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## Mission Tuesday #66



It's official...God isn't changing His mind. He really IS serious about moving Phyllis and her husband, Tom to Tennessee.

Maybe I was thinking God would change His mind. :) Maybe I was thinking something would keep Phyllis and Tom here. Maybe I was thinking that day of her leaving would never come. In a selfish way, I was probably thinking these things.

The reality of God's plan to move them hit me today at the Mission...when I got word that Phyllis and Tom sold their house today. Which is a cool story in itself...I will share another time. When other homes have stayed on the market for weeks and months, theirs sells in just a few short weeks to people with a connection to the Mission! God is moving...and quickly. He's serious about moving them to Tennessee. He's also serious about unfolding His plan for Mission of Hope, literally in front of our eyes.

People at Mission of Hope love Phyllis. EVERYONE loves Phyllis. I don't know of anyone who doesn't love her. She has compassion for the hurting, the least, the lost and the last. She loves in a way unlike anyone else I've ever seen. She cares for people, and it shows. It's no wonder why no one really wants to see her leave...but she has to. God is telling her to.

As Tom (another staff member) and I attempt to step into some of her role at Mission of Hope, it can become a little overwhelming as there are many questions that still seem unanswered..."God, what is this transition going to look like?" "What will the normal day be like at Mission of Hope without Phyllis?" "What is the next step?" "Can we really do what you're calling us to do, God?" etc, etc, etc.

A Bible verse that has ministered to me many times before, has again become very real and precious to me... Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

I'm extremely happy for Phyllis and Tom, and am very excited for them. They are right in the middle of God's plan...there's no better place to be, and no more exciting place to be! I'm excited that they are being obedient to God's call on their lives, no matter how much it may not make sense, and no matter how scary it may be. It'll be exciting to see God's plan unfold for them, and actually, it'll be exciting to see God's plan unfold for the Mission as well!

As we walk this out with God, I'll be clinging to Joshua 1:9... **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**