

ENDURE



What could the founder of the first rescue mission have in common with kitchen workers using umbrellas to keep food dry in the Topeka shelter kitchen and a man who thought he was 600 years old? They all experienced difficult and unpleasant circumstances that were endured over a long period of time, leading to restoration for themselves and those who served them.

In upcoming video podcasts, In Darkness, A Light Still Shines, you will learn about Jerry McAuley, the founder of the first Rescue Mission. He spent time in Sing Sing prison for robbery and after his release fought drunkenness and homelessness for years. Another episode will highlight early days at the original shelter on Kansas Avenue when TRM had few resources and kitchen volunteers peeled potatoes with spoons, used the kitchen stoves to heat the mission and kept food dry from the leaking roof with umbrellas. Additionally, learn about a Mission guest and World War II vet, who thought he was 600 years old and wouldn't allow shelter staff to help him regain independence for three decades.

There are experiences and seasons in life that are challenging and unpleasant. After we try everything we know to bring resolve, the situation only seems to get worse. We can grow weary, wondering when it will ever end. The problem with giving up is not seeing restoration take place. If Jerry McAuley's friends had given up on him, shelter services for the homeless and addicted may not have existed and been a harbor in the storm for millions of Americans in need. If TRM had closed its doors in those early days because there weren't resources to buy a potato peeler, let alone fix the leaky roof, thousands of homeless and vulnerable families would not have received loving care. If TRM staff had given up on the 600 year old man after 10 years or 29, a compassionate man who served his country would likely have died on the streets and not experienced a loving community.

To endure is to count the cost and press on. It's a mental battle to not give up but rather to continue to hope despite the mountain in front of you. To endure is to continue walking forward, sometimes crawling, even when you don't know when relief is coming. God is bigger than the mountain you are facing. Hope comes from knowing that God has a purpose for your life and will use that mountain for His good. Hope comes from knowing that there is purpose in enduring as God redeems our broken, shattered and pain filled lives. Whether you are the one in need of help or the one doing the helping - enduring in love results in a life restored. You can't climb that mountain without being changed. Look up and see a God who is bigger than any mountain you face; who loves you and says you matter; a God who keeps every promise given and waits patiently as you endure this world, finding hope in the restoration to come. †

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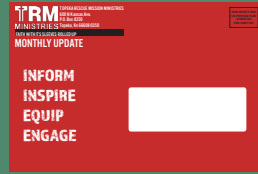
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SUPPLY ITEMS:

Diapers size 5 & 6 / Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda / 20 Mule Team Borax / Fels Naptha Laundry Soap / Dish soap

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