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So much has been happening at Selah International since our last update! The remodel on both structures is in full swing. The sub-contractors and volunteers have been working hard to give the property a fresh look for the guests that will arrive here in need of healing and hope. In addition, we have been making extensive modifications to make both homes more efficient and to expand our workspaces. Of course, there have been several delays and setbacks, but we thank the Lord for several work teams who have come over the last few months from Lakeside Baptist Church, Grace Baptist Church, and Gantt Street Baptist Church. These men have done framing, cabinet work, painting, plumbing, mowing, landscaping, lake treatment, trimming, tree cutting and other jobs. (Take a look at the pictures on the back of this letter) They have accomplished in a short amount of time what would have taken us weeks to do and have saved us thousands of dollars in labor. What a huge blessing! If your church would like to organize a work team to come help, contact us at info@selahinternational.org.

James and Deb Flowers are here! They have jumped in and are busy serving in their respective roles representing and assisting with the ministries of Selah International. Please pray for them as they settle into their home and community routines in SC and for their three children to have a smooth start to the school year.

During the last two months we have had the honor to virtually come alongside many counselees as well as host a missionary family from Asia for an in-person counseling intensive. During that week, we saw the Lord begin the healing work in their personal lives and ministry. One of the aspects of an in-person intensive that is so crucial is to be able to provide a plan for them after they leave Selah. Without a plan, the changes will often become wishful thinking rather than leading to life transformation. Please pray that this couple will be able to experience this type of long-term healing.

"...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

If you are a man or a woman serving in ministry and are thinking about registering for the **Selah Refresh 2023** (November 9-11) please do it today! If you are able to attend, you will be encouraged, you will be refreshed, and you will be equipped for difficult counseling situations in your ministry and family. Visit <u>selahinternational.org</u> to register. 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, please 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</u> we are hoping to host 100 ministry leaders this year!

Dawn and I were so blessed to be able to travel to Israel at the end of May. The dear church members of Iglesia Bautista Victoria raised the money to purchase this trip for us. To be able to visit the places that we have only read about in the Bible made the stories and the people of Scripture come alive. Most poignant for me was to be able to experience the beautiful Sea of Galilee. It was there that Jesus called some of the disciples, walked on water, calmed the storm, and restored Peter. Whether you are able to visit Israel in this lifetime or not, we all can still experience transformation. This same Jesus is still calling, still calming storms, and still restoring hearts today.

"...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)

Only by His Grace,

Chris Phillips































