

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- IRSM 10th Year Tour!
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Celebrate our 10th Year this Giving Tuesday



Our **10th Year Tour** has begun! We are having fun **celebrating** what God has done over the past 10 years, **thanking** our partners, and **raising funds** toward our next 10 years!

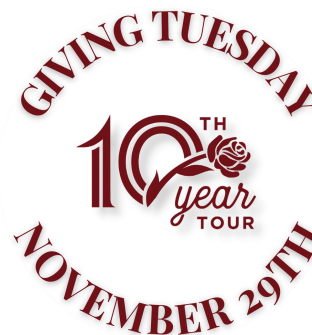
You'll be reading in this newsletter about **three** birthday parties

we've had, how **you** can host a birthday party, and **three** "passport pages" you can enjoy. We have raised over **three** thousand, five hundred dollars toward our goal of \$20K fundraising goal by the end of the 10th Year Tour.

These funds will give us the jumpstart we need for our God-sized goals. You can see

our goals for the next 1-2 years, 5 years, and 10 years on the bottom of the web page at IronRoseSister.com/10.

Many of you have been faithful contributors each year on Giving Tuesday, the international day of giving, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year, **Giving Tuesday will be November 29th**. Please mark your calendar and consider becoming a monthly partner with Iron Rose Sister Ministries, giving through Facebook, or giving toward our 10th Year Tour campaign at IronRoseSister.com/10.



Passport Pages Narrate...

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, Phil. 1:3-5

The first Passport Page titled, "**In the Beginning**," takes us back to early 2013 before Iron Rose Sister Ministries was an officially registered nonprofit organization.

On our website, you can walk

down memory lane. Each picture tells the behind-the-scenes story of God walking with us through our challenges and victories.

A picture is worth a thousand words, but when we put those pictures on a **timeline**, along with "**passport stamps**" based on the **location**, like with a scrapbook...

we are left **amazed at the growth** in a relatively short amount of time. **YOU** are part of making this possible through your prayers and your financial support.

A new Passport Page is released each month on our website and through our eNews. "**Bible Study Resources**" and "**Small Groups & Destination Retreats**" are the 2nd and 3rd pages.

Use the QR code below to **see the pictures and read the stories**. Stay tuned for the new Passport Pages to come.

Join with us in thanking God for all He has done and pray with us over the future goals.



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Join us in welcoming Judy Larsen, our new Office Assistant!

IRSM Vision:
Equipping women to connect to God and one another more deeply in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and bilingual contexts across the Americas



Join us in welcoming Elina Vath, our new Virtual Assistant!

2023 Theme: Learning and Teaching through Relationships (Mt. 28:20)

The 2022 theme has been about Celebrating HIsTories. The Tuesday/Thursday blog post pattern of Bible stories, then God stories that parallel the Bible story has been an amazing equipping tool for the blog writers, not to mention the encouragement it has been to the readers.

For 2023, we are going to continue that Tue/Thurs blog pattern, but for the new year, we will emphasize how women teach and learn through relationships.

Two by two by two, 2 Timothy 2:2, teaching to teach: All of these expressions are foundational to our

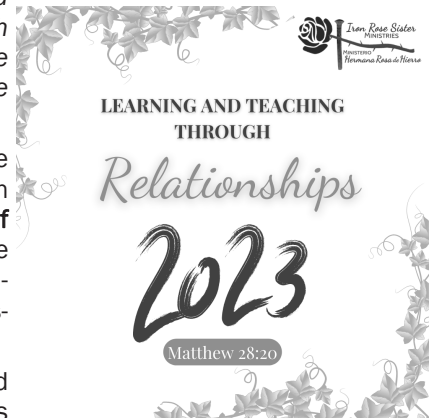
making disciples among women—equipping to connect to God and one another more deeply.

“...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20)

Jesus concluded the Great Commission with a promise of relationship, and He taught through relationship with His disciples.

Relationship with God and relationships

with one another are vital to our growth. This can be accomplished through small groups, mentorships, and other more informal relationships.



Standing at the Crossroads in Denton, TX, with Singing Oaks

“Standing at the Crossroads” from Jeremiah 6:16 is one of our newest topics for teaching. No matter the decision with which we are

faced, we need to stop and listen, seek the ancient paths, and celebrate the standing stones of God’s faithfulness.



The Singing Oaks Church of Christ hosted a bilingual ladies’ retreat

Sept. 23-24. Powerful bilingual worship, lessons taught by Michelle J. Goff and Wendy Neill, small group discussions, listening activities, and quiet time were characteristics of the Friday-Saturday overnight retreat.

What a blessing to gather in-person with these 60 women!

Birthday Parties in Alabama and Florida

After a ladies’ class at the Central Church of Christ in Huntsville, AL, the women sang “Happy Birthday” to Iron Rose Sister Ministries!

Special thanks to Allison Goad for coordinating and

for being a long-time supporter of this ministry.

The Holly Hill Church of Christ has been one of our partnering congregations since the beginning. Michelle was able to meet



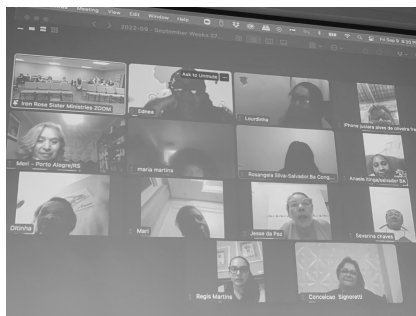
with the elders, then thank the congregation through a report while Sabrina Campos met

with the Spanish-speaking sisters. Everyone gathered for the Birthday Party after the Wednesday services.

The West Broward Church of Christ hosted a Birthday Party on a Sunday afternoon. Key partners celebrated God stories and shared in the vision for the next 10 years.

Thanks to these three for hosting and for the ideas on when/how to host a party!

Women Connected in Christ: Our first Portuguese-English event!



Women attending via Zoom

By the grace of God, we've started the second half of the year with some very exciting news!

During September 9th and 10th, we had our first official Portuguese-English event in partnership with **The Springs Iglesia de Cristo** in Florida. 30 women attended in-person and 50 via Zoom. It was a blessing to

have fellowship with our sisters and get to know some incredible women. We made some great connections and studied the theme: **Women Connected in Christ**. During the course of the weekend we met in small groups, learned more about each other, and encouraged some ladies as iron sharpening iron!

We are so thankful for our partners in The Springs Iglesia de Cristo, Tatiane and Maikon Borba, and Junior and Patricia Lira. They are some of the people who made it all happen (alongside the Hendrix and the Yegros families). Tatiane and Maikon opened their home to us and shared the community they're starting to build as the Brazilian ministry of the Church of Christ in Coral Springs, FL. We pray God blesses their work in South Florida and

continues to use them in His work. Go look them up on social media and get to know all the amazing things they are doing for God's Kingdom!

Join us in prayer for this team and for God's plans through this new facet of IRSM! There is always thirst for the Good News. May the Lord continue to guide our steps and thoughts.



Michelle J. Goff, Juaneylla (Ju) White, Tatiane Borba, and Sabrina Campos

2023 Calendar and Plans

IRSM Quarterly Virtual Events:

Feb—Prayer Month *Trilingual!*

May—English

Aug—Spanish

Nov—Portuguese

(amongst others)

In Person Events

Jan 13-14—Ladies Retreat, Bentonville CoC, AR

Mar 3-5—Bilingual area-wide "Sisters Connected in Christ," Memorial CoC, Houston, TX

Apr 14-15—Michelle J. Goff, speaker,

Women Walking with God, Wichita, KS

Apr 21-22—(Booth) Ladies Lectureship Retreat, Atlanta, GA

July 20-23—(Booth) Equip Conference, Orlando, FL

10th Year Tour Stops

Jan—NW Arkansas

June—Colorado

"You [Michelle] have a beautiful talent for putting ideas and truths together to make them thought provoking and that stimulates growth in your listeners!"
Katrina Timms from Bloom Conference 2022

Interested in partnering with us to equip the women in your area or in a mission point in Latin America that you support?

Contact us: info@ironrosesister.com
 or visit our website for more information
IronRoseSister.com/resources/seminars

Host a Birthday Party!

As you read on the front page, we are in our 10th year as a ministry, and we plan to have a ten-month-long party! We wish we could travel to all of the locations where we have supporters, but that would take years, not months.

Do you have the gift of hospitality? If we are not coming to your area, **would you be willing to host an Iron Rose Sister Ministries birthday party?** Invite women to your home or church, decorate with roses, fix some yummy Latin American food, and share the great news about what God continues to do through this ministry.

We have a "Party Planner Packet" for you with handouts, videos, "passport pages," games, recipes, and our birthday wish list to share with your guests.

Even if you can't make a big donation, you can play an important role in the long-term sustainability of this ministry, just by throwing a party! Contact Wendy Neill, our Advancement Coordinator, at wendy@ironrosesister.com if you are interested.





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Prayers: Our prayer warriors are our biggest advocates! 2 Cor. 1:11



Financially: Your bank's BillPay, Checks, ACH (monthly withdrawal; forms online), PayPal, AmazonSmile (choose IRSM)



Time and Talents: Contact us about getting involved by spreading the word, starting a small-group Bible study, planning an event, becoming a volunteer, and other opportunities.



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A Note from Michelle: Bible Study Books and Our "Buy One, Gift One" Program

One of the blessings on the other side of the pandemic is that some people have been able to travel into areas in Latin America and transport books as part of our BOGO program.

BOGO, for us, means "Buy One, GIFT One." When someone purchases a book, we give them the option to add half-again to their payment in order to gift a book to a sister in Central or South America.

Lisanka Martínez, in Venezuela, leads a group of joyous recipients of the gifted books through the BOGO program. She sends almost weekly messages of thanksgiving, along with pictures of the women with whom she is studying and growing.

Pictured here are sister **Sadia Morales** and other **Mexican women,** grateful to purchase books at our subsidized rate.

Every time I feel overwhelmed by my

**Sadia Morales and others study
In God's Right Hand in Ecatepec, México**

own personal challenges or those that the ministry has faced over the past year, I am reminded of **women like Sadia, Lisanka, and many others that God is blessing through our efforts and your support.**

God has not only proven His faithfulness time and time again during our first 10 years, but He has also always provided **reminders of His faithfulness** and how much He hears even the most specific of our prayers.

As I write this, I am humbled to witness specific answers to prayers for His provision of a new Office Assistant here in Searcy, as well as a Virtual Assistant (a new part

-time position created to keep up with our growth). Each of these team members contribute to the equipping, encouraging, and empowering of women in their relationships with God and one another. Now in three languages!!!

Thanks for praying with us and rejoicing with us. May God's faithfulness be evident to you, as well, especially as we head into a new year.

Love, Michelle

