

Mission Tuesday #57



I'm a week behind in writing about my time at Mission of Hope last week! Last Tuesday was an extremely busy day...lots of deliveries and donations, and we were two volunteers short! We have quite a system on Tuesday mornings, that, from experience, seems to work well. You'd have to see it in action to believe it! :) "All hands on deck" makes the load a lot lighter, and even when a couple of people are gone, the difference is noticeable. It's such a blessing, though, to receive so many donations and deliveries of food, paper products, and other things that keep Mission of Hope going! God continues to provide resources and people...I am so very thankful for that today!

Personally, I was anxious for Tuesday to come. I would be finding out from my doctor the results of a biopsy I had the week prior. I left Mission of Hope mid-morning for my doctor appointment, and returned with the great news less than an hour later that my biopsy showed no cancer! What a relief and joy! Tina, Tom and Phyllis were there to encourage me before and after my appointment...and I'm glad they were! What a gift my friends at Mission of Hope are to me!

The remainder of the day took on a whole new meaning for me. I guess you could say I saw people through different eyes. I felt I could relate to those with illnesses a little better. I felt I understood a little more when I heard someone complain about their situation. I felt like God was equipping me even more for my role at Mission of Hope through some of the minor health issues I've been going through lately. I didn't expect that.

The more I have thought about it, we all seem to have something we deal with...maybe it's a health issue, a physical issue, an addiction, a mental issue, an emotional issue, financial trouble, marital problems, family problems, etc. There are many things that can affect us. I see it with people at Mission of Hope, and I've seen it in my own life. We

need each other to help each other through what we are dealing with. I love that privilege of helping others, and being there for others at Mission of Hope. I can't solve everyone's issue or problem, and rarely does it work that way...but I CAN listen, I CAN lend a hand, I CAN encourage, and maybe give someone hope.

1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let us not love with words...but with actions and in truth."

Who can you love in that way today?