

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

Mission Tuesday #10



Yesterday was my day at Mission of Hope. I missed it last week because Zach stayed home from school last Tuesday, so I was really looking forward to my time there this week!

I arrived around 9:30 AM, put my belongings away in the office, and I immediately was put to work! :-) I didn't really do anything outside of the kitchen yesterday. We had thought some volunteers were bringing in lunch and serving it, but there must have been some miscommunication somewhere along the line. So...we quickly got busy making lunch! A handful of volunteers from a local insurance company came in for the day to volunteer...and thank the Lord they were there! Four of them helped Scott, Sarah



and I in the kitchen. We immediately began warming up frozen sloppy joe meat, frozen macaroni and cheese and frozen smiley face french fries. My job was to take care of the macaroni and cheese. An hour before lunch was to be served, I realized in no way would the mac and cheese be thawed by keeping it in the roaster, so I began to break up the frozen pieces and put them in the microwave little by little to thaw. It seemed to take forever, but the mac and cheese finally thawed and was finally hot...just with a few minutes to spare before noon! A couple of the insurance company volunteers made a big pan of strawberry jello for lunch, which also gelled just in time. It was a pretty good lunch! No one would be able to even try to convince

me that God's hand wasn't upon our lunch with how everything just seemed to work out perfectly!



We served 90 people sloppy joes, macaroni and cheese, smiley face fries, chips, strawberry jello, orange juice and white cake. As I've mentioned before, I love to serve lunch because I get to speak to each person as they go through the line...even if it was only, "How are you today? Would you like some mac and cheese?" :-) When I smile, I get most always a smile back...and I LOVE THAT! :-)

Other than preparing and serving lunch, and cleaning up afterwards, I made a few pots of coffee, had fun with Sarah and the other volunteers while we were hard at work, and I even got to see Tina when she ventured out of the office! To me it was a GREAT day! I look forward to next Tuesday!