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## Mission Tuesday #88



"God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all." 1 Corinthians 12:6 (PH)

I find it very difficult most times as I reflect on each week at Mission of Hope to scale all of what I've witnessed, experienced, learned and appreciated down to a post on a blog. There's so much in each day, let alone in each week. This is where I'm at today, as I think about last week at the Mission.

A couple things stand out in my mind. Monday night we had a "Catch the Vision Event" at Mission of Hope, to share the history and the vision of the Mission, and to share what God is doing in and through the lives of the people there. It was a very special evening, and as Jim Furman (Pastor Barb's husband who passed away in 2004), would have said, "It couldn't have gone any better." I became overly-excited all over again for this ministry, humbled in being a part of it, and thankful for what God is doing! The event was videotaped, so as soon as we get it on the internet, I'll be sure to post a link to it through the blog. :)

I was touched on Thursday by a conversation with a man who I had seen at the Mission before, but didn't know his name. He introduced himself to me, and explained he wanted to start volunteering at the Mission. He shared some of his story of how he had some different struggles in his life, had lived at the Mission of Hope Shelter through the summer, is getting his life back on track and making positive changes, and he wants to give back to Mission of Hope and to the people for all the help he received during the time he needed it most. He said if it wouldn't have been for Mission of Hope and the people who helped him from the Mission, he probably wouldn't be alive today.

Wow...I was taken aback by what he was saying...humbled and thankful. This man is just one example of the many lives that God has touched and changed through Mission of Hope! Can you see why I get so excited about what God is doing there? HE IS CHANGING LIVES! I feel honored that I am allowed to see and experience real people in real life being changed by the only One who can!

So, this man is planning on coming Tuesdays and Thursdays to volunteer all day at Mission of Hope. I will be looking forward to the possibility of hearing more of this man's story, and how his life has changed. I'm sure I will learn more about life and more about God's work through him. I look forward to it!

We could use more hands at Mission of Hope during the week. Would you be willing to come help...even if it's for a couple of hours? You'll see for yourself God at work. :)

Blessings,  
Julie