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Mission Tuesday #43



Before walking into Mission of Hope last Tuesday, I prayed that God would allow me to have a glimpse of others through His eyes and not mine. I know my attitude was wrong there the week before last, and it needed to change. I knew with His help that it would.

It was an enjoyable day...it felt good to be at Mission of Hope again. :) Kimmie (formerly Kim--I found out on Tuesday she would rather be called Kimmie) and I spent most of our time in the kitchen. She is so fun to work with! She always makes me smile, but at this one point I smiled all the more--she encouraged me when a comment came out of my mouth that wasn't very positive. I knew then that we were "partners" in our service at Mission of Hope. We know when the other is waning in our attitudes, and we can help each other "snap out of it."

We prepared lunch...or I guess I should say, we mixed the goulash ingredients that were all ready to go and warmed them up in roasters. I have mentioned in previous posts the wonderful lady who prepares many of our main courses when we are on the schedule to make lunch. I finally got to meet this wonderful lady on Tuesday! Her name is Mary, and she was so fun to get to know! She has an amazing sense of humor, and she made the kitchen even more enjoyable on Tuesday! I could tell cooking is her gift!

I watched her work...she was amazing to me! Since I'm not naturally gifted in the kitchen, I really have to work at cooking. But I learned so many things from her as I watched her! She even gave me an idea for a breakfast meal for my family! (I took her idea and made my family this nice breakfast on Wednesday!) I politely told her she needed to come to the Mission every day that we are on the schedule to make lunch! :) She shared with me that she used to be a cook at an area restaurant...one that I used to frequent when I worked years ago at a previous company. :)

I know Mission of Hope is in existence to reach out to others and to help the needy. But being there on Tuesday, I felt I was the one that was reached out to. I felt encouraged, loved, appreciated and uplifted. So many people miss out on those kinds of Godly blessings by not being involved in a place to serve like Mission of Hope! It's hard for me to believe that just a year ago, I was one of the people missing out on these blessings!

My brother Pat joined me for lunch on Tuesday. I love it when he can do that! He's becoming well-known at the Mission by the patrons! It makes me laugh when I think of the first time he came, a few people asked me after he left if he was with the FBI. :) Nope...he's a financial consultant who loves his sister. :)

God has done some amazing things for, at, and through Mission of Hope in 2009. I could go on and on about the different things I've witnessed...but I guess that's what I've been doing for 43 weeks now through my "Mission Tuesday" posts. It has been a privilege and a joy for me to be a part of His work there, and I look forward to great anticipation in what He will do for, at, and through the Mission in 2010...*and* what He will continue to do in my heart by being there!