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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Partners of Selah International,



We praise the Lord that the first phase of the Selah Children's Play Space is completed. Thanks to your generous donations, children have already been enjoying the beautiful new play area as their parents have received care! There is more to come, but we are thankful for the incredible progress that has already been made.

Over the last couple of months, there have been various ministry opportunities at Selah:

Intensives and Debriefings – We were honored to host seven families on the Selah property over the last two months with needs varying between debriefing transitions for missionary families, debilitating depression, a pastor and wife healing from perplexing circumstances and deep suffering in the ministry, and marital conflict. Though some of these intensives were extremely heavy and not all see improvement as quickly as we would like, God has worked deeply in their hearts and ours.

Counselor Training Day – Every spring, we gather all of our Selah staff and associate counselors together for a day of rejoicing in God's faithfulness, stories of lives that have been changed, and further training to be the best counselors we can be. Here are a few examples of what God has done through Selah International over the past year:

- A widower and a single missionary who had both been through trauma and deep suffering and had received care, met, and eventually the Lord led them to join their lives together in marriage!
- A pastor's wife who had experienced years of abuse as a child but had never received help in processing that pain is well on her journey toward healing her scars and her marriage.
- A missionary and wife approached us with very little hope of resolving their deep, long-term marriage conflict and personal weakness. In spite of many obstacles, they are taking definite steps in changing their communication habits, personal time in the Word, and accountability to their pastoral authority. They commented that, for the first time, they feel hope for the future.
- A missionary wife in South America has seen victory working through her depression.
- A missionary who was enslaved for years to a life-dominating sin has finally opened up to his wife, and they are beginning to experience healing.
- A missionary wife with medical problems, deep loneliness, interpersonal conflict, and living in an oppressive environment is finding strength and endurance through the Word and consistent encouragement.

Selah Workday – Since we are short-staffed and it is a challenge to keep up maintenance on the 48-acre property, our home church, Grace Baptist Church, organized a workday to help us with deep cleaning, yard work, tree work, pressure washing, and other repairs. We are so grateful for Pastor Goforth and the members of Grace Baptist Church and how they pray for us, support us, and tangibly help push us forward in this unique ministry. **If you are interested in organizing a work team to help us care for this beautiful property, please email info@selahinternational.org or call 803.456.2988.** We would love to partner with you.



Conference in New Zealand – Dawn and I were honored to visit Sam Hutchens and his family in Christchurch, NZ, and minister to his family and church. In addition, we enjoyed speaking at their annual marriage conference for area pastors and church leaders. We enjoyed the stunning scenery on the South Island and, most of all, the wonderful hospitality of the New Zealanders.

If you have not been able to read our latest blog, a tribute to Dr. Don Sisk, please click on the link and take a moment to read about my personal reflection on the influence of his life. **The most remarkable takeaway from Dr. Sisk's life is that joy is found not in extraordinary moments of ministry but in the ordinary privilege of walking faithfully with Christ day after day, year after year. Dr. Don Sisk did not chase fame and recognition. He pursued faithfulness. And God multiplied that influence.**



"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2

"The highest holiness is found in doing God's will with a humble heart day by day." – Andrew Murray

Only by his grace,

Chris Phillips