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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Partners of Selah International,

Your prayers have been evident over the last couple of months! Through biblically grounded counseling, God has been restoring marriages, reconciling relationships, providing freedom from sexual enslavement, and healing emotional and spiritual darkness. One missionary couple said:

“Words could never express the impact of biblical counseling on us and, as a result, the entire ministry. The goal of the enemy is to divide and destroy, but God has brought good out of this extremely difficult situation. I don’t think we would have ever experienced the love of our Savior in such a deep way except for our going through this trial.”

What a testimony of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness!

In February, Dawn and I had the privilege of speaking in a marriage conference with Pastor Greg Powell and the couples from Calvary Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN.

We then enjoyed spending a week at PCC, teaching in their biblical counseling classes and reinforcing the foundational principles of biblical counseling. It was also uplifting to be able to interact on a personal level and encourage students whose parents are missionaries. MK’s have unique challenges and our heart is drawn to them. What a joy it is to be able to invest in future ministry leaders!



We also had the honor of speaking at the South American Missionary Enrichment Conference in Brazil led by Sean and Stephanie Lunday. Dozens of veteran and first-term missionaries gathered for a week of fellowship and encouragement. Our goal was to encourage those present but we were the ones encouraged by the faithfulness and testimonies of these dear servants of the Lord.

One of the highlights of the last two months was the Selah Evening of Hope. We all enjoyed a delicious meal, live music provided by the Steve Pettit Team, and exclusive, behind-the-scenes testimonies of how the Lord has powerfully worked in the suffering and sin in the lives of ministry leaders around the world. Tears of joy and hope were shed as we rejoiced in all that God has done thus far through Selah International.



In addition, Selah Team members James and Deb Flowers have presented the ministry in Georgia, three churches in South Carolina, and a church in Florida. We thank the Lord that several of those churches have chosen to partner financially with Selah. As the summer approaches, there are several work projects at the Selah property with which we could use assistance. We hope to send out more specific project plans and opportunities soon, but in the meantime, if you or someone you know are interested in serving around our property, please reach out to our Operations Director, James Flowers, at james@selahinternational.org.

In closing, I am constantly reminded as I serve in this ministry that the secret of fulfillment in the life of a Christ-follower as well as those who have been called to vocational Christian ministry is to be constantly gazing on Jesus. (Heb. 12:2) I leave you with this quote by John Flavel:

“The soul is so constituted that it craves fulfillment from things outside itself and will embrace earthly joys for satisfaction when it cannot reach spiritual ones. The believer is in spiritual danger if he allows himself to go for any length of time without tasting the love of Christ and savoring the felt comforts of a Savior’s presence. When Christ ceases to fill the heart with satisfaction, our souls will go in silent search of other lovers.”

Only by His Grace,
Chris Phillips