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"I Felt Like I Had Failed"

A series of unfortunate events led Carmon to Crossroads. Here's how you helped her find healing.

When it rains, it pours. Just ask Carmon. She was living in a basement apartment when the Great Flood of 2019 arrived. The waters rushed in, and she lost everything.

She found another place, but her hours at work were being cut, and it became cost prohibitive. She left that behind and moved into an extended-stay hotel, but it was infested with bedbugs.

Then the pandemic hit, and a couple of her adult children lost their jobs. Carmon depleted all of her savings trying to help them stay afloat.

Out of money and options, Carmon turned to Crossroads for help.

"At first I was like, *Why am I here?*" she says. "I felt like I had failed. I couldn't imagine what I had done to deserve this, because I was trying to do the right things."

But life had hit hard, and Carmon was grateful to have a safe place to land.

"The staff here is amazing and so supportive," she says. "And I know The Man Upstairs is going to take care of me. I know that. I'm just trying to learn to turn it all over to him, which is hard for me, because I'm one of those control people."

Carmon was about to lose control of one more thing: Her company eliminated her job last summer,



Carmon says she's grateful to "The Man Upstairs" . . . and to you!

while she was at the Mission. But it wasn't long before God provided her with a new job, even closer to home.

She's renting one of the reduced-rate apartments at Crossroads until she can save up some money, buy a car and get back out on her own again. Till then, she's thankful for the Mission.

"I'm excited about the future," she says. "I'm glad Crossroads is here."

She's glad for supporters like you too. Thank you for being there!

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From the Executive Director

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

— 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

That may not be the first Bible passage you think of when it comes to Easter, but to me, *every day* is a day for sharing the good news of Jesus and his resurrection. And here at Crossroads, *every day* is an opportunity to “pass on to you” the gospel message.

It’s exciting to share it with everyone we talk to. That’s our focus: to feed them, to clothe them and give them a place to sleep, but most of all, to share the gospel.

It’s an incredible experience to see changed lives — including a couple you’ll read about in this edition of the newsletter. I can’t believe God has allowed me to be a part of that . . . and I’m eternally grateful that you’re a part of that. Thank you!

Easter blessings to you and your loved ones!

Sincerely,

Daniel Buller

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Executive Director



“I Fell off the Deep End”

Rolland was living under a bridge when he says Jesus led him to Crossroads.



Rolland’s father was murdered when he was three years old, and that memory haunted him throughout his childhood. He says he rebelled as a teen, and went to prison at 17 on a breaking-and-entering charge.

When he was released six years later, he turned his life around, working as an electrician, getting married, and having kids.

“Everything was good,” he says, “until my little brother died.” Rolland was 43 when a heart attack took his brother. Shortly thereafter, his mother and his grandparents died. “And then I just fell off the deep end. I really lost my mind,” he recalls.

The next decade was a blur of drinking and drugs until he ended up living under a bridge for three years. One day, seeing his plight, a woman gave him \$20 and a book of daily devotions.

“I read the passage for that day,” Rolland says. “And it said I’d have a hard road ahead, but don’t let go of Jesus’ hand.”

He didn’t let go, and he eventually ended up at Crossroads, where he’s turning things around. “I’m really grateful for Crossroads,” he says. “I know Jesus led me here, and he’s going to help me through.”

Because of you, men like Rolland are finding new life!



Thanks to friends like you, Rolland is turning his life around.



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