

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

### **Mission Tuesday #6**



Today was another "Mission Tuesday" for me at Mission of Hope. From the moment I walked in the building I was busy! I would much rather be busy than stand around looking for something to do...standing around with nothing to do is NEVER an issue at the Mission! :-) We can always use more "hands on deck" there!

My main responsibility was to help with lunch today. A wonderful woman made corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots which filled two roasters. We had extra corned beef, so someone had the brilliant idea (no, it wasn't me!) to use the extra beef to make reubens! Reubens are my all-time favorite sandwich! I fell in love with them in high school at the restaurant where I was a waitress at all through school. Needless to say, when I heard the plans of what we were going to make, I WAS EXCITED! I had never made reubens at home before...just at the restaurant years ago.

So "Big Ray" (another volunteer) and I began our assembly line...we put twelve slices of rye bread on each cookie sheet. I topped the bread with a slice of corned beef, Ray added Swiss cheese and sauerkraut on top of the beef, then I put on the 1000 Island dressing and another slice of bread on top. We put the filled cookie sheets in the oven for a few minutes to let the bread toast a little and to keep the sandwiches warm. I was surprised when we counted how many sandwiches we made...we made 96!! WOW!

It was fun to hear the Mission patrons who had lunch say how good the lunch was today! Besides the corned beef and cabbage and the reubens, we also served mixed fruit, oranges, homemade brownies and lemonade. I even tried one of our reubens, and I have to say it was great! :-) I was blessed also to hear the Mission patrons say thank you as they went through the line for lunch. One man even made a special gesture by coming back up to the counter and saying, "I just wanted to thank you for lunch today."

After lunch I did dishes...and lot of them. Another volunteer dried the dishes as I washed them. I wiped down the counters, made sure the coffee pot stayed full and put the dishes back where they belonged. James, an old friend of the Mission and of our family, came in mid-afternoon and asked what was for lunch. I told him, and added that there was a few leftovers. His eyes lit up! :-)  
I made him a plate of a reuben and some of the corned beef and cabbage mixture. You would have thought I gave him a priceless gift with his response! :-)

It was fun to "have lunch" with Tina today. Volunteering at the Mission is even more special to me when she's there! We don't get to spend much time together while we are there, but it does my heart good knowing we are serving God together at Mission of Hope!

It was a great day, and I look forward to next week! If you are near the Mission area and ever want to come join me on a Tuesday (or any other day), you would be very welcomed and wanted there! :-)