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## Dear Pastors, Friends, and Partners of Selah International,

Thank you to all those who prayed for and took part in Selah's *Evening of Hope!* We are so thankful to have been able to share Selah's mission with the 200+ people in attendance! We were able to meet new friends, ministry leaders from the greater Columbia area, and friends who have been prayer warriors and partners for Selah since the beginning.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of those in attendance, we received over **\$96,000** to support the mission of Selah! This will accelerate our ability to meet the needs that were presented: **a durable playground and other recreational spaces for ministry families receiving care onsite, beautification of the property, and staffing needs.**

The last couple of months have been filled with great opportunities for service at Selah. On the Selah property, we have been privileged to provide six weeks of in-person care: two personal counseling intensives and four missionary debriefings.



We had the wonderful opportunity to minister with the Goins family in Honduras for the "Come Away" Missionary Enrichment Conference. Families from all over the country came together. Dawn and I were encouraged to see how God is working through the various ministries represented at the conference. In El Progreso, we

were able to see first-hand the medical clinic, children's homes, and the churches being established in that country by God's faithful servants.

Over the past two months, Dawn and I were privileged to speak at the PCC Bible Conference as well as teach for a week in their biblical counseling classes. This was the fourth year we have been able to invest in future Christian leaders. It is such an encouragement, and the interest in biblical counseling is growing.

This Easter, we are reminded once again that our hope is not found in our circumstances changing but in a risen Savior who meets us in the middle of them.

*"...according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively (living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1 Peter 1:3)*

None of us are immune to seasons of grief, heartbreak, sin and its consequences, and hopelessness, but the resurrection assures us that no situation is beyond God's redemptive power.

**"Christ's resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing." - David Powlison**

Because He lives, there is real hope for weary hearts, real victory for struggling souls, and real comfort for those in pain. No matter the season you are in, you can rest in the living hope of the Risen Christ.

I pray that you and your family will enjoy celebrating the Easter season together as you celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

Only by his Grace,

Chris Phillips

