

Mission Tuesday #87

**"Here is a test to find
whether your mission
on earth is finished:
If you are alive, it isn't."
~Richard Bach**

I'm behind in writing about my time at Mission of Hope last week.

I continue to think about how I witnessed some of the patrons of the Mission pitch in and help last week. It was a very busy week for us, in all sorts of ways. It seems as though it's getting busier and busier with each passing day...increased numbers of people who are looking for help, the weather is becoming colder, our Food Pantry served a record number of people last month (reaching over 1,700 men, women & children!), the numbers of hot lunches we serve per day are increasing, etc. I see it only getting busier as winter approaches.

One of the Mission patrons stands out in my mind last week. He volunteered to make lunch for one of the days we were scheduled to do so. He came in the afternoon before to begin the meal, and finished it the morning it was to be served. He made cabbage rolls...something I had never had before. But I have to say it was such a wonderful meal, and so many of the other patrons enjoyed it just as much as I did. Their comments had to have encouraged him. He used his talents to bless all of us...with a good meal and taking the cooking off of our hands for the day. It was wonderful! He plans to help us with a meal next week as well!

This isn't the first time a patron has stepped in to make a lunch. We had another make lunch last month and he made his "famous" chili...which was another hit with everyone.

God works through Mission of Hope to help others. Mission of Hope is a place where those who are helped want to give back. When they give back, it gives them a feeling of purpose and self worth. It helps them to "pay it forward" and to touch others' lives. And when that happens, God seems to soften hearts on both the giving AND receiving end. It's a pretty neat thing! I absolutely love seeing God at work in people's lives each day at Mission of Hope!