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The reality of the Resurrection is surrounding my soul this morning as I reflect on ministry and as I muse about life in 2021. It is true that the darkness of those walking through the valleys of depression and the pain of those weighed down by emotional and spiritual suffering can sometimes dim the bright hope that the Living Christ offers. What each one of us needs is to experience a fresh look at the Risen Christ. Revelation chapter one describes what happened to the Apostle John when he saw the Risen Christ, "...I fell at His feet as dead..." It is interesting to note that John was the beloved disciple who knew Jesus better than anyone else on earth. But when he saw the Risen Christ as He truly is, he fell on his face in fear and worshipped Him. Jesus comforted John by saying, "**Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**" (Rev. 1:17-18) This reality can lighten the darkness, ease the pain, clear the confusion, and bring forgiveness. **Because He lives, we can face... anything.**

A month and a half have passed since our last update and the Lord has truly blessed the ministry of Selah International. We have had the privilege of ministering in:

- **Heritage Baptist Church, Prattville, AL** – Pastor Parks and his church are all about the gospel and missions. What a blessing they continue to be to our family and Selah International!
- **Victory Baptist Church, Charleston, SC** – Pastor Mendenhall has been there for only a few months but is making a great impact through soul-winning and a compassionate, shepherd's heart.
- **Lakeside Baptist Church, Aiken, SC** – We had a wonderful couple's retreat in TN with this great bunch of dear people. And we were so grateful to minister with Pastor Tad Marshall and the members of Lakeside the Sunday following the retreat. We appreciate their heart for our ministry.
- **Pioneer Baptist, Wilsonville, OR** – Pastor Edwin Lugo planted this church five years ago and is effectively leading his people in this needy area of our country. What a joy to worship with them!
- **Orting Community Baptist Church, Orting, WA** – Pastor Chris Rule and Pastor Dale Kurty are leading this church as they seek a new pastor. This is truly a close-knit body of believers with a passion for souls and discipleship.

It has been an honor to come alongside two ministry couples for times of personal counseling, one in Charleston and one on the West Coast. During these weeks with them, the Holy Spirit has done a deep work in their lives as well as in the life of Dawn and me as we share Scripture, pray and talk through practical, biblical steps in order to find healing.

Please continue to pray for safety as we will be traveling approximately 2,800 miles over the next four weeks as we are to be in four churches in four different states. I will be preaching a revival, ministering in a one-day pastor's fellowship, and we'll continue with weekly counseling in person and online.

Our donation page is working properly now on our website, selahinternational.org, and we appreciate all who have made the transition to that platform. It is now easy to make recurring donations if that would be more convenient for you. One donor informed me that he is donating monthly through his bank via bill pay. This method helps avoid the 2.9% processing fee. If you have any questions regarding donations or if you need technical support, please do not hesitate to contact us.



As you can see, we are having many doors of opportunity opened to us as Selah International continues to grow. We also are so excited to share with you the news that the Lord is also expanding our family; our two new baby granddaughters, Camille Kristine Lockaby and Audrey Allene Gideons were born in Feb. Life is so precious, and we are so very blessed!



Thank you so much for your prayers and confidence as we obey God's calling to preach the gospel and care for God's shepherds in the harvest.

Only by His Grace,
Chris Phillips