



Boise Rescue Mission Ministries
Lighthouse Rescue Mission
City Light Women and Children's Home
River of Life Rescue Mission

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Rescue Mission services on the rise

WHAT: BOISE RESCUE MISSION dining rooms served 2,700 more meals last month than in January '08. The City Light Home for Women and Children served over 1,100 more meals in their dining room. **Monthly totals were: 27,588 meals served; 8,069 shelter stays**

WHEN: **January 1, 2009 – January 31, 2009**

WHERE: **River of Life Mission, Boise: 15,724 meals served; 3,893 overnight stays**
City Light Home for Women and Children, Boise: 7,432 meals served; 1,306 overnight stays
Lighthouse Rescue Mission, Nampa: 4,432 meals served; 1,280 overnight stays

Comment: "We are certainly seeing the effects of the high unemployment rate in the valley right now" says Mission Director, Bill Roscoe. "We are seeing a lot of people self-identifying as 'first time homeless' and there are a lot more people coming just for meals than ever before."

Last year the Mission served 299,220 meals, averaging between 700 and 800 meals per day. In January the Mission served 890 meals per day on average.

"So far, our food donations have kept up with the demand and I really appreciate the generosity of our community. I do hope that as the warmer weather starts people won't forget that homelessness and hunger are not seasonal issues" Roscoe added.

The Mission has served homeless and hungry people for over 50 years and is a Christian non-profit agency. All donations are tax deductible.