

# Irvine's Newsong Church Members Remodel Rainbow Family Ministry in Buena Park



Newsong Church's 'cWOW' team and Rainbow Family Ministry missionary Liz Lee (front row center) pose for a photograph in front of the shelter's newly renovated building.

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The Newsong Church, headed by pastor Dave Gibbons, and its 'Church without Walls' (cWOW) team began remodeling the Rainbow Family Ministry single mother and children's shelter in Buena Park on September 19, providing the funds and wherewithal for a much-needed renovation that will dramatically improve the ministry building.

The ministry, which provides support to women and children who are suffering from hardships caused by alcohol and drug addiction, was able to purchase their own building last year. However, there were many things that needed to be fixed in the run-down building.

The ministry's poor financial situation did not allow for renovations to be made even when the shelter's main heater stopped working during the middle of last year's winter season.

Fortunately, a story that was run in the Korea Times on November 27 of last year brought attention to the ministry's situation. With help from a donor in Torrance, the ministry was able to upgrade the heating system and get through the rest of a cold

winter. However, the building's broken windows and worn-out carpet were another story. The shelter's poor conditions led Newsong Church members to reach out and help the ministry with construction costs and manpower this year.

"Because of the rise in the cost of living and the decrease in donations, it's been difficult even decorating the children's room," said missionary Liz Lee of the Rainbow Family Ministry. "I'm just so grateful. They even provided us with three days and two nights of lodging for the duration of the construction."

Newsong Church, founded by pastor Dave Gibbons 15 years ago, is predominantly made up of second-generation Korean Americans. The church started the cWOW project earlier this year. In addition to remodeling, the Newsong Church organizes mission trips, park clean-up projects, school painting jobs and other work that help the community and neighbors outside their church.

The open house of the Rainbow Family Mission's newly renovated home was held on September 21 at 3pm. Renovation work and updates on the project can be viewed on the Newsong website: [www.newsong.net/cwow](http://www.newsong.net/cwow).

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