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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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You are a Life Saver!

In my 28 years of service at the Mission, when I see people hit rock bottom and problems overwhelm them completely, they need trusting hands to lift them and help them reclaim their lives. How can the Mission help homeless, desperate and hungry people transform their lives without you?

Your support provides food for the body, spiritual presence for the soul, and one-on-one guidance to help our guests live as law-abiding, tax-paying citizens. My heart is filled with gratitude to have rescuers like you. Your compassion has helped Eddie and Paul to move from despair to hope. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
John


Rev. John Samaan, President



The Mission is a Holy Kind of Place

Hi, I'm Eddie. The Mission gives me confidence in myself and the motivation not to drink.

For 33 years I never even looked at alcohol or drugs. After my mother passed, it wasn't long before the progression to alcohol abuse began. First I embraced liquor, then hid the liquor from others, then drank in the morning. Eventually my wife threw me out, I started living in a car, and the heavy drinking began.

Quickly, I ran out of money, lost the car, and lived at a subway station for three years, including winters.

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I guess God gave me the fight to keep going.

A friend suggested the Boston Rescue Mission and I visited in the winter. Beyond the food, shelter, hygiene opportunities, and safety, it seemed to me a holy kind of place.

The Mission gives me a foundation to meet any problems that come along. It's an excellent chance to take control of my life again.

If the Mission wasn't here for me, I would still be a mess.

—Eddie



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My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

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Grateful people enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner at the 2018 Day of Thanks.

Our Thanksgiving Event Celebration

On Sunday, November 24th, the Boston Rescue Mission will celebrate our 26th Annual 'Day of Thanks'. Hundreds of homeless people, along with needy families from the Boston community, will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Additionally, several hundred food baskets with turkeys and all the trimmings will be given out to families to enjoy at home. The 'Day of Thanks' begins at 12 noon with a brief opening ceremony featuring key dignitaries who support our cause. We encourage you to join us for these festivities, and then stay for a tour of the Mission! If interested, please contact Eric Grenfell-Muir at 617-338-9000 x1209 or egrenfell-muir@brm.org.

Preparing Now for the Upcoming Winter

Last winter the Mission added an extra 50 beds for women and 70 beds for men as a safety net for the increase number of homeless women and men on the streets in Boston. The Mission expects this winter will be no different. Going forward, the Mission will have the capacity to provide overnight care for up to 170 men and women per night.

John Samaan, President of the Mission stated that "Gifts from our donors help us provide hot nutritious meals and a safe place indoors for homeless women and men when the weather gets extremely cold."



After eating a hot meal, warm, safe beds await those in need in the Mission's overnight shelter program.

I Saved 52 Others From ODs

"I Really Wanted a Better Life."

Hi, I'm Paul. The Mission community holds me accountable. Like any good program, there's enough slack to test my progress and enough tools to get my life straightened out.

In my last summer of school, I experimented with drugs and alcohol, blew a scholarship and dropped out. While plastering, I spent time racing dirt bikes. I broke my leg and got oxycodone for the pain. After that I tried a bag of heroin, which led

to a long addiction. Finally I got sick from dope, everything came to an end, and I ended up homeless. For 7 years I lived a miserable life in the woods of Lowell. I went from the American dream to living in a tent.

One morning I woke up and said "I've had enough." When

I turned 50 I thought "this is my life, and I deserve better."

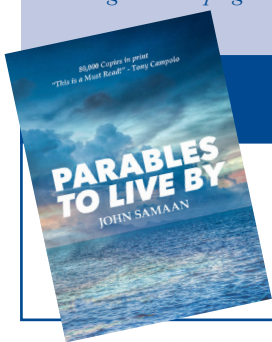
Now I feel I can be reliable, keep my word, feel good about myself, and restore a healthy relationship with my daughter.

I'm working on rebuilding a healthy relationship with my daughter. — Paul



Parables to Live By: An Insightful Treat

In celebration of the Mission's 120th Anniversary, John Samaan is offering a free copy of his inspirational book *Parables to Live By*. Simply visit our website at www.brm.org and enter your email address. You'll receive an email link to download this bright and inspiring read, as well as periodic email updates with Mission news and events!



\$22.50 Does Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People



Not everyone who comes to the Mission to eat is homeless. Between gas, rent, utilities, and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission's kitchen or food pantry for meals to help tide them over and keep them on their feet!

So would you please provide as many meals and as much help as you can? Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.brm.org. Thank you!

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