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Our hearts are so grateful for those of you who have committed to praying for the ministry of Selah International and the many needs that continue to surface in the lives of ministry leaders and their families. The Lord has granted protection and provision during June and July as we have traveled to preach and present the ministry to several churches in North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Coming alongside Ministry Children -- The focus of Selah is primarily pastors and missionaries. Over the past two months, however, it has been a special privilege to come alongside the children of several pastors and missionaries. PK's and MK's are in a unique bubble, not always in a negative way, but it is definitely an upbringing that is distinct. A dear friend of ours who is a pastor's wife recently posted this list. **You might be a PK if:**

- *You've washed toilets and vacuumed halls since you were a toddler*
- *You know your body fits...inside the pulpit, inside the stage fern planters, and under Mrs. Vibrato's choir chair*
- *You've seen the exact flannel graph character named as Joseph, Elijah, Paul, and John the Baptist*
- *The AWANA game closet is your favorite place*
- *Your dad has corrected you from the pulpit without saying a word*
- *You have shouldered more slander against your dad than water in the sea*
- *You have heard your parents cry more Sunday nights than you can number*
- *You carry adult-size burdens in your teenage heart*
- *You have had a front row seat to the mercy of God and the depravity of man*
- *You've seen God's power change lives, provide for His people, encourage the needy, and sustain in darkest times.*

I can picture many of you laughing and crying at the same time because you understand this dynamic. Growing up in a ministry home affects children of all ages in different ways. We've encountered ministry children as young as 10 years old that are experiencing chronic anxiety. We have come alongside an adult pastor's daughter whose choices have brought much pain. We have ministered to a couple of teenage pastors' sons that have internalized their fears and struggles that led to depression because they were holding themselves to an unrealistic standard in their own minds. We have been able to care for missionary young adults in college who have unique emotional struggles. Part of our ministry involves helping the parents of these ministry kids to know how and how not to communicate with their children. As ministry parents, we must repeatedly remind our children that "making it" as a ministry kid does not necessarily mean they will go into full-time ministry, though some will. Our ultimate goal must be to raise children that love and follow Jesus and are responsible citizens, spouses, and parents (Micah 6:8). To those of you who are not in ministry, I hope this gives you a small glimpse into the PK and MK world so that you can pray more specifically for them and their parents.

"...what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)

One of our most urgent prayer requests has been to be able to hire an administrative assistant to help with the daily administrative tasks that take much time. We praise the Lord that He led us to Grace Price, a recent college graduate with a business degree. She came on board with us at the end of July; she's doing a fabulous job, and most importantly, has a heart for the Lord and for the mission of Selah International. Grace is a huge answer to prayer!

We need your help! In the month of October, we have the privilege of representing Selah International at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship where 400 ministry leaders and their families are expected to be in attendance. We desire to invest in these "shepherds" by giving each of them an encouraging resource that will speak Truth and refreshment to their souls. Would you consider making an investment to help provide for this need? Please label all donations for this cause "Southwide." <https://selahinternational.org/donate-now/> THANK YOU!

Important - New Mailing Address - Due to mail fraud and theft from street mailboxes in our area and because we are traveling so much, it was necessary for us to change Selah's mailing address to a PO Box for security. Please send all donations and correspondence to:

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Only by His Grace,
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