SELAH International Counseling Ministries

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We invite you to praise the Lord with us for a HUGE answer to prayer! We are so excited to announce to you that **James and Deb Flowers will be joining the Selah Team**! James and Deb have both served on the Board of Directors at Selah since its founding and they have served as Pastor and wife in Yonkers, New York for ten years. We are so grateful that the Lord has led them to relocate to Columbia, SC in order to join our staff. James will be working full-time as a counselor and SICM Representative travelling to churches and presenting the need & availability of this vital ministry, teaching and conducting sessions on biblically handling the issues of life, and seeking to encourage ministry leaders and their families. Deb will serve as our Communications Manager and counselor. Please pray for them and their children during this upcoming transition.





It was a special honor in the month of April to minister at the Campus Church in Pensacola, Florida. I thoroughly enjoyed preaching in college chapel, seminary chapel and the Wednesday evening service at the Campus Church. It was such an encouragement to see thousands of young people preparing to serve the Lord in many career paths. Dawn and I were able to interact with many of them personally as we taught in the Biblical Counseling classes in the college and seminary. At the end of the week, we shifted gears as we were privileged to minister in the Campus Church Hispanic Bible Conference for local Hispanic pastors and leaders. We were truly blessed by the hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. Redlin, Dr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, and the church and college staff. We are definitely looking forward to going back next year!

During the last two months, the Lord has shown Himself strong through His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit as we have seen Him work in the hearts of ministry leaders throughout the world. **Rest assured that God is meeting the needs of pastors, missionaries and their families** who are battling with anxiety and depression, marital conflict, physical suffering, and those navigating major life changes. It was an honor to host a missionary couple here just last week for a Personal Counseling Intensive. To those of you who pray for Selah International, Thank you! Please continue to lift up the souls of our spiritual caregivers to the Lord.

Registrations are coming in for the **Selah Refresh 2023** for men and women in ministry! If you are a ministry leader, visit <u>selahinternational.org</u> to register today! Also, 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 <u>website</u> and scroll down to the button **"Sponsor"** or mail a check and specify on the memo – **"For Selah Refresh."** <u>Any amount given will be a blessing as we are hoping to host 100 ministry leaders this year!</u>

"...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live..." (John 11:25)

My dad, Preacher Jack, passed away in May. The celebration of life service was uplifting and encouraging for all who attended as we were able to hear testimonies of how he and my mom influenced so many people for eternity. The great hope that we all experienced that day was not just founded on the <u>event</u> of Jesus' resurrection. It is founded on the <u>Person of Christ</u>. Jesus is God in the flesh, and He came in human form to redeem us from ultimate corruption by giving us the ultimate hope...Jesus does not just promise that He will raise us from the dead, <u>He declares that the resurrection is who He is</u>. *"He that hath the Son hath life..."* (1 John 5:12) Thank you Jesus! I would like to say a special thank you to many of you who have sent cards, called, and reached out through other means. It truly has encouraged us and brought much comfort and peace. We love and appreciate each one of you!

Only by His Grace,

Chris Phillips