

Mission Tuesday #139



As I think back about the days at Mission of Hope last week, I can't help but think about the many people who helped out with our daily activities...namely those who we served.

It's not uncommon for us to see the very people we serve throughout the day, giving back. One may help out in our Food Pantry, helping us to restock it. One you'll see daily mopping our front tile floor. One takes it upon himself to vacuum our sanctuary every afternoon after the lunch crowd has left. One shows up every now and then to help out in our kitchen in the mornings. Another helps every Tuesday and Thursday morning with our food deliveries. Yet, another sets up the tables and put out our Bibles each Wednesday and Thursday before our Bible studies.

One of the things we believe in at Mission of Hope is giving these friends of ours the opportunity to be a part of what we are doing there. I hear often how when someone chips in to lend a hand, it helps him/her feel valuable and give him/her a sense of purpose. It brings a smile every time I hear, "Julie, can I help you with anything?" Last week I was taken by surprise when I was asked by a lady to rarely likes to help, "Julie, can I wipe down the tables today?" Absolutely, friend. Absolutely.

Even a basic act of wiping down tables makes someone feel special and helpful. The smile on her face showed that. And, as our friends help, they are learning valuable skills of teamwork, hard work and responsibility. It's a pretty incredible thing!

So, yes, when you walk into Mission of Hope, you'll see some of our friends enjoying their morning coffee. You'll see some busily lending a hand. You'll see some that are watching those who are helping...and maybe they will be the ones prompted to help the very next day. You'll also see a small sign on the wall which reads something like this,

"If you plan to spend your day here at Mission of Hope, you'll be asked to help us keep a clean environment." (I see this sign daily, but for the life of me tonight, I can't recall the words exactly!)

I'm excited to see who will be helping tomorrow! :)

We are grateful for our friends.