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Christmas

The year of Our Lord, 2011

"..... Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth, for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor!" (Is 49: 13)

Dear Friends of Port Ministries,

Another year is drawing quickly to a close, and the joyous Christmas season is upon us!

Here at the Port, our days are abuzz with the excitement of Christmas preparations and decorations, the volunteers who generously share their time and their talent, the pickups and deliveries of bundles and boxes of food and gifts for the poor families and children we serve .....Love made manifest through generous hearts, smiling faces, children's laughter and sometimes tears. God is good, and He is with us!

Oh, the grace of Christmas! A time when the veil seems to thin, and we can more readily touch the Divine ....the infant King, the newborn Babe, Son of God and son of Mary, lying swaddled in the manger for us to have and hold .....Love made man(ifest) in Jesus.

Thomas of Celano said of St. Francis, ".....The saint of God stood before the manger, uttering sighs, overcome with love, and filled with a wonderful happiness."

We pray that you, too, will be filled with love and a wonderful happiness this Christmas! May God bless you and your families for your generous hearts and your continued loving support of the work of Port Ministries.

The need is always great. Please remember us when planning your Christmas and end-of-year donations, assured in the knowledge that the Christ Child is tenderly cared for here at the Port .....Love made manifest in God's poor.

With prayers and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Holy New Year!

Yours in the Peace of Christmas,  
The entire Port Family

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