



from Hal and Lisa

Grace to you!

Someone asked me recently if we were still doing our Refuge 461 ministry. Their question was prompted because they had not received a ministry update in a while. I assured them that even though I have not sent out a ministry update lately we are very much involved in this work that God has called us to. It has been a lot more challenging to juggle the responsibilities of being a pastor and doing our refuge ministry but the challenge has not caused us to stop. So let me share with you some of what God has been doing in and through us recently.

One of the things we have been focused on is the "Live Free" bible study. We are seeing God work through this study and we are praying He continues to do so more and more.

Besides our using it in our own group, there are two others leading this study. One is a group in Lafayette, LA and the other is by a ministry leader in Crystal Springs, MS. It is exciting to hear how God is working through His Word as taught in this bible study to help others live free in Christ. Praise God for all He is doing!

In addition to this, I have shared the material with others and I am working through it with some of these one on one. I have even had an individual from Dubai who is interested in working through the study and we are exploring the possibility of working through it by skype.

As I said, I believe that God desires to use this bible study! We are praying that as a result of what God does that many will be living free in Christ and doing so one step at a time.

One exciting detail related to this is that we have submitted our manuscript to Lifeway of the Southern Baptist Convention and it is in the process of being reviewed as to whether they will consider publishing it. Pray with us about this. If it does not happen, then we will continue to look for other possibilities. We know it will be a challenge but we will continue to push forward.

Also, through our ministry we continue to work with individuals and families. We are regularly contacted by individuals who are wanting to live free from homosexuality. It is exciting to see what God is doing in bringing people to this place in their lives and we are grateful that God would use us as He works in these. We know it is possible to live free and we know that God has made this possible through Christ and our goal is to help these experience it personally.

While we are contacted by these, the greater number of contacts we receive are from parents who have a son or daughter who has same sex attractions and who may be involved in homosexuality. Most of these are individuals in their teens or early twenties. And the challenging part is that they seem to have made their minds up and really are not open to discussing it. Our focus is to help these parents and to join them in praying for their sons and daughters.

What is happening among teens is a disturbing trend that in many ways seems out of control. May God give us wisdom in how to reach the next generation with the truth.

While we have not had as many opportunities to speak lately, we still

are willing to do so and praying for God to open doors of opportunities for us. One opportunity we are excited about is our speaking at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky on April 19-20. We will share our story in the evening worship service on Sunday and then have an equipping time with pastors on Monday morning. We are praying God works through this to not only offer help and hope to those who have same sex attractions but also to equip the church in responding redemptively to these.

The reason working with churches is so important to us is that we believe that the church in the power of the Spirit is God's redemptive agent in our world. We are to be salt and light. We are the pillar and support of the truth. God called us out of darkness into His marvelous light that He might now shine through us that others might know this same freedom through Christ. Oh, may we be this kind of Church. May we be filled with the powerful Spirit of God and may He work powerfully through us to help others come to know Him and the freedom that is theirs in Christ!

Thank you for standing by our side in this ministry. Thank you for continuing to pray for us. Through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit we are helped to do this ministry God has called us to. To Him be the glory.

Hal & Lisa Selby



LIVE FREE

one step at a time

A bible study about living free in Christ for those whose lives are impacted by homosexuality.



Praying With Us

"And we should always pray and never give up....." Luke 18:1

- Pray for the Live Free bible study group that we are leading now through May. Pray that these attending will learn truth from God's Word that will guide them in living free in Christ.
- On April 19-20 we will be sharing with Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, KY. Pray that God will work through us to equip the church and to help others find freedom in Christ.
- Pray that those struggling with any kind of sexual sin will find there is freedom in Christ.
- Pray that God will give us wisdom and courage to lead the next generation to have a biblical Christian worldview of sex and sexuality.
- In recent days we have submitted the "Live Free" manuscript to Lifeway of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are reviewing it now as to their interest in publishing it. Pray for God's leading in this process.
- Pray for the church to truly be the pillar and support of the truth in all areas of life but especially with regard to sexual purity. Pray that we will meet the moral challenges of our day and do so in a way that is true to the Word of God and is redemptive in its approach.
- Pray for us as we seek to follow Him in the ministry of Refuge 461.
- Pray that in all things God is glorified.

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Make your check payable to *North American Mission Board* and write *Hal and Lisa Selby #9634* on the memo portion of your check. We are so thankful for you and for God's leading you to give to Refuge 461. You are helping us help others live free!

■ *Refuge 461 is a Christian discipleship ministry providing biblically based help and encouragement for those individuals, couples, parents and families whose lives are impacted by homosexuality. This is done through individual support, weekly group meetings (which include fellowship, Bible study, and small group accountability), and by helping churches respond redemptively to those who are impacted by homosexuality.*

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