

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING
CHRISTMAS
NEW YEAR

- 2004-2005

Dear Friends *Stefan,*

I pray that this letter finds you in good health. First, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your faithful support.

This year my 3 in 1 (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year) greetings are again personal reflections. This time they are more social and more political. They are not new nor original. In fact, they might sound like I'm beating on the same note for years, and you are right.

Science and technology have made our planet into a "global village". What happens in one area (Iraq) has repercussions throughout our whole "global village". I am truly convinced that we Villagers are thirsty and hungry. **For More:**

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done..."

Justice - National and international, on the social economical, political, cultural and religious levels.

"Give us day by day the food we need"

Equality - Lessen the great gap between those who have and those who have not.

"This very day your Savior was born... Glory to God... Peace on Earth."

Salvation - Only Jesus, the Son of God is the Savior of our planet.

"Our Father..."

United Nations - In international affairs, their voices and choices be made through multilateral discernment - Everyone belongs. A human/humane dialogue.

"Love each other as I have loved you".
"I've come to serve and not to be served".

Sharing with and serving our excluded and exploited brothers and sisters throughout our "Global Village".

My message is an invitation for immediate solutions, as well as an on going process of active non-violence for our own transformation and the transformation of the structural violence and injustice within our "Global Village". In ending, I would plead for Global Compassion and Global Amnesty.

Thank you for your attention.

A hug of His Peace and Love

Fr. Ed, omi *Father Ed, omi*

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SOME LOCAL EVENTS

NOSSA SOPA: (Our Soup) We have been preparing and serving food for 5 different areas within our community for over a year and a half months. Again, it is through your support that we are able to serve Nossa Sopa four days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday). Our dream is to serve Nossa Sopa everyday of the week. For only \$130.00, 200 people will be able to eat one more meal during the week. I can give this personal testimony, that due to this simple ministry, the violence in our community has reduced 50%.

THE COOPERATIVE of regional arts and crafts, foods and gardening is slow in getting off the ground and into the air (internet). More professionalism and marketing are needed.

DRUG PREVENTION Among adolescents is a very urgent and challenging ministry. More prayers, human resources and creativity are needed.

MAY 2005 will mark the 25th Birthday of our extended family, "Community of God and Our Lady". Our handicapped youth continue to grow in grace and stature. 90% of the parents of our 35 grandchildren are unemployed. More prayers are needed as we face these new difficulties.

Father Ed, omi