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Over the past two months, we have been privileged to preach and present Selah International to seven different churches in Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. In addition to our ongoing virtual counseling with several pastors, missionaries, their wives, and their children, it has been an honor during the months of August and September to conduct four personal counseling intensives with missionary families who all live outside the US. Three of the four families were experiencing different levels of suffering due to unforeseen circumstances that were out of their control and with no solution in sight. It is remarkable to witness how the Holy Spirit has used Scripture in a powerful way in the lives of these servants of God.

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Without a desperate, personal dependency on the Holy Spirit and a biblical understanding of the grace of God, none of us (including ministry leaders) will be able to sustain our fight against worry, anxiety, and fear. What a joy it is to dig deep into the Word of God with them to rediscover the depth, the power, and the reality of the grace of God.

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” (1 Peter 5:10)

New Addition! As many of you know, our family has been able to experience this grace in a real way over the past few weeks. Our daughter-in-law, Toni, had surgery last week to remove a brain tumor. In the process, an emergency c-section was necessary, and James Gideon Phillips came into the world... a precious 2 lb. 8 oz. little warrior! Both mom and baby boy are still in critical condition but stable, and we are seeing small victories each day. We are so grateful for God’s grace during those fearful moments and for His healing hand that is still at work. (If you would like to follow their progress, search for “Prayers for Toni Mae” on Facebook.)



During the second week in October, we will be representing Selah International at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship. Thank you to those who have donated toward the purchase of an encouraging resource for the ministry leaders who will be attending the conference.

“Giving Tuesday,” scheduled annually for the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, (November 30, 2021) provides a unique opportunity for people around the globe to dedicate this day as their day of generous giving to their preferred non-profit. As we approach our one-year anniversary on December 7, we are simply amazed at how the Lord has enlarged our coasts in ways that we never dreamed. Not only have we been able to minister every week over the last year to ministry leaders in the US and missionaries serving globally, but God has allowed us to encourage the body of Christ in 28 different churches. ALL PRAISE TO HIM! Throughout the month of November by way of email and videos, we will highlight what God has been doing. Would you prayerfully consider participating in Giving Tuesday, allowing for more pastors and missionaries to be encouraged and for the expansion of Selah International?

New Mailing Address – Thank you to those who have begun sending correspondence and donations to the new PO Box address below. Those that have not made the change yet, please advise those that send out your donations to make the change. 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. Please send all donations and correspondence to:

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Thank you all for your continued prayers. Perhaps you are wondering what God is up to in your life at this moment. I leave you with this powerful thought by Joni Eareckson Tada:

“God is more concerned with conforming me to the likeness of His Son than leaving me in my comfort zones. God is more interested in inward qualities than outward circumstances – like refining my faith, humbling my heart, cleaning up my thought life and strengthening my character.”

Only by His Grace,
Chris and Dawn