

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009**

### **Mission Tuesday #14**



Yesterday was another Mission of Hope Tuesday! Only this week was just a little more exciting for me...**Ali and Zach joined me for the day!** They are **VERY** familiar with Mission of Hope, as that is our family's home church, but they had never spent an entire day with me there volunteering. We've all helped at different Mission of Hope functions in the past, but this was going to be a new experience for them! I was so excited...excited for **them**, and how this experience would grow and equip them...excited for **me** to share with them what I do each Tuesday...excited for **the Mission**, as I know how much help is needed there each day...and excited for **the people**, because Ali and Zach would be sharing their young-heartedness and fun with them! :-)

We arrived at 10am, and I introduced them to a few people they didn't know. We put our things away and Big Ray put the kids to work sorting canned food items that had just arrived before we did. They learned that the cans that were dented and damaged were thrown out, and what kind of items we use in the kitchen, in the food pantry and in the kitchen at the Mission of Hope Shelter.

We restocked the Food Pantry...they learned where each kind of canned/boxed item goes on the shelves. Ali can really organize when she wants to, so she took charge of making sure the cans were aligned correctly and in somewhat of an order. :-) We together helped a few people with food bags in the Food Pantry, and they learned how many of each kind of food the people can choose from. I was impressed to find that at one point when I walked away for a few minutes at a time when no one was in line for food, and when I came back, both Ali and Zach were helping a man with food in the Pantry on their own after someone else had signed the gentleman in the log book. :-) Ali had a few questions for me on a couple of items. **I just stood back in awe at**

**how they were talking to this gentleman, and how they smiled as they helped him.**

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Antioch Church brought in a great lunch again. Ali sat at the lunch log book, Zach helped people carry their plate if they needed help, and my job was to add either caramel or chocolate topping to people's bowl of ice cream. We served 103 people lunch yesterday! It was a great lunch!

Ali and Zach heard a few stories of some of the people. A man told us how he fell on the ice this winter and severely injured his leg. He can no longer work. He lost his job, lost his house, and now lives in his truck. You'd never guess that by looking at this man. I think the kids were a bit surprised by his story.

After lunch we wiped down the chairs in the sanctuary, and made sure they were aligned correctly in straight rows. The sanctuary looked very nice after we were finished!

It was a great day! When I asked Ali what she thought of her day at the Mission, she said, "**A lot of people need a lot of help from the Mission, don't they?!**" I asked Zach what his favorite part of the day was. He said, "**Helping in the Food Pantry, because I get to hear people's stories, like that man who lives out of his truck. Wow!**"

I believe next week we'll be making lunch on Tuesday, so it'll be even busier for us. I'm looking forward to seeing how God is going to touch Ali and Zach's hearts (and mine!) while helping out at the Mission this summer! I'll keep you posted!