

Mission Tuesday #39



"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." 1 Peter 4:10 (Living Bible translation)

Tuesday was another special day for me at Mission of Hope. This may sound weird, but it does something for my soul to be there each week. I was also there yesterday. (I'm normally at the Mission on Thursdays also, but since we are closed the first Thursday of the month, which was this Thursday, I helped out on Friday instead.) Being there "fills me up!"

I was touched on Tuesday...we had some new volunteers helping. It was fun to get to know Nancy and to work alongside of her. It was her first day there. Kim was a blessing (as always). She's so helpful, and her work ethic is incredible! Laurel was also there in the morning, and mainly helping in the Food Pantry. I didn't get much of a chance to talk to her like I ususally do. I don't know what we would do without our volunteers! What a blessing volunteers are to the staff and to the people we serve! God works through each of them in many wonderful ways!

I have the above scripture on my kitchen windowsill. It's written on a card that is part of a series of cards which contain scriptures used in Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. I've kept the card with the above scripture in the front to encourage me for a few weeks now...and when I saw it again this morning, I thought of the many people who come and help at Mission of Hope.

There are so many hurting people in this world. I see them daily, and I see some of them at the Mission. I see some struggle with their health. I see some struggle with addictions.

I see some of them lonely. I see some hungry. I see some who are cold from the elements. I see some who just desire someone to notice them and to be nice to them. I see some that just need some attention. I see some who need clothing, or food for their families. I see some who need a place to go to be safe during the day. I see some who just want to feel loved and cared about. I see some hurting from their situations, and want to change. If we force ourselves to forget about ourselves for a while and to look around, we can see hurting people everywhere we go.

Each one of us has been given special abilities by God. Are we using them? The above scripture says we are to use them to help each other...to pass on to others God's many kinds of blessings. How can we use them to help others? We can get involved. We can find ways to give of our time, our money, our special abilities...especially at Mission of Hope. One of my special abilities I feel IS NOT cooking...but most often each week I am in the kitchen at Mission of Hope helping make lunch. :-) I go where I'm needed when I'm there, but I've found one of my special abilities is encouraging others, and in the kitchen at the Mission, I get to do just that--encourage others.

Would you consider getting involved at Mission of Hope in some way? We need YOU! We are currently preparing for our Christmas Basket Giveaway which will be held on Wednesday, December 23. We will be giving away 200 Christmas Baskets full of food, and will have the opportunity to help those in need with Christmas gifts on that day! Will you contact Mission of Hope to see how you can help? This is our biggest Christmas Giveaway yet...and the need is greater than what we can do on our own. God will provide, as He is always so faithful!

I'm not going to write about what I did on Tuesday, like I usually do in this post. The link below says it all...this is a beautiful presentation of what happens at Mission of Hope each day. God is certainly glorified through this! Please consider being used by Him in some way at Mission of Hope!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow6-PKsjjqo>