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Dear Mission Friends,

As you know, we decided to close the Lighthouse Rescue Mission on March 1st because we were not serving any homeless men there. The decline in services there began right after January 1st, and by late February, we had fewer than three men in the dorm. We assisted the last men to move out and closed the building except for some administrative offices.

All of us, and many of you, wondered and thought about why the lack of guests? I discovered that the Salvation Army had been granted funds to provide motel vouchers for homeless people, and many had taken advantage of that grant. I also know that the City of Ontario has experienced a huge increase in the numbers of homeless men there, and I assume that some of our former guests moved across the line to that community. But the fact is, our good Lord had a plan and a purpose for the Lighthouse that we couldn't know!

On Monday, April 18th, I was invited to meet with a group of former Ukrainian refugees who have made Idaho their home. They are now engaged in assisting current Ukrainian Refugees coming to Idaho in starting a new life here, at least temporarily. These Christian friends are associated with the Church of the Nazarene, which has sponsored two Ukrainian churches in the Valley for several years. As we learned of their ministry and the need for a facility to use as a shelter and processing center for Refugees from war-torn Ukraine, it became clear that this is the new purpose for the Lighthouse Rescue Mission.

Together, over a few weeks, we have worked out a plan with the Idaho Alliance for Ukrainian Immigrants and Refugees to use the Lighthouse as the **Ukrainian Welcome Center** for the next six months, with the option to extend their use if we deem it necessary and helpful. The changeover is underway, and we hope that refugees from Ukraine will soon be in the care of these wonderful brothers and sisters and find refuge at the Lighthouse.

As you can imagine, this is a significant undertaking, with many details to be worked out, but we are convinced that God has led us to this moment, and He will make the way forward clear and possible.

I will keep you informed as we move ahead, and I ask you to pray that this new ministry will come to fruition in His time and with His blessing. All of us have been shocked and terribly upset as we have watched the brutal attack on Ukraine. The human suffering and misery are incalculable, and we have prayed for an end to the violence. Unfortunately, the war rages on for now, and the numbers of innocent people fleeing the violence continue to grow. Now, God has opened a door of opportunity for us, right here in Idaho, to offer relief, necessary assistance, and Christian love to these terribly desperate people.

Thank you for your prayer and support. I will keep you informed of our progress and alert you to specific prayer needs very soon. God bless you, and God bless the people of Ukraine.

In His service with you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Roscoe".

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