

from Hal and Lisa

Grace to all of you!

I love what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:6. There he stated in so many words that God who began a good work in you will keep on doing it until the day of Christ. In other words, God is faithful to continue what He starts.

When I think about that verse I know it is referring to the work that God is doing in us but I can't help but think it also refers to the work God is doing through us. That is exciting to me as I think about the way God is continuing what He started through us in the ministry of Refuge 461. I stand in awe of His work and never cease to be amazed.

Last month we had the privilege to share with the wonderful folks at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, KY. We worshiped with them on Sunday morning and then we shared our story with them during the evening service. Several other churches joined in the service and as usual it was exciting to see how God worked. We praise Him for the opportunities to hear the stories of others as they shared how they were given hope and encouragement through what God is doing in us. God is so good!

In the service that night was the mother of a lady who is the host of a women's talk show on the local Christian radio station. This talk show host contacted Lisa that night and wanted to interview her on her radio program. It was recorded and aired a few days later on the "Beauty for Ashes" program. Just another example of God amazing us as He continues His work in and through us.

On the Monday after we spoke at Hillcrest, I met with pastors from the city for a training session on equip-

ping the church in how to respond redemptively to those impacted by homosexuality. It was a great meeting with great discussion and I am praying that God uses what He started on that weekend to raise up a "Live Free" bible study group in Hopkinsville. I am praying that those in that city who are wanting to know how to live free in Christ from homosexuality will be helped to find this freedom in Christ.

We left Hopkinsville, KY and decided to take the long way home by going through Chattanooga, TN. We wanted to go by Precept Ministries to see some of our friends there and to possibly have the opportunity to visit with Kay Arthur for a few minutes. What God did while we were there still amazes us.

We were able to see Bob and Diane Vereen along with David and BJ Lawson. These couples were used greatly of God when we began our journey and it was great to spend time with them even if it was brief.

Bob and Diane continue to serve at Precept Ministries and we were able to have dinner with them that evening. At dinner, we shared with them about our ministry and specifically about the Live Free bible study God has given to us. As it turned out, part of Diane's ministry at Precept is related to publishing outside materials and her insight was so helpful to us. The way that God arranged this still amazes us.

We also hoped that while we were at Precept we would be able to see Kay Arthur. While we were standing in the book store talking with Bob, Kay walked in. She came in the building because there was a snake outside that she saw as she was on her way

to her car. We were able to talk with her for a moment and set up a time to have lunch with her the next day. She told us later that she would not have come in that building if it had not been for that snake. This is one time I am thankful for a snake in the grass!

At lunch the next day we told her all that God is doing in our lives and ministry. We also told her about the bible study and she said she would like a copy that she could read. We had one with us that we gave to her.

We are so thankful for the time she gave us and for her willingness to read "Live Free". God worked through Kay as He began His work in us years ago and even now He continues to use her greatly in our lives. Praise God that He continues what He starts.

We are not sure what God may have planned through all of this. We are just certain that it all seemed so much like Him at work. We are praying that God will use it to help get the message about living free into the hands of those who need to know that doing so is possible. Please pray with us to this end. May God continue what He has started.

While I am encouraged by all that I see God doing, I am also overwhelmed that there is so much more that needs to be done. Your prayers and support mean so much to us. Thank you for standing by our side.

Grace,

Hal & Lisa Selby

Events

June 5 Lake Forest Ranch, Macon, MS. We will be leading the camp staff in an equipping session on a redemptive response to those whose lives are impacted by same sex attractions.

August 14 Mississippi State University Baptist Student Union Basic Training. Hal will speak to the students when they come to Adaton Baptist Church for the BSU's new student orientation.

August 27 - November 19, 2015, Live Free...One Step At A Time Small Group Bible Study, Fall Session

This is a small group Bible study for those whose lives are impacted by homosexuality. The bible study is held each Thursday beginning August 27. Those interested in more information may call Hal at 228-297-9823.

September 25-26, Collegiate Student Conference, Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, MS

Hal will lead a break out session on "Breaking Spiritual Strongholds" at this state collegiate event.

Prayer Requests

As you stand with us in prayer, here are a few of the requests you can pray with us about.

- We just completed our spring session of Live Free. Continue to PRAY that those who completed the study will be living free in the freedom that is theirs in Christ.
- PRAY for those in Hopkinsville, KY who are considering starting a Live Free group in their city.
- PRAY for God's leading as we continue moving forward with publishing the Live Free bible study. PRAY that God will con-

tinue to use it to help men and women live free in Christ from the bondage to sexual sin.

- On June 5, we will lead a training session with the staff at Lake Forest Ranch in Macon, MS. These camp staff members will interact with hundreds of students over the summer. Some of these student campers will open up about their having same sex attractions. PRAY that God will work through this session to equip these camp leaders/counselors to be able to have a truthful discussion with

these students. PRAY that they will be able to guide them in the truth of God's Word while at the same time showing them love and grace. PRAY that these students will come to know how to live free in Christ from same sex attractions.

- PRAY with us about the other events over the next few months.
- Pray that God is glorified in all things.

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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 group meetings (which includes worship, Bible study, and 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.

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!

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