

Mission Tuesday #100!!!!



Wow...

It's been 100 weeks that I have been helping at Mission of Hope! That's unbelievable to me...particularly in realizing how my heart used to be toward the hurting and the needy, and how God has transformed it to love, care and have compassion for these whom He loves so much. I am humbled that God chose me to be involved in this very important ministry. It brings tears to my eyes.

I spent some time on Mission of Hope's website this morning (www.missionofhopecr.org). It was good to be reminded of all God is doing through this ministry, even though I am blessed to witness it much of the time during the week! I thought in my 100th post, it would be fitting to share about Mission of Hope's mission, our vision and what we believe.

OUR VISION

To offer a Christ-centered ministry 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet the physical, emotional & spiritual needs of former offenders and others in need.

OUR MISSION

To meet basic needs, change hearts, disciple people and teach the church.

We Believe In Giving People the BEST

So many of the people we serve have been given "the leftovers" all their lives. That's why we offer fresh-baked cookies after each worship service, hot homemade meals, a clean & inviting atmosphere, and nice (and often new) clothes in our emergency closet ... These are all ways we show people we care, that they have value, and that they are loved - by us and by God.

We Believe in Giving People Second Chances

Just as God never gives up on us, we never give up on people and always welcome them back.

We Believe in Loving People Where They Are

It doesn't matter where people have been, what they have done, or what they continue to do, we love them anyway. Through this unconditional love, we build relationship and trust. Through relationship and trust, hearts are open to change.

We Believe in Partnering with the Local Church

Without the support of the local church and the community, we cannot do this work. We believe God calls us together to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

All week long we have the opportunity to show God's love to our friends at Mission of Hope...through carrying out the things we believe above. What a privilege!

One special opportunity comes to my mind...Each day during our lunchtime announcements; we invite EVERYONE to our worship services for the upcoming weekend...5pm on Saturdays and 10am on Sundays. We encourage everyone to come, and sometimes are able let them know which service Tom or I will be at. Each weekend now, we see a few more of our friends in the sanctuary, joining us for our worship services! This is thrilling to me! One man in particular, who never used to attend, is coming to each worship service he can. I see him pitching in more and helping out during the week at the Mission as well (which is something he never used to do)! I'd say God is changing his heart! :)

God is active at Mission of Hope, and is touching many lives, hearts and minds for His glory. It's pretty incredible to see Him at work! If you've never been to Mission of Hope, or it's been awhile, I invite you to come in. We'll give you a tour, and help you see first-hand what God is doing. I guarantee you, you'll be blessed!