

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

Mission Tuesday #38



Yesterday was a very enjoyable day at Mission of Hope! From the time I walked in, till the time I left, it was very busy! :-) That's pretty typical for a Tuesday though!

I am really enjoying the people who I get to work alongside of at Mission of Hope. I have for some time now, but yesterday I really noticed just how I enjoy their company! Kim, who has been at the Mission for a few months now is becoming a wonderful friend. Mary, who I hadn't seen in weeks because of our different schedules, brought a smile to my face when I saw her! I have really missed her! Melanie, who is a newer volunteer, is so nice! I'm getting to know her better and am looking forward to knowing her more. Betty, who I describe as "when I grow up I want to be like Betty," is such a gift. God's love just spills out of her...I SO enjoy her company! Laurel, who I've known for a few years now, is naturally so genuine. She's a hard worker and it's a joy to work with her!

I feel so blessed, as God has brought these women to the Mission and into my life! This is something I didn't expect! I am so thankful He has crossed our paths! These women I can now call my friends! I probably wouldn't have met them if it wasn't for being at Mission of Hope!

I had a great conversation with a man who I've known through the Mission for many years. One year on Easter Sunday, he and his wife and our friend Steve came to our home for a spur of the moment Easter dinner after church that day. It's one of my fondest memories, as my mom was with us too. That Easter was one of the best Easters I have ever had! Anyway, he shared with me some of the struggles he's going through, and I was able to share with him that I've gone through the exact same struggles! It was humbling for me to relate to him in this area so well. At one point in our conversation, he was encouraging me! :-)

He mentioned that as of Sunday, he has been "clean and sober" for six months. I rejoiced with him, and encouraged him to keep going. He's unemployed right now. He was dressed up and getting ready to leave to head to a Bible study with some men who are positive influences in his life. He was excited to go, and has been going every Tuesday for a few weeks now. I was encouraged to see what God is doing in his life, and how He is drawing him to Him. I was blessed by our conversation.

Antioch Church provided lunch today, and they served over 160 people! What a gift their meal was to so many!

As I was about ready to leave for the day, I was introduced to a woman named Nancy, and her six year old daughter. She came in to see about volunteering. She is a "stay at home mom" while her daughter is at school, and really wants to get out and do something to help others. I couldn't help but be excited, as she is coming back next Tuesday to follow me around to learn what we do. I thought to myself, this might be another new friend! I can't wait to get to know her better and to see how God intertwines our lives! :-)

What a joy Mission of Hope is to me! I am so thankful for it, especially this week of Thanksgiving! :-)