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I am so glad that God created Spring! The seeds that have lain dormant for months and the hidden life in the plants and trees are now bursting forth as a fresh sign of life and hope. What perfect imagery to accompany our celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. His willingness to become obedient unto death was the doorway to the greatest hope made available to mankind.

*"In the Christian story, God descends to reascend. He comes down; down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity; down further still...to recapitulate in the womb ancient and pre-human phases of life; down to the very roots and seabed of the Nature He has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him." - CS Lewis, *The Grand Miracle**

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit...by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."
(1 Peter 3:18, 22)

It is an honor for Dawn and I to interact with God's servants in so many ways. In addition to the ongoing counseling and coaching (20+ hours a week for both Dawn and I), the Lord provided several opportunities over the last two months to minister to various churches through conferences and retreats.

February

- Marriage Retreat in Tennessee with Faith Baptist Tabernacle
- Pastor's Advance in Florida with River City Baptist Church
- Missions Emphasis in South Carolina with Northside Baptist Church

March

- Missions Conference in New York with Wilton Baptist Church
- Family Conference in Yonkers, New York with Hudson View Baptist Church
- Missions Emphasis Weekend in Rhode Island with Greater Rhode Island Baptist Temple
- Missions Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina with Friendship Baptist Church

These meetings provide the opportunity for us to preach the gospel, share the purpose and functions of Selah International, and encourage new churches and individual donors to consider partnering with us through monthly financial support and prayer for God's servants who are hurting. It is our desire to be able to bring on another full-time couple so that Selah International may multiply the number of ministry leaders who are strengthened through personalized care. This will only be possible with the increase of monthly sustainable income.

Our heart is to **Encourage, Edify, Equip, and Enrich** God's servants. This summer, we are excited to be able to do all of those in a personal setting on two separate occasions. We would like to announce our first **Selah Refresh Retreats** for pastors, missionaries, and pastor's wives and missionary ladies. Please see the invitation below for more details. Also, please share this with your pastor and any missionaries you know that are on furlough. It will cost approximately \$175 - \$200 per attendee to fund these retreats, but we want to only charge each attendee the \$25 registration fee. This will only be possible through your generous donations and sponsorships. If you would like to give toward this time of encouragement for those who have blessed you in your spiritual journey, please go to the home page of our website and scroll down to the button "**Sponsor**" or mail a check and specify on the memo – "For Selah Refresh." Any amount given will be a blessing! Our hearts are full of gratitude to those of you who are so faithful to pray and support our ministry.

Only by His Grace,
Chris and Dawn

SELAH REFRESH 2022

Retreat for Pastors and Missionaries (**Aug. 18-20, 2022**)

Retreat for Pastors' Wives and Missionary Ladies (**Sept. 1-3, 2022**)

Ministry Leaders, come be encouraged by the fellowship, replenished through the Word, and equipped through helpful resources and biblical counseling tools. These informal, relaxing two days are designed to encourage, edify, enrich, and further equip you in your ministries. Plan to bring your entire pastoral staff or staff wives!

Click on the events below for more details and to register (via Eventbrite).



Ladies, Fri. afternoon of the retreat, you will be given a choice of 3 outings to choose from! (details to follow) Men, for those of you who can come earlier on Thursday, the 18th, please join us for a round of golf (limited to first 32 to register – **click below**).



Where: Living Water Christian Camp, 523 Tabernacle Church Rd., Candor, NC 27229
Cost: \$25 registration fee – all-inclusive retreat sponsored by Selah International Counseling Ministries
(Limited number of spaces available)