



## from Hal and Lisa

Grace to you!

*"Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more."* That is what the Lord was saying to me as I sat there just thinking before I began reading from my Bible and praying. My mind was all over the place as my thoughts were competing with each other for my attention. The ones that were winning out were the ones that had to do with mine and Lisa's upcoming trip to New Orleans. We are going there to serve alongside the Vieux Carre' Baptist Church during the gay pride event called Southern Decadence. It is an annual event held during Labor Day weekend.

I had been told that 100,000 people may come into town for this event. Just the thought of that number was overwhelming. Not to mention the sinful indulgence that will characterize those days. The thought of it all was intimidating and made me somewhat fearful.

It was in the midst of all of those thoughts that God spoke quietly yet distinctly. He said "where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more."

I get the basic understanding of that passage from Romans 5 but there seemed to be something specific that God was saying to me at this moment? He seemed to be saying to me, "Hal stop focusing on sin and sinfulness and never forget that My grace is sufficient for any sin." I was reminded that all have sinned and all need a Savior and that God in His grace has given His Son to be the Savior of the world. What I needed to do was tell people of this amazing grace of God that they might believe and personally experience His grace in their lives.

Oh God help us not see sin and sinfulness but rather see people for whom Your Son, Jesus died. Help us have Your heart for people. Help

us have your love and compassion. Help us never let anyone's sin or sinfulness be a barrier to telling them of Your great love and amazing grace.

What if this weekend God ignited a revival among the gay community that spread from New Orleans around the world? We are praying that God does exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we can think or imagine. Will you pray with us?

Thank you for standing by our side in the ministry of Refuge 461. Your support of us and this ministry through your praying and giving is greatly appreciated and needed now more than ever. We praise God as we thank Him for you!

Grace,

Hal & Lisa

## Prayer Requests

- Pray with us about the ministry opportunity at Vieux Carre' Baptist Church. Pray that God protects us and that He will give us opportunities to have a conversation about the gospel with those who will be there in the French Quarter. Pray that "where sin abounds, grace will abound all the more".
- Pray for the conference at Lakeside Baptist Church on September 23-25. Pray for the host church, the men leading the sessions, Lisa and me as we share, and those who will attend. Pray that God uses this to equip and inspire the body of Christ in redemptive ministry to those impacted by homosexuality.
- Pray that the "Purity Principle" study will be used by God to challenge many to commit to sexual purity in their lives.
- Continue to pray for those individuals, couples and families that we minister to. Pray that those in bondage will find freedom and that those burdened will find God's peace.
- Pray for us as we seek God's leadership in the ministry of Refuge 461.
- Pray that God is glorified in all things.



## Upcoming Events

### **August 29-31 Vieux Carre' Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA**

We will be serving alongside Vieux Carre' Baptist Church in the French Quarter and New Life City Church from Albuquerque, NM during Southern Decadence week. We will do street ministry to those attending the Gay Pride event.

### **September 23-25 Coming Out: A Gospel Response to Same Sex Attraction, Lake Shore Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, MS 6:30 pm Nightly**

This conference will be led by Kevin Shearer, Kyle Jones, Shane Freeman, Randy Cofield, and Hal & Lisa Selby.

### **October - December The Purity Principle, 7:00-8:30 pm**

A small group study of the Purity Principle book by Randy Alcorn led by Hal and Lisa Selby at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ocean Springs, MS. It begins October 1 and continues each Tuesday night until December 10.

### **October 28, Contemporary Ethical Issues in Ministry, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (Lunch Included), FBC, Jackson, MS**

An event prior to the Pastor's Conference of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Speakers include Dr. Russell Moore and Dr. Richard Land and will include a Q & A session as well.

### **October 28, Mission Service Corps Annual Meeting, FBC, Jackson, MS**

We will attend the annual meeting of the Mission Service Corps Missionaries of Mississippi.

### **October 28-30, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, MS**

We will set up a booth for Refuge 461 Ministries in the exhibit area during the convention.



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

Make your check payable to North American Mission Board and write Hal and Lisa Selby #9634 on the memo portion of your check. Thank you for your support of us and the ministry of Refuge 461!

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