



*of prayer and hope...
service to the poor since 1985*

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*In this season of Advent where we
“prepare the way for the Lord”, we are also in the advent of the celebration of*
Our 25th Year of Service!

We extend a heartfelt **Thank You to all our benefactors and volunteers** for your past and continuing support and prayers! You are “answered prayer” and the necessary “gifts” that makes our mission possible. You are a necessary part of God’s unfolding plan for Port Ministries... it doesn’t exist by and for itself. It exists because of the work of the Holy Spirit among His people and God wants all people to be in communion with Him, rich, poor and in between; to know Him, Love Him and Serve Him. In this we find our true happiness and hope in this life and in the next!

*As the Gospel shows us, the poor are our gift, for, they offer us a tangible way for us to love and serve Jesus Himself...
“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”... Matthew 25: 34-40*

*Our Services: The Bread Truck Neighborhood Feeding Program, The Mantle Educational Center, The Port Free Clinic and Home Visiting Ministry...
has seen a marked increase of need throughout 2009.*

Due largely to our nation’s economic crisis, the Bread Truck has seen an increase from an average of serving 250 meals a day to 350+ a day. That increase is due to more struggling families needing to be fed. The Free Clinic is serving up to 12 patients per day; nearly double the amount a year ago. The number of elderly to visit has increased and will continue. The Mantle is filled to capacity at 20 families and 54 children. Our Mantle Families and After School Tutoring Children are enduring hardships and come with stories that can break your heart and would move anyone to never want to give up on them... ever! The mission of Port Ministries and its benefit to this neighborhood is made clear by the sheer number of those needing our services. We are dedicated to continue striving to expand our services in order to effectively meet those needs, but, in these trying times, the funding is diminishing as our needs are increasing.

In these difficult economic times, all people, rich and poor alike are becoming more and more concerned about the future, maintaining lifestyles, providing for their loved ones and making ends meet. Many are enduring devastating losses. Yes, we at Port Ministries are facing true economic crisis too, but as a faith based ministry, we pray, work and hope in solidarity with the poor, who face “economic crisis” every day, all the time. We are presently very concerned, short-staffed and under-funded, but, with the poor, we have seen daily for the past 25 years the faithfulness and goodness of God and the great potential and goodness of people through their many ways of sacrificial giving. This is how we continue... or not.

We know that we are one of many “begging” from you in the midst of an increasingly difficult year and season, asking for further sacrifice. But, sacrifice is what makes Port Ministries continue. Sacrifice is the ingredient that makes love real; Jesus Love! Know that your sacrificial gift brings hope to people whose hope is dim and it is great evidence to the world that Jesus Our Emmanuel has come... God is with us! His light shines in the darkness!

May Christmas 2009 bring a profound realization and celebration of God’s merciful love. May your love for Jesus, who is born to us little and poor, be made a tangible gift; felt and experienced in the hearts and homes of our poor because you have prepared a place of hospitality for Him in your hearts! May you find His perfect peace as you welcome Him this Holy season and throughout the year.

*God Bless You and
Thank You for
your prayers and
loving support!*



*Have a meaningful
Advent, a Glorious
Christmas and
a New Year filled with
God’s choicest Blessings!*