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Dear Friends of IPM,

One of the greatest ministries in the body of Christ is what we could call "one another ministry." The Bible is full of scriptures instructing us how the body of Christ should be ministering one to another.

Above all, the Lord instructs us to love one another. *"This is My commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you...see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently...Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God"* (John 15:12; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7). The love we are to show toward others is to be a divine love. It is a love that only flows from the heart of God. Such love is not stirred by the "lovability" of the object, but is a unique, heavenly love available only from the Lord.

The Lord also instructs us to be kind, forgiving, and longsuffering toward one another. *"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted forgiving one another...With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love"* (Ephesians 4:32; Ephesians 4:2). Longsuffering includes patience and forbearance. It embraces a willingness to forgive and to not seek vengeance. This is completely opposite of what we experience all around us in the world today. People are often mean-spirited, unkind, unloving, unforgiving, lacking any patience or longsuffering with one another.

We are also told by the Lord to lovingly minister to one another. *"...by love serve one another...comfort one another...edify one another...exhort one another daily...consider*

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one another...teaching and admonishing one another" (Gal. 5:13; 1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24; Col. 3:13). As we serve and minister to one another, the body of Christ is being built up and strengthened. Serving one another, loving one another, and being kind, forgiving and forbearing with one another are spiritual characteristics that God wants to bring forth in our lives by His working in and through us. When we seek the Lord to do such work in and through us, He is to be given all the glory and honor.

Of course, one of the blessed ways to minister to one another is to reach out to those in prison (Matthew 25:36; Isaiah 61:1). We give all praise and glory to God as He enables and equips IPM to continue to minister to prisoners all over America. Also, the Lord is greatly blessing ministry to prisoners in India through the ministry of Gali and his family (see pictures below). Bibles, Christian literature and tracts continue to be distributed to prisoners across that country.

Ministering to One Another Inside and Outside of Prison Walls,

Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos

Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is Arrested in the Kingdom, the story of Filipino Pastor Oswaldo Magdangal.



*IPM supports
Prison Ministry in
India. Here, juve-
niles are hearing the
salvation message
with hungry hearts.*

