

120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# Rescue

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

## Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

SUMMER 2019

Together we are RESCUERS  
of people at RISK ...  
for 120 Years

Your generous support rescues desperate women and men from despair to a better life. For 120 years we have helped thousands on the journey out of being homeless and hopeless and into transformation and hope. No matter how long it takes, eventually the successes start to add up. By sharing stories with others, people like Carlos and Tommy become stronger and more independent.

Now, it's summer - financial contributions drop but the needs and the services continue. I invite you to celebrate with us the 120 years of service. Thank you again for your compassion, and may God bless you!

Blessings,  
John

  
Rev. John Samaan, President



## The Boston Rescue Mission and I are on the Right Track

Hello. Carlos here. Before the Boston Rescue Mission, I had nowhere to go and didn't know what to do next. Here, little by little, my life is falling into place.

Growing up, I felt like a simple child with simple needs. After graduation, I started drinking and hanging out with the guys on the weekends. After awhile, I neglected my house and family, the bills piled up, and my wife and I separated.

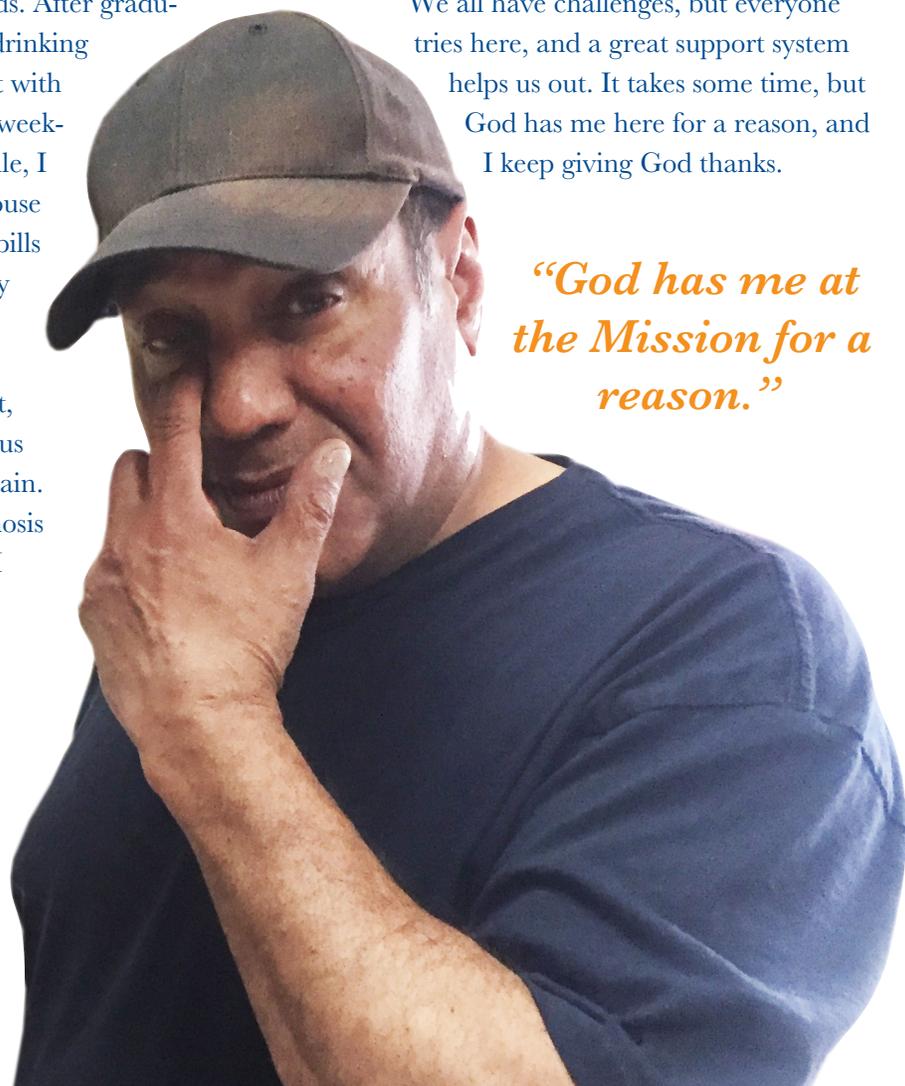
At one point, I noticed a serious amount of hip pain. Without a diagnosis or doctor help, I

began self-medicating with heroin. After operations on both hips, I drank a lot, and became homeless for about a year. I finally had enough of feeling terrible, and the Mission offered me a place to stay.

We all have challenges, but everyone tries here, and a great support system helps us out. It takes some time, but God has me here for a reason, and I keep giving God thanks.

*"God has me at the Mission for a reason."*

*The Mission reaches out to so many people in need.—Carlos*



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## My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

**YES, John,** You can count on me to help those in need. **Here is my gift of:**



### WAYS TO GIVE

- **Telephone** – 617-338-9000 ext. 1209
- **Online** – Go to [www.brm.org](http://www.brm.org) & click on the Donate Now! button.
- **Mail** – Cut on the dotted line & return this form with your check to the Boston Rescue Mission or fill in your credit card information below.

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Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.

Since 2015, the Mission has been a safe refuge for hundreds of women in crisis.



## Women's Shelter Program Extended

Last October, the Mission started hosting overnight accommodations for 60 women at the downtown headquarters to meet increased demand. Every evening the women get a hot meal, a warm, safe place to sleep, and breakfast in the morning. Recently the Mission was able to extend 45 of the beds for women through the end of June. John Samaan, President of the Mission stated that "Regardless of the season, it is important for the Mission offer shelter to these vulnerable homeless women."

# 120th Anniversary Celebration

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We're celebrating the Mission's 120th anniversary this year, and you're invited! Our friends at Eaton Vance are hosting a casual event for Mission supporters. Come meet other friends of the Mission on a beautiful rooftop terrace with a gorgeous view of Boston Harbor on Thursday August 22nd from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Space is limited. Admission is free, but space is limited, and RSVP is required. To reserve your spot, please contact Eric Grenfell-Muir at 617-338-9000 x1209 or [egrenfell-muir@brm.org](mailto:egrenfell-muir@brm.org).

## A Lot of Help, All in One Place

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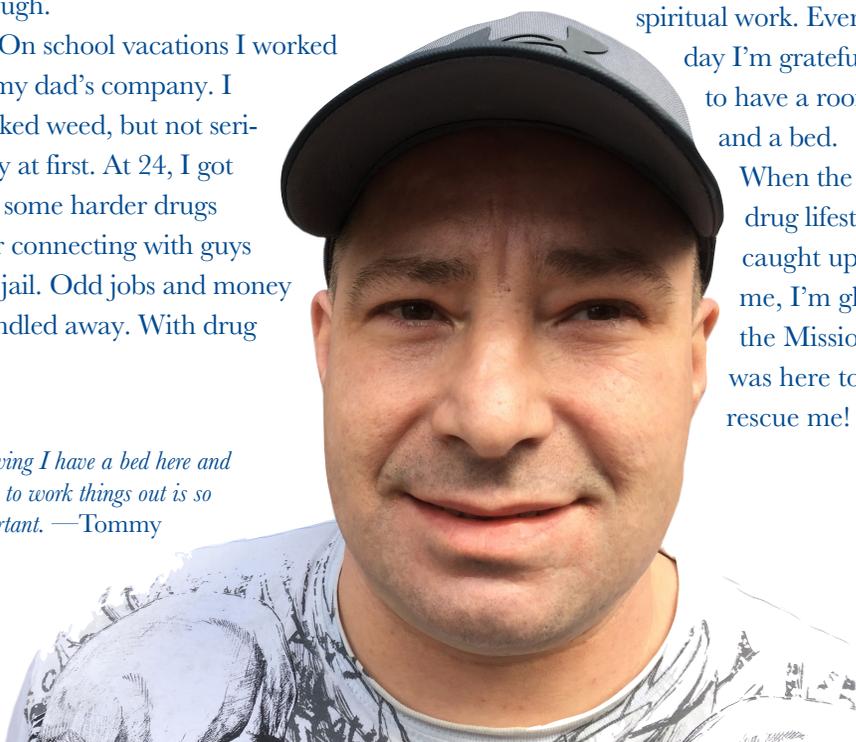
Hi, I'm Tommy. At the Mission, the staff help to make sure I'm doing the job of recovery properly. It's a good thing, considering the mess I've been through.

On school vacations I worked for my dad's company. I smoked weed, but not seriously at first. At 24, I got into some harder drugs after connecting with guys at a jail. Odd jobs and money dwindled away. With drug

*Knowing I have a bed here and space to work things out is so important. —Tommy*

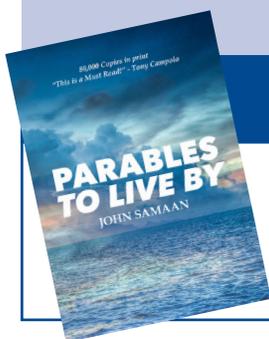
addiction comes life on the streets. For me, that meant a repeat cycle of jail, release, work, money, and drugs. After years of abuse, everything caught up with me.

The Mission's structured environment helps me in so many ways. On-site nurses help me heal my body. The counseling is great, especially the spiritual work. Every day I'm grateful to have a roof and a bed. When the drug lifestyle caught up to me, I'm glad the Mission was here to rescue me!



## 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](http://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](http://www.brm.org). Thank you!

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