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Dear Friends,

January 6, 2006

We write this to you on the feast of the *Epiphany*. How appropriate! for we are gratefully acknowledging the gifts that you are and the gifts of time, treasure, and talent that you brought to Mustard Seed during this Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. How fitting as well for we are just stepping over the threshold of our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year with its theme of "*Savoring the Gifts: Grateful for you.*" And grateful for you we truly are.

Our Christmas Store was a beautiful event with over 90 sets of parents and 30-40 single guys (who are up here working in the packing houses while their families are celebrating the season in Mexico) coming here to buy affordable gifts for their families. The house was filled with wonderful energy and ambiance, a reflection of all of your goodness that went into *preparing the way* for this to happen. During Advent so many of you came as the bearers of gifts (hmm...*Magi?*) from your families, your small groups, your parishes, your organizations; so many of you sent good wishes and donations; so many of you sat around our table and met other people just like yourselves trying to something good for those who have less than you. For us personally it is such a privilege and a blessing to be the links, the connectors between you and your goodness to those who are the recipients of all your gifting. For *everything* that you did – preparing, organizing, shopping, transporting, giving your time, giving your treasure, being present –we thank you abundantly.

Epiphany simply means *a moment of insight, a recognition of God*. In spite of all the pre-Christmas commercial hype, the rushing, even the stress, the energy of the season is that *we're thinking of others*. And isn't that an exact reflection of who God is... As this Advent/Christmas season officially closes on this 12<sup>th</sup> day, we thank you for being *God-with-us* in 2005. May you have many epiphanies in 2006!



Peace,  
Sisters Fran and Pam

*You are BLESSINGS  
to us!  
Hope we see you  
before next Christmas!*