

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mission Tuesday #40



"Dear children, let us not love with words...but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Today was such a great day at Mission of Hope! School was cancelled for my children today due to the weather, so Ali and Zach joined me at the Mission! I absolutely love it when they can be with me!

You know, I've met some wonderful people through my association with Mission of Hope. I've commented in prior posts about some of them. When I saw Betty, another volunteer, come around the corner of the kitchen this morning, my heart was warmed. I just love Betty! She's the sweetest, dearest, most caring woman I know (next to my mother). I tell her all the time, "When I grow up, I want to be like you, Betty!" She's absolutely wonderful, and I love working alongside of her at the Mission! God has given her such wisdom and a passion for the needy and hurting. I learn something profound from her **every time** I'm in her space!!

It was fun to watch her interact with Ali and Zach. She relates to them so well, and she makes them feel important and special with her words! At one point, I watched Ali and Zach just light up with smiles with something Betty was saying to them. I was very thankful at that very moment, for God bringing Betty into our lives through Mission of Hope. She is such a blessing to me! (I'm sure she would be embarrassed if she knew I was writing about her like this...she's so humble too!) :-)

Since most schools didn't have school today, Kim brought her boys in with her, and Tina brought her girls in with her. It was fun to watch all of our kids have fun doing things together there. Could God be preparing these little hearts for something bigger in this line of ministry in

the future???? It got me thinking...

We worked in the kitchen most of the morning, organizing the cooler, putting things away, making sure coffee pot was full, filling the pastry tray, etc. Ali and Zach pretty much know what to do and how it needs to be done in the kitchen by now. I enjoyed watching some of the Mission patrons interact with Ali and Zach, as they have come to know them through our Worship Services and through them being with me at the Mission this summer. :-)

Antioch Church brought in another great meal for lunch. We appreciate them and what they do so very much! We served 93 people...a lot lower number than normal, probably due to the weather.

As the day progressed, the snow began to fall harder. My heart sank as we were preparing to leave, thinking, "We have a warm car to get into, and a warm home to go home to. We have a husband/father who makes sure we are taken care of at home, especially in conditions like this. Many of these dear people don't have these things...where will they spend tonight? Where will they spend tomorrow when the blizzard hits? How will they stay warm? Where will they eat tomorrow?" (Mission of Hope will be closed tomorrow because of the forecasted blizzard.) My heart still aches, as I see their faces in my mind, pondering those same questions. These dear people have become my friends...I don't want them to be left out in the cold. I will be praying for my friends tonight...praying that God will keep them safe, give them shelter, and to just take care of every one of their needs.

It was a good experience for Ali and Zach to be at the Mission today with me. I am thinking they are appreciating the little things we have at home tonight...things that most kids their ages probably take for granted. I am thankful and very grateful for what God is teaching our family through Mission of Hope...things that we wouldn't learn anywhere else!