

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

Mission Tuesday (Thursday & Friday) #58

My days changed this week at Mission of Hope...I was there Thursday like normal, and Friday also, instead of Tuesday. As I look back and reflect on Thursday and Friday, I can see how God is growing my skills in confrontation!

Different things happened each day that stretched me...trying to help a man who suffers from a mental illness, correcting a woman regarding her language (inappropriate language is not welcomed or accepted at the Mission) and having her challenge me on that, trying to help another man see that his attitude toward someone was not healthy and unproductive, putting out mini "fires" here and there, and trying to stay positive and upbeat through it all. I couldn't have handled this stuff on my own, but God did it, and He also provided other staff members to come alongside of me in these situations. I'm so very thankful! God is continually growing my skills through my time at Mission of Hope!

I reminded myself a few times..."Hurting people hurt people." I see a lot of hurting people each day at Mission of Hope. Some rise above their hurt, and others stay right in the middle of it. It felt good to try to do something for each person I came in contact with both days. I do have to say though, at the end of each day, I was joyfully exhausted!

Friday was what we call "Tie-dye Friday." Kimmie, Marcia and I all wore our tie-dye shirts. Phyllis was gone, and Torrie had misplaced hers somewhere along the way. It was fun to "shake things up a bit" and do something fun like that!



A few of us were talking on Friday about how we are "hooked on" Mission of Hope. It's "in our blood." I'm so thankful that God captured my heart, drew it to the Mission, and that being there helping is such an important part of my life! (And He's still growing me!) :)



Treats, egg casserole and coffee on Thursday morning



Karen makes another pot of coffee



The wonderful people from First United Methodist Church provides lunch on Friday!



The lunch line forms



Holly vacuuming and funning with A.J.