

Mission Tuesday #127



We at Mission of Hope received a touching card in the mail the other day from a friend of ours. This friend, who is usually at Mission of Hope on a daily basis, entered a drug treatment program a few weeks ago.

Part of the note inside the card read,

"To all my friends at the Mission, I am writing you all to tell you that I love you and miss you. I am going away to a Christian-based program....that deals with my addiction... Please pray for me...to stay stronger through this journey. I have gotten really close to God. I feel confident about staying clean. And I thank God every day for the taste of drugs is out of my mouth. May God bless you all. Thank you for all that you have done for me."

This friend touched my heart as I read the note. God is changing one more life...again. And we at Mission of Hope, have been able to experience just a little of it by knowing this friend and reading what God is doing in this friend's life. This friend was once using drugs heavily, and is now experiencing life without "the taste of drugs." Praise God!

Receiving a note like this sure puts what we do at Mission of Hope in perspective. It's a blessing and an honor to be a part of this friend's journey in life! Many would have given up on this friend, and actually, many probably already have. But Jesus didn't, and we at the Mission didn't either!

Some people can't understand why we continue to love and accept those who don't seem to want to help themselves. Some think we should have programs that people go through before giving them food or clothing. Some think we should force people to come to church before we help them. We continue to go back to Jesus' example though...we love others because Jesus does. We accept others because Jesus does. We never give up on anyone because Jesus doesn't. Period. You never know when the layers of love will break through and change a person's heart. As I wrote in last week's post, Pastor Barb said it best..."It is Mission of Hope's belief though that through this ministry, no one can continue to be subjected to His love and remain the same."

Another exciting thing that is going on this week at the Mission: A classmate of my son's is doing a Boy Scout Eagle Project for Mission of Hope. He's getting the final stages organized for a food drive. I am so impressed! He is going to help many families in our community through his project! His facebook page link is below if you'd like to check it out! Please support Colton if you're able...you'll be helping many have food on their tables! It begins the beginning of September.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Valentas-Mission-of-Hope-Food-Drive-for-his-Eagle-Project/261205390562133>

Would you pray for Mission of Hope today? We know from experience that God hears and

answers the prayers of His people. We cherish your prayers for His provision, His direction, His will, and His protection. May He bless you as you bless His ministry!