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Mission Tuesday #95



There's no doubt that God has hand selected the people who work at Mission of Hope. I am a very blessed woman to work with such wonderful people! In this week's post, I want to give glory to God for them.

For the past few months, you've read on some of my Mission Tuesday posts how Mission of Hope has been in what we call "transition." Phyllis, a full-time staff member and who was my mentor on so many levels, moved away in July. Pastor Barb retired this fall. Tina, my best friend and Pastor Barb's daughter, is now Executive Director. Tom and I have stepped into supervisory roles at the Mission in Phyllis' absence. Marcia is the supervisor at the Mission of Hope Shelter. Kimmie is a full-time staff member and is shared by both the Mission and the Shelter. Betty is our Worship Coordinator and helps at the Mission one day a week. Chris keeps our Worship Services running smoothly each weekend. Our staff members at the Shelter also include Tim, Jon, and Jenny.

God has used this time of transition to grow each one of us personally, as well as growing us together as a team. We've learned how to work together for God's glory (and we're still learning each day), we've learned what our strengths and weaknesses are, and how we can complement each other, and we've learned how to support and encourage each other in this very important work. I've heard the saying, "God doesn't call the equipped...He equips the called." We are all living proof of that.

As I wrote each staff member's name up above, I found great joy in doing so. The Mission of Hope staff is like a family. It truly is! And I can see how God has selected each one of us to be there "for such a time as this." What a blessing it is to still have the Godly influence of the woman whom I call my "second mom," my pastor, my mentor, and my friend in my life and at the Mission, even though Pastor Barb has retired! What a blessing it is for me to be able to work alongside of my best friend! (Tina and I've been friends for over 30 years!) What a blessing it is to work with people who desire to come before God and pray together before we open the door in the morning (thanks Kimmie)! What a blessing it is to work alongside of great co-supervisors like Tom and Marcia...God uses us to balance each other out! What a blessing it is that the Mission of Hope Shelter is able to be open 24 hours a day/7 days a week, thanks to the committed staff who truly care about the welfare of the Shelter's residents! What a blessing it is to have a Worship Coordinator who loves the Lord and who loves the Mission! What a blessing it is to have someone dedicated to overseeing the Worship Services each weekend with excellence!

I thank God for placing each of these special friends in my life. I firmly believe that I am a better person because of their presence, and the Mission's patrons' lives are enriched and bettered because of them as well! Each one has a mighty calling on his or her life. Will you lift each staff member up in your prayers as God prompts you to this week and in the weeks ahead?

To God be the Glory!