

Mission Tuesday #142



It's Thanksgiving week! I knew it was going to be a busy couple of days before Thanksgiving, but I didn't expect yesterday to be like it was. It was one of the busiest days I've ever experienced at the Mission!

It was truly non-stop from the time we walked in the door. Words really can't begin to describe the wonderful scene yesterday morning...people cold, coming in to warm up, having a cup of coffee, deliveries and donations arriving, lines of people at the Food Pantry, people helping out where they could, etc. It was a special scene...but I was too busy to really soak it in!

One of my most favorite times yesterday was praying with our staff in the morning. One thing we've learned, is not to try to go through the day without lifting it up and the needs of the Mission and our friends to the Lord! God's peace fills us and our building each day!

The most nerve-racking thing yesterday was our friend from the Health Department came in for our yearly inspection! It's always a surprise, and yesterday was no different. But I am so proud of our staff, Board, and volunteers who have made our facility a healthy one from a food preparation and serving standpoint! We did well, with a just few things to fix. Great job! :)

Our friends from Antioch church made our lunch, and served 168 people. They always do such a wonderful job!

All day there seemed to be a line at the Food Pantry of friends waiting to get a bag of food. One of our staff members told me she helped many people through who visited our Pantry for the first time. Some seemed embarrassed to need food assistance, but

she reassured them that's what we are here for. :) Unbelievably, 59 people/families visited our Pantry yesterday alone! If they each took an average of ten items in their visit, 590 items left our Food Pantry yesterday! Amazing! We are helping lots and lots of people in need in our community!

Mission of Hope is a very special place...even on the busiest of days. God is making a difference in people's lives through it. During this Thanksgiving week, I am thankful there's a place like Mission of Hope! I am thankful God is raising it up to be a "light" in our community. I am thankful for those friends who are receiving assistance from Mission of Hope, and I am thankful for those of us who get the blessing of working there and who get to see God at work!

From all of us at Mission of Hope, we pray God blesses you this Thanksgiving season!