WA 98225 Thank you!
(Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you give, but he sees who gives and expresses his deep gratitude along with the whole staff!)