

Mission Tuesday #111 Part 2



I wasn't planning on adding a part 2 to my Mission post for this week, but after yesterday, I just have to! :)

During our morning staff meeting yesterday, we got to talking about the miracles we get to see each day at Mission of Hope. In our "former lives," before coming to Mission of Hope, we didn't take the time to look for them, nor did we expect to see them as much as we do now. God continues to be present at Mission of Hope, and He certainly was yesterday!

We witnessed three of His miracles yesterday at Mission of Hope. When we think of God's miracles, we tend to think of big things...like how Jesus turned water into wine, like how He walked on water, like how He healed the blind man and the lame man. The things we witnessed yesterday were small, but really just as big, because we all knew He made them happen! And each time we experienced one, we celebrated and gave God praise and the glory!

The first one happened even before our staff meeting began at 8am. As we were making coffee and getting things going for the day, a man was knocking on our front door. I walked to the door, and when I opened it, he explained he was from another church in town and at their Holy Thursday service the night prior, their parishioners donated loaves of bread. He was wondering if we could use it. Little did he know, that Thursday, before leaving the Mission for the day, I checked our bread supply for lunch for Friday, and realized that we wouldn't have enough to serve at lunchtime. Here, before we even began our day, God supplied the bread we needed to serve at lunch...in abundance! Thank you, God! (And they weren't just any ordinary loaves of bread...these were what I would consider "specialty" loaves of bread!)

The next small miracle happened when we realized we were running extremely low on Styrofoam cups. This may not seem like a big deal, but to us at the Mission, it is. We go through LOTS of coffee each day, which means we go through LOTS of Styrofoam cups each day. I knew we would be running out by midday at the latest. For the life of me, I couldn't remember who donates these 8 oz. cups to us. I knew someone did, but I couldn't remember who. A church? An individual? I had a hunch, but wasn't sure. Within a few minutes, the phone rang, and on the other line was our volunteer who bakes cookies for our weekend worship services. She was my hunch, so I asked her if she was the one who donates cups to us. She confirmed she was! What are the chances of her calling right then, at that very moment??!! We checked our other supplies, and found we needed a couple more items, and she said she would take care of them. The cups and supplies would arrive at our back door bright and early Tuesday morning. But we would still need cups to finish the day yesterday, and for the weekend. I shared this great news with the staff that we'd be getting more on Tuesday, thanks to God and to this wonderful volunteer!

Then the third happened...

As Jenny (one of our staff members) was headed out the back door to go purchase the cups to supply us until Tuesday, a car pulled up in back. Here, a local elementary school took donations of paper products for Mission of Hope, and a friend of the Mission was dropping them off. And guess what was the first thing she pulled out?? Yes, 8 oz. STYROFOAM CUPS!! A small package of them at first, which was followed by a case of them! Also in this delivery was all sorts of paper products...plates, bowls, paper towels, reams of copy paper, Kleenex, etc. What a gift! And what timing!! The cups came just as Jenny was leaving to buy more. AMAZING!

You should have seen us! Pam, Jenny and I were almost giddy with what we saw God do again and again yesterday. How He completely took care of us and provided everything we needed. We don't believe in "coincidences." We believe God acted on our behalf, in His perfect timing. What a wonderful and glorious day! We at Mission of Hope get the privilege of seeing God do these kinds of things daily. They are probably happening in your life today too. Will you look for them?

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew 6:33-34