

**October 2023**

Fall is the season for a full travel schedule for the ministry. What a blessing to be able to share our burden and visit **Pastor Matt Goetz with Allegheny Baptist Church in PA; Pastor Brandon Hudson with Bethel Baptist Church in Hampton, VA; and Pastor Kurt Skelly with Faith Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, VA.** The pastors and church members are passionate about global disciple making and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage ministry leaders and missionaries and at the same time present the need for much needed prayer and financial support. It was also such an encouragement to hear Dr. Don Sisk preach at Faith Baptist. He is a wonderful example of faithful service to the Lord. At 90 years old, he is proof that the joy of the Lord is our strength!



Thank you for praying for the Flowers family as their transition to life and ministry in SC is now in full swing. Deb and the kids are super busy with ministry and school responsibilities. As Operations Manager, James has been able to jump in to assist with and manage many of the ongoing facets of our remodeling project. As SICM Representative, he is also actively booking meetings to represent and raise support for SICM. Thank you to the churches that have hosted James so far. What a treat it was to also participate in a Pastor's Zoom Fellowship with Pastor John Lashuay of Pine Island Bible Church. If you would be interested in having James come speak at your church and share the ministry burden for Selah, please reach out to him at [james@selahinternational.org](mailto:james@selahinternational.org).

The remodel is coming along beautifully! Hopefully, within the next month, most of the major renovations will be completed. The majority of our counseling over these past two months has been virtual due to the remodel but it is our goal to open our doors for in person counsel/lodging by the end of October 2023. As is the case with most remodels in general, it has morphed into a much larger project than first anticipated, but the Lord has brought along skilled workers that have helped to accomplish each phase. Please pray for the needed funds to be able to complete the electrical details for the new rooms, felling of trees and landscaping for parking, an RV pad, and the pouring of much needed sidewalks.

Our annual Selah Refresh Retreat is just over a month away. Please begin to pray now that we will be able to accomplish our purposes for the retreat.

- *Pray that God's servants will be ENCOURAGED through the practical teaching from Scripture.*
- *Pray that the men and women in attendance will be EQUIPPED to face the many difficult counseling situations ministry leaders are facing.*
- *Pray that all in attendance will be ENRICHED by the guided prayer times, comradery with others in ministry, uplifting music, and new relationships that will be established.*

**More than ever, we need our pastors and missionaries to be strong and encouraged in the Lord!**

*"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;" (Colossians 1:10–11)*

In addition to much prayer, we are still in need for sponsors to help cover the cost of the retreat. If your leaders have been a blessing to you in your spiritual journey, please consider contributing toward this time of encouragement for them. Please call 803.456.2988 or visit our [website](http://selahinternational.org) 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 hosting 100 ministry leaders this year!

Only by His Grace,

Chris Phillips