

## **Boston Sock Exchange**

We were blessed to have the rain hold off while we were at the Common on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We had left Wayland earlier than usual due to the Mass. Pike construction and were glad that we did. It started to sprinkle as we packed the cars and we had heavy downpours on our ride home.

We served a long line of brothers and sisters with our donations of sandwiches, water, clothing, and Blessing Bags containing thoughtful notes and toiletries. Often those most in need come near the end of our visit when we have few donations left. During this trip, a sister in need came through the line when we were ready to leave. Although we were able to give her food and clothing, she needed toiletries but we had none left. One of the women who had received a Blessing Bag earlier in the visit gave it to our sister. The woman making the gift was celebrating her birthday and she was grateful for the clothing that she had received. She smiled as she gave the Blessing Bag away, saying "she needs it more than me." She was the face of Christ to her sister, and to all of us, as we witnessed her love and compassion.

**DONATIONS:** Your donations of **NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR** are greatly appreciated. Please place these donations and water bottles (16 oz. bottles) in the plastic blue bins inside the main entrances of both churches.

The **MOST NEEDED ITEMS** for our September trip are:

- Men's short-sleeve shirts (sizes M-3X)
- New/gently used men's shorts, long pants, and jeans (waist sizes 32-38, M-XL)
- New men's t-shirts, briefs, and boxers (M-3X); new women's briefs (sizes 5-7)
- New/gently used sneakers (men's sizes 8-11; women's sizes 6-9)
- Adult backpacks and tote bags

Please **PRAY** for our brothers and sisters living on the streets. This month's **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS** are for Adelita, Blair, Carmine, Curtis, Darrell, David, Doug, Ephraim, Harold, James, Jerome, Joe, John, Junior, Laurel, Lenny, Lisa, Luther, Lynda, Maria, Marie, Michael, Raymond, Rene, Reynaldo, Roland, Rufus, Samuel, Shane, Sydney, Russell, Todd, Vincent, and Warren. For further information, please contact Paula Morgan, [dpsmorgan@mac.com](mailto:dpsmorgan@mac.com). Our next trip to Boston will be on **Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (over Labor Day weekend)**.