



What a privilege it has been to come alongside six different couples, two pastors' families, and continue our weekly virtual sessions in the months of October and November. We also represented SICM at the Southwide Baptist Fellowship Conference in Oct. and had the joy of conducting a combined Marriage Retreat with Fairhaven Baptist of Athens, TN and Chilhowie Baptist of Chilhowie, VA in the month of November. Marriages are under attack but when specific biblical principles are applied consistently, walls come down and unity is pursued. The Lord did a deep work in the hearts of everyone present. To Him be all the glory!



Blessings from 2021

We praise the Lord for His provision this year! Selah cannot exist without

the sacrificial giving of God's people. And those of you who have given this past year have made it possible for Selah to:

- Provide encouragement, counsel, and hope to God's servants from 11 states and 8 different countries.
- Provide over \$14,000 in counseling scholarships.
- Provide biblical counseling certification training for 15 ministry leaders – FREE OF CHARGE

Though we will not have the total for what was given on Giving Tuesday until the end of this week, we want to thank each of you that gave to Selah International on November 30th! For those of you who were not able to participate, there is still more time before the end of this year to help us reach our goal of \$25,000 in counseling scholarships for 2022. Any additional funds received will go toward the expansion of our ministry and the biblical counseling training program for ministry leaders around the world, "Selah Seeds." Please help us so that God's servants can be strengthened and equipped to meet the needs of the body of Christ. (<https://selahinternational.org/donate-now/>) Those that donate \$100 or more before the end of the year will receive this beautiful stainless-steel tumbler...a reminder to pray for Selah International, your ministry's leaders, and your missionaries.



Family Update

Toni and Baby James are continuing to improve. Toni is walking without a walker now and James weighs 6 lbs 8 oz. Lord willing, he will be able to be at home in a few weeks. Thank you to all of you who have been lifting them up in prayer. On Thanksgiving Sunday, Zach and Toni were given the privilege to share their story at their ministry, Lakeside Baptist Church. There is no medical explanation as to why she and Baby James, not only survived, but are doing so well. We give all glory and praise to our Lord! Our entire family deeply appreciates your prayers and tangible expressions of love.



The absolute frailty of a newborn baby, especially a premature one, touches our hearts. We are drawn to them by compassion and tender love as we see them begin life, sometimes with great struggle. It is difficult to imagine the Creator of the universe coming into this world as a vulnerable newborn, but He did. "The One who put the stars in the sky lay beneath them in the form of a helpless baby, entering time and space not to let us know He exists, but to draw near to us and invite us into His everlasting

kingdom." (A. Begg) Let us adore Him appropriately this Christmas and take the time to "draw near" and allow our hearts to be warmed again by the endearing humility of our Savior.

Only by His Grace,
Chris and Dawn
