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**Dearest Monika and All the Women of Theresa Laden,**

Salute to your 25th Jubilee in helping the poor people of Mindanao.

The persons you have met on the first day of your visit to our country expressed their appreciation and thanks for your support and solidarity. Some of the MISFI Staff who were present during that meaningful day in 1992 still remember your smile and warm greetings, others were very shy to express how they feel due to language barrier. But as you keep coming and every time you bring new friends to visit the poor Lumad communities, people started to open up and share their life stories with you and with all other friends who have become close to us, not only as friends but as family. We know that somewhere in the northern part of the globe a group of valiant women holds us in their heart and include us in their prayers.

Now in your 25th anniversary words are not enough to express our gratitude and appreciation for the continued support to all our activities specially the setting up of the Lumad schools.

We appreciate your effort of sustaining the laden as a concrete expression of real solidarity. We also would want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who patronize the Theresaladen by giving anything that they want to give and also the people who continue to buy from the Theresaladen anything that they can use and give extra francs for the projects you support here in the Philippines.

I know it is not easy to stay in the barn without heater during winter and be wet with sweat during summer to have francs to support the poor people in Mindanao. We assure you that the children who received your support are forever grateful. Every pen, crayon, pencils, paper, dress and toys you pack inside a balikbayan box gives a smile to every child who receives it. Every francs you sent for the need of the teachers in the schools and the staff of MISFI is always a big help to sustain our service to the least fortunate Lumads, Moro and Christians of Mindanao.

We will continue to face many challenges as a people but for as long as we know that you are in solidarity with us, we will never be in vain... Long LIVE International solidarity.

Sincerely,

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