



from Hal and Lisa

Grace to you!

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 46:1 that "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in a time of trouble." This verse is a favorite of ours and the one on which the ministry of Refuge 461 is based. Over the years we have seen God prove Himself to be just that for us over and over again. We know Him to be this and it is so encouraging to us!

Later in that same psalm, writing as if God is speaking the psalmist exhorts the reader to "be still and know that He(God) is God..." This makes me think of the words in Isaiah 40:31 where he said that those who "wait upon the Lord renew their strength..." Being still and waiting are not easy actions to do but there are great blessings promised when we do. It does not mean inactivity. It is trusting in God! Believing that He is at work even though we may not directly see what He is doing. Realizing that He is not only at work all around us but He is also at work in us. These are truths that we have had to remember as we are adjusting to our move to Starkville, Mississippi.

Our move here was more than just our changing our home address, community, church, and schools, it also included our relocating the ministry of Refuge 461 to the Starkville area and the Golden Triangle Baptist Association. In late February we shared with the administrative team of the association about the ministry and then in April at the spring meeting of the association, we introduced to the Southern Baptist churches in this three

county area the ministry of Refuge 461. The comments made by many afterward confirms to us the need and delight that this ministry is here. It is a joy to work alongside of Dan Robertson and the churches in this area. We are excited about the opportunities for ministry here and are praying that God opens a wide door for effective ministry.

While we have not had many speaking opportunities during this time, it does not mean that we have not had opportunities for ministry. We are contacted regularly by individuals who are seeking help for themselves or a family member. It just confirms to us that there is such a huge need and we believe that God wants to meet this need through the church! And we believe that God wants to use this ministry in equipping the church in how to address this need in a manner that is redemptive.

As we look toward this fall, there are a number of ministry opportunities we are pursuing. We are contacting local pastors about our ministry in order to let them know we want to be a resource to be called on to help them and we want to do what we can to help equip them in discussing this subject in a way that honors God and His Word and is redemptive at the same time. In addition to this we are also contacting the collegiate ministries at the area universities and community colleges to share with them how we might be a help to them. We want students to know that there is hope for living free from same sex attractions and these campus ministries provide an opportunity for equip-

ping students in how to dialogue about this subject in a redemptive way that is true to God's Word and redemptive in its approach. Another ministry opportunity we are pursuing is to begin our weekly support group meetings this fall. We will spend the summer working out the details and will plan to begin meeting once school starts back. Those attending these group meetings will be led through a twelve week study of the "Live Free One Step At A Time" Bible study. This is a study designed to equip those impacted by same sex attraction to live free in Christ and to do so one step at a time.

It is with great anticipation that we look toward what is ahead of us. There have been times we have wondered what God is up to but we are confident that He is actively at work all around us and in us and we will continue seeking to join Him in what He is doing. We need your prayers as often as you think of us as we seek to follow Him.

Thank you for standing alongside us in this ministry. Together we will see God help people find the freedom that can be theirs in Christ!

Hal & Lisa Selby



Events

June 6, 2014 Counselor Training, Lake Forest Ranch, Macon, MS We will be leading a training session with the camp staff at Lake Forest Ranch.

August 2014 "Live Free One Step At A Time" A twelve week study designed to equip those impacted by same sex attraction to live free in Christ one step at a time.

Praying With Us

PRAISE God for the opportunities we had these past few months to share our story of God's transforming grace. In January we spoke to the students of Mississippi State and William Carey University during their BSU meetings. The focus was on a gospel response to homosexuality. It is exciting to share with students and I am thankful for the BSU leadership as they bravely seek to address this critical issue. Also, Hal spoke in February at the "Man Up Conference" at First Baptist Church, Euless, TX. This conference was to openly deal with the secret issues of a man's heart. There were 430 men at this conference and it was exciting to see God working as many of these men began to be open about the struggles and secrets of their hearts. Praise God for what He began on that Saturday morning!

PRAISE God for the new individuals and families that we have met these past months who have contacted us for help and support. PRAY that God will give us wisdom as we share with them the hope and freedom that comes through God alone.

PRAISE God for the hope for those impacted by homosexuality. PRAISE Him that there is freedom in Christ! PRAY that the church will have the boldness to proclaim this hope and freedom.

PRAISE God for His ongoing provision for us and the ministry of Refuge 461. PRAISE Him for our ministry partners. PRAY that He will raise up others to partner with us. PRAY that we will continue to look to Him and trust Him as our Provider.

PRAY for God's continued protection for our family.

PRAY for us as we continue to deal with the "Chinese Drywall" issue in our house in Ocean Springs. We are awaiting word from attorneys as to whether we will be able to be reimbursed for the expenses of repairing the damage. Please pray as we wait on this word and the sell of our house.

PRAY that in all things God is glorified.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and every. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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■ *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 worship, Bible study, and small group accountability), and by helping churches respond redemptively to those who are impacted by homosexuality.*

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