

## Mission Tuesday #143

It seems like November was only a week long...how can it be December already?! I'm a week behind in my Mission Tuesday blog posts!



November was a record month for Mission of Hope's Food Pantry. We served 1,659 men, women and children...80 more than our previous highest month of September 2011. It also tied our record of the number of households served...575. One day alone, on November 29, 85 households came through our Pantry for groceries. It's safe to say, 850 food items left our Food Pantry that day! That's also a new record!

It's so obvious to me that the needs of our community aren't decreasing at all--they are increasing. It seems grocery prices are on the rise. Many families, more than ever, are feeling pinched in many ways. I'm thankful Mission of Hope has a Food Pantry to help those who are feeling that pinch!

Our Thanksgiving Meal, which was served on Sunday, November 20th, was a wonderful blessing to the community and to our friends. It was held right after Worship Service, and was provided by our Executive Director's (Tina's) sister-in-law and her family. We served 212 of our friends a tasty Thanksgiving meal that day! It's another way we feel we can show the love of Jesus to others...giving them a first-class Thanksgiving meal. :)

As I think back about November at Mission of Hope, I feel honored to be working alongside some of the most special people in the world! The Mission's staff is incredible...it's like we are all a family. Our volunteers are priceless! Mission of Hope couldn't function without them. And we still could use more help...especially Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays! If God's tugging at your heart to come in, now would be a good time to do so!

We are moving on into December. I can't wait to see what God will do through Mission of Hope this month!