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Dear Friends of IPM,

Throughout the Scriptures, we see the beautiful picture of God's unconditional love toward humanity. His word declares that "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Love is the very essence of who He is.

God showed His great love for us by sending His only Son to die for sinful humanity that we might have a relationship with Him and that He might live in and through us. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son...In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him"* (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9).

Oh, the love of God! How easy it is to underestimate its fullness. We could spend our whole lives learning about and experiencing His love toward us and never reach a full and complete understanding of all that His love comprises. *"[That you] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:18-19).

God not only wants us to know and experience His love, He also wants us to share His love with others, including those behind bars. He wants us to follow His example of unconditional love as we reach out to others. *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God...As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love...Let all that you do be done with love"* (1 John 4:7; John 15:9; 1 Corinthians 16:14).

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Through the ministry of IPM, it is our desire to share God's love with prisoners. As we correspond with them and minister to them and send them Bibles, testimonial and devotional books, we want to be God's instruments and an avenue of His grace in sharing His love with those in need. Richard R., a grateful inmate, recently wrote: "Thank you to all at IPM for your loving help to all behind bars!"

As we face challenges and impossibilities in our lives, we can be encouraged knowing that His love never fails: *"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:37-39). May this promise from God bring renewed hope in our hearts as we continue to minister to those around us, including prisoners.

Sharing God's Love and Truth Along With You,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM team)

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is What the Bible is All About by Henrietta C. Mears.

*"As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love"*  
- John 15:9

