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Greetings, friends! Thank you for your prayers for the marriage and parenting conferences we conducted in February. Along with those conferences, it was our privilege to participate in the missions conference at Providence Baptist Church in Springfield, TN. We thank you Pastor Price and dear members for welcoming us into your missions family!

The day after arriving home from Tennessee, Dawn and I had the joy of welcoming our first missionary family to the new property. They traveled all the way from Hungary and were with us for nine days for a Personal Counseling Intensive (PCI). During those days, we were able to get to know this dear couple, to work through some difficult challenges they were facing, and were able to process some of the disappointments and conflicts that had arisen during the past three years of their service on the field. This is what PCI's are all about. We praise the Lord for the deep work He did in their hearts and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we drew near to this sweet family. They are now back in Hungary. Please continue to pray for them as we will continue to provide virtual care for them as they work toward long-term healing.

During the month of March, it was my privilege to speak in two conferences in Mexico. It was a great encouragement to minister to a large group of national pastors, their wives, and their families with missionary Chris Robertson in Ixtlan del Rio. Following our days there, I was given numerous opportunities to minister to college students, National pastors and wives, parents of Christian school students, and to the Iglesia Bautista Emanuel where missionaries Ron and Jackie Cochran have faithfully served for many years in Hermosillo, MX. It was also a great joy to minister there with Ivan and Lizzie Villalobos, teachers at the Ebenezer Bible College. They are passionate about biblical counseling, and that is reflected in the students they are now training. My trip ended in Phoenix, AZ where I was able to preach for Pastor Steve Rubio and the bilingual Iglesia Bautista Evangelica. The Lord is truly working in these ministries!

Registration is now open for the Selah Refresh 2023 for men and women in ministry! If you are a ministry leader, visit selahinternational.org to register today! Those of you who have been blessed in your spiritual journey by your leaders and would like to contribute toward this time of encouragement for them, feel free to also visit 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 as we are hoping to host 100 ministry leaders this year! Another way in which you might like to contribute would be to provide gifts for those attending. Each year we send the ministry leaders in attendance home with books, fresh ideas, tools for discipleship, ideas for gifts for special days, etc. This year, we will be filling 50 bags of resources for ladies and 50 bags for men in the ministry. Perhaps you would like to share a product or resource and wish to include your business card or a personal note. If that is the case, please email as soon as possible: deb@selahinternational.org.

From our administrative team here at SICM, here is a reminder to all that our new mailing address is:

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We have had reports from eight churches and five individuals that some of their donations to Selah in January and February were returned to them and never arrived at our new mailing address. Any time there is a move and a forwarding of mail to a new address, this can occur. We are sorry for the confusion, and we ask that you please get this information to the one at your ministry who faithfully sends the donations.

Our deepest gratitude to those of you who are faithful to financially support Selah and, above all, those of you who are faithful in fervent prayer for the many ministry families in crisis who are under our care. We are fully aware that the long-term solutions are not from us, but rather from the sufficient Word of God and the powerful working of the Holy Spirit "...which worketh in (us) mightily." (Colossians 1:29) We pray that the Lord will bless each one of you richly!

Only by His Grace,

Chris Phillips