

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

Mission Tuesday #36



It was a great day at Mission of Hope yesterday. As always, I enjoyed my time helping there, and felt blessed to be there.

I was able to interact with a number of people throughout the day, which I loved. I have to say it's a nice change of pace when another group or church is on the schedule to provide lunch for the day. I'm freed up on those days to do other things, and I'm able to mingle around and talk to people more. I LOVE THAT! :-)

Some special things I appreciated were:

- My hug from Diane
- My hug from Carol
- My hug from Ormal. Ormal always makes me smile...he brings in bread from a local grocery store each Tuesday and is such a blessing to the Mission. Before he left, he said to me something I don't think I've heard since my dad passed away ten years ago...he said, "Glad you got to see me!" A smile broke out on my face, followed by tears...and I told him, "My dad used to say that! Thanks for reminding me of him today, Ormal!"
- Meeting Melanie, a mother of three who's currently unemployed. She stopped in to see how she could possibly help out at the Mission while she's laid off from her job. I was able to give her a small tour, and fill her in about the Mission and what we do. She's planning on coming back to volunteer. Yea!
- Working alongside of Laurel. This was her third time (I think) of volunteering on Tuesdays. She's such a sweet person!
- Having fun, while working with Kim organizing the kitchen. She's great!

- Having a planning meeting with Betty and Phyllis. Phyllis is always a blessing to me, and Betty has been such a joy as I'm getting to know her. She has a passion of Mission of Hope and what God is doing there!
- We had a wonderful lunch provided by Antioch Church. I forgot to look how many we served!
- Andy's jokes made me smile :-)
- We had a coat for a man who needed one during the chilly morning. Our coat supply is dwindling, and it isn't even winter yet!
- The Food Pantry was busy with people needing a bag of groceries most of the day. I found out an amazing statistic from October...on the 28th, 96 people came through the Food Pantry for a bag of food...that is a record day for the Mission. 96 people in one day!! Wow!
- It seemed like I saw more smiles yesterday than on many days from the patrons of the Mission. I tried to think of where they would be if the Mission wasn't in existence...a humbling and disturbing thought for me. My heart is attached to the Mission of Hope people!

I continue to be amazed with what God is doing at Mission of Hope. I'm even more amazed how God has attached my heart to Him on one end, and to the people of Mission of Hope on the other. I'm privileged to be a part of what He's doing!

If you're near Mission of Hope anytime soon, stop in and see for yourself what's going on there...I think you'll be blessed! :-)