



God is love.



1 John 4:8

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Dear Friends and Family,

First of all, thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry with New Tribes Mission. You are a wonderful reminder of God's love for us. So, thank you for your part in making it possible for us to continue in this ministry.

Lord willing, this coming July will mark our 30th Wedding Anniversary. Thinking back over the past 30 years is yet another reminder of God's great love for us. He turned what some would call a *tragedy* into a wonderful blessing. How we thank our Heavenly Father for our love that has grown over the years. It is such a joy to be able to work together – each with our very best friend, in this ministry ever since we first got married.

God's love is also expressed to us in many ways and facets: for our children and grandchildren who are such a joy; for our dear parents whose godly lives have inspired and blessed us; for our friends and family, like you, who are always there; for our co-workers whom we work with each day; for our health, home, food, and clothing; and for the myriad of "little things" which enrich our lives and give us joy.

The greatest expression of God's love for us is found in His Son Jesus. Whatever would we do without Jesus, our precious Savior! Jesus is our Life, our Hope, our Joy, our constant Friend, our faithful Sustainer through life's many trials and pitfalls, and so much more. Jesus is our all-in-all; in Him we lack nothing and have everything! We love the words, penned by Charles Wesley long ago, which helps to express God's love through the Lord Jesus Christ:

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high!
Hide me, O my Savior, hide; till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

In closing, may God's constant love fill and overflow your heart today. Thank you once again for your prayers and support. May every blessing be yours!

All because of God's great love,

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