



Boise Rescue Mission Ministries

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City Light Home for Women and Children
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First Time Homeless Numbers Jump Rescue Mission Plans Expansion Men's shelter to add 82 beds

BOISE, Idaho— The Boise Rescue Mission Ministries served more “First time homeless” people so far this year than ever before, according to a survey of Mission Guests. The Missions **City Light Home for Women and Children has provided shelter to between 20 and 40 more people daily than they have beds for, throughout the past 3 months.** With these facts in mind, the Mission Board has **reconstructed a warehouse space on Jefferson Street into a 58 bed emergency shelter for women and women with children. The new shelter is set to open November 18th.**

Mission Director Bill Roscoe attributes the increased numbers primarily to the number of **newly unemployed people** and the **lingering down turn** in the local economy. **“Women with children have been the fastest growing population of homeless people over the past decade. With the economic situation as it is we have seen that number rise even faster. In order to be sure we can meet this growing need, and to better accommodate the women and kids we’re serving, we have to proceed with this project.”** Roscoe said.

Meanwhile, at the Missions Men’s shelter in Boise, 82 new beds are being delivered November 17th to help with the overcrowding there. **“For the past month we have had to sleep 25 to 30 men on Matt’s on the floor as all the beds are full. The new beds will alleviate that problem for the short term.”** Roscoe said. The Mission added a new restroom and shower area to the facility last year to accommodate larger crowds.

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