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Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

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Lives are Transformed
Because of YOU

Your compassion in this life emergency of COVID-19 has helped to move people from despair to hope. We have kept our guests safe and healthy during the last 18 months. We also have seen men and women transitioning in a stable environment after completing our life transforming programs.

Thank you for continuing that incredible life transformation journey with us for people like Bill and Mike. Our holiday greeting from us to you is a simple one: thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Blessed Holidays and stay safe!
John

John Samaan
Rev. John Samaan, President



The Mission is a safe and trusting place.

I completely surrendered which led to a relationship with God.

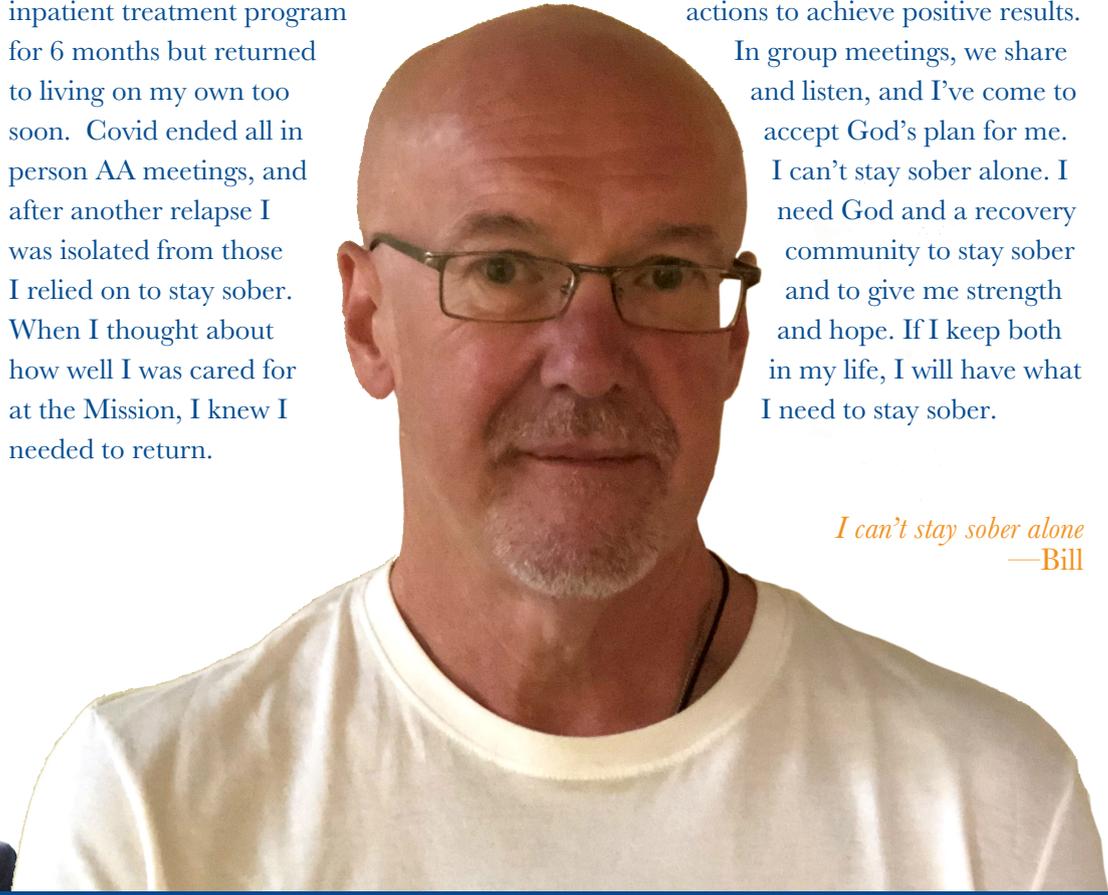
I came back to the Mission after 2 years of trying and failing to stay sober. During those years, I lived on the Cape, had a job, a place to live and friends who would intervene when I relapsed. But my recovery never lasted very long. I went from detox to an inpatient treatment program for 6 months but returned to living on my own too soon. Covid ended all in person AA meetings, and after another relapse I was isolated from those I relied on to stay sober. When I thought about how well I was cared for at the Mission, I knew I needed to return.

“I need God and a recovery community to stay sober.”

I came back to the Mission because it is a safe and trusting recovery community of staff and clients. The support groups have led me to accept God into my life, and to have a relationship with God. I understand that you have to think positive thoughts and take positive actions to achieve positive results.

In group meetings, we share and listen, and I’ve come to accept God’s plan for me. I can’t stay sober alone. I need God and a recovery community to stay sober and to give me strength and hope. If I keep both in my life, I will have what I need to stay sober.

I can’t stay sober alone
—Bill



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The Mission is Prepared for the COVID variant

The Mission's staff and a majority of our guests are vaccinated. With the cold winter season rapidly approaching, more and more homeless people will be streaming through our door. The Mission distributes masks and hand sanitizers and requires social distancing, and a mandatory handwashing for everyone. With transparent dividers that enforces safe physical distance between beds, the Mission has reconfigured sleeping areas to safely shelter the women and men this winter. We are grateful for you and all our donors for your thoughts, prayers and everything you have contributed to help the Mission respond to all these COVID waves and keep our guests and our staff safe.

A Tax-Wise Gift Idea

Are your itemized deductions capped? Here's one tax-wise alternative. If you're 70 1/2 or older, you can fulfill your required minimum IRA distribution by a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 per year to a charity like the Boston Rescue Mission. For most people, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) as small as \$1,000 realizes noticeable tax benefits immediately. Ask your tax advisor about a QCD to the Mission this giving season or visit [bit.ly/2P0wpb2](https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/philanthropy/qualified-charitable-distribution.html) for more information.

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I will stay determined to be a better person

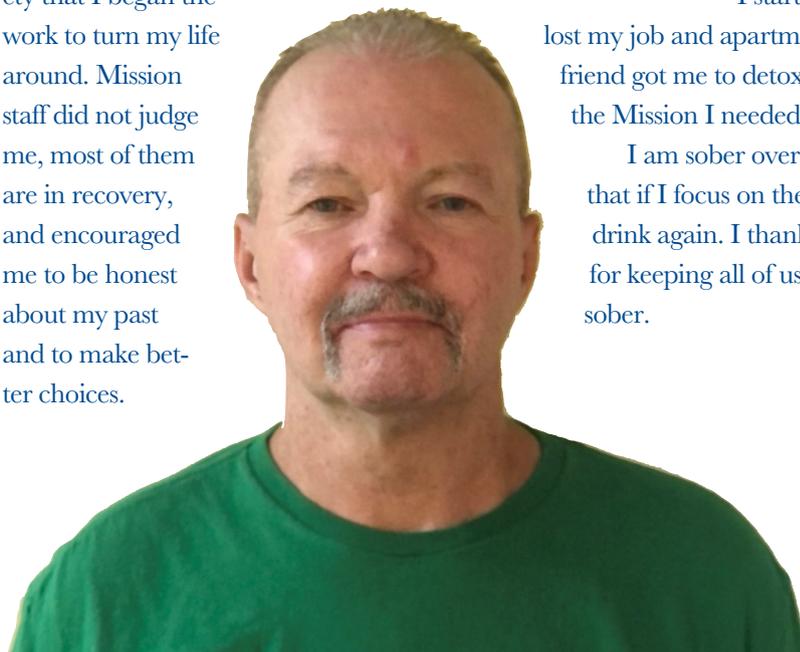
Staying sober requires help

Hi, I am Mike and I am an alcoholic. I am not a nice drunk and missing my father's funeral led to guilt and depression. It wasn't until 2007 when I found the Mission and sobriety that I began the work to turn my life around. Mission staff did not judge me, most of them are in recovery, and encouraged me to be honest about my past and to make better choices.

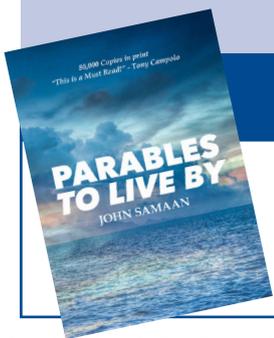
After I left the Mission, I had a job, an apartment and steady girlfriend. I worked at a substance recovery program and stayed sober for 8 years. But in 2020 I started drinking, lost my job and apartment. My girlfriend got me to detox but it was the Mission I needed.

I am sober over a year, know that if I focus on the past I will drink again. I thank the Mission for keeping all of us healthy and sober.

"The Mission gives me an honest chance to heal"



It's time to put the past behind me.
—Mike



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\$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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You can support the Mission's life transforming programs to help homeless and hungry guests with a monthly gift through www.brm.org. Follow these 3 simple steps to enroll in the automatic gift online and skip checks, envelopes, and stamps:

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