

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- DFW in-person event
- Giving Tuesday, November 30th

IRSM Vision:

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

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DFW Event: Sisters Re-Connected in Christ

The pandemic has created a greater sense of disconnect among our sisters in Christ. It can be described as “**fellowship famine**”: **hunger for time in the Word with other Christians**. As churches navigate how to return to activities in their buildings and realign priorities after having worshipped virtually or physically distanced, we feel affirmed in our vision and priorities through Iron Rose Sister Ministries.

We are all about **equipping women to connect to God and one another more deeply...** and one of the primary strategies we emphasize is **small groups**. Our Bible study books are designed for small groups. The multiplication of our efforts is realized through small groups. **Jesus modeled equipping through small groups**, as well as **fellowship** among larger groups.

IRSM team and volunteers



We are grateful for how these things came together for the bilingual event, hosted by the **Woodland West Church of Christ** in Arlington, TX in partnership with other local congregations.



Sisters from Siempre Familia Church of Christ

“The time in small groups was impactful and transformational. The lessons laid the foundation and the questions in the handouts facilitated in-depth sharing and connection with women I had only met for the first time that day!” –Andrea

Giving Tuesday on God’s Multiplication Plan - Nov. 30, 2021



As a ministry, Christ’s pattern of organic multiplication in teaching and Paul’s mentoring example, specifically in **2 Timothy 2:2**, have been our model. What we plant, you water, and God brings the growth (1 Cor. 3:4-9). As such, we are “coworkers in God’s service.” We are extremely grateful for your partnership as co-laborers in

His vineyard. **We hope you will prayerfully consider a Giving Tuesday donation on or before Nov. 30th this year.** Last year, we raised \$10,000!

Please contribute this year to:

- ◆ Translating and distributing our resources into Portuguese to reach women in Brazil, Angola, and Mozambique
- ◆ Developing a Bible study curriculum in Spanish that women can use in congregations across the Americas
- ◆ Printing and distributing our Spanish resources to women in Cuba

- ◆ Expanding the team by hiring additional workers to produce quality audio and video Bible study resources for women.

**GOAL: \$12,000
\$4,000 in matching funds!**

Ways to Give

- ◆ Become a monthly donor
- ◆ Give at IronRoseSister.com/donate
- ◆ Give on our Facebook Giving Tuesday Fundraiser
- ◆ Mail a check to P.O. Box 1351, Searcy, AR 72145



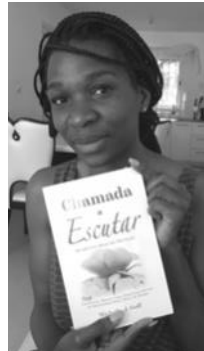
Looking for a gift idea?

Find the Cookbook at IronRoseSister.com under "Resources, Online Store"

(All proceeds go toward the work of Iron Rose Sister Ministries)

2021 Rejoicing and 2022 Theme

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven..." (Ecc. 3:1) 2021 continued under the cloud of a global pandemic, but our spirits were not dampened by the obstacles. We rejoice in all God did!



Three areas for rejoicing are highlighted below. **Thank you for your support and your prayers!** You are a part of how God

equipped and encouraged hundreds of women.

-*Called to Listen* is translated to Portuguese and is initially distributed to women in Angola (pic on left) and one group in Brazil. (Please pray about our printing needs in Brazil.)

-*One Single Reason: Conversations with Single Women* (in Eng. and Span.) is released, as well as the resource book related to *Congregational Strategies*.

-Monthly Virtual Bilingual Times in the Word and Worship models bilingual ministry and service strategies.

Please join us in prayer for a Strategic Planning Meeting with the Full Team and Board Dec. 3-4. God invites us to be good stewards in accomplishing the mission He has given us. There are more opportunities than we can take advantage of. Please join us in praying for wisdom and guidance in our Kingdom impact.

In 2022, "Sharing Our Story in God" will facilitate depth of relationship with God and one another, inviting others into their own story in Him (Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 2:2).



Online shopping?

Don't forget to go to smile.amazon.com and select **Iron Rose Sister Ministries** as your charity of choice.

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Monthly Bilingual Virtual Events

Our **Monthly Bilingual Ladies Class** is a virtual time in the Word and worship on the **2nd Saturday morning of every month** (9:30am CST). Each month IRSM models various ways that bilingual events can be held through worship, classes, and prayer in English and Spanish. On **December 11**, we will gather to share how we have been **Redefined by Gratitude**. Join us in sharing what God has

done through Iron Rose Sister Ministries, individually, in our local congregations, and around the world. We will follow a similar pattern to **Jesus' prayer in John 17** with an emphasis on **gratitude** in each of these areas. Mark your calendar and invite a friend!

Ladies' Monthly Virtual Class
Bilingual Time in the Word and Worship

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Redefined by Gratitude

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
Psalm 100:4

Pre-register on our website: IronRoseSister.com

7:00am Pacific US, Mexico
8:00am Mountain US
9:00am Central US, CA, or Mexico, Central America
10:00am Eastern US, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia
11:00am Venezuela, Bolivia
12:00pm Argentina, Chile

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Videos of past events and resources are available at IronRoseSister.com or on our YouTube channel.

Destination Retreat—Ladies Day Virtual Workshop

IDENTITY
Redefined A Ladies Day Virtual Workshop

Saturday, November 6, 2021
9:00am to 5:00pm (CDT)

Keynotes, Worship, Prayer time, Small groups, Hands-on activities, and more...

Pre-register on our website: IronRoseSister.com
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Keynotes:
Identity Redefined by the Potter (Jer. 18:4)
Identity Crisis (2 Cor. 5:17; Ps. 119:11)

*This is bilingual event (Eng-Span), invite your Spanish-speaking friends!

We were unable to gather in-person for our biannual

Destination Retreat this year but were able to pivot and instead host a **Ladies Day Virtual Workshop** on Saturday, November 6th with the same theme, **Identity Redefined**. Time was spent in worship, prayer, small groups, and hands-on activities. Two classes, *Identity Redefined by the Potter (Jer. 18:4)* and *Identity Crisis (2 Cor. 5:17, Ps. 119:11)* were taught and

recorded. **The classes and small group questions are available as a resource** for you to host your own Bilingual Ladies Day at your local congregation!

Mark your calendar:
2022 Destination Retreat in **Conway, Arkansas**.
We hope to see you **November 4-6, 2022!**

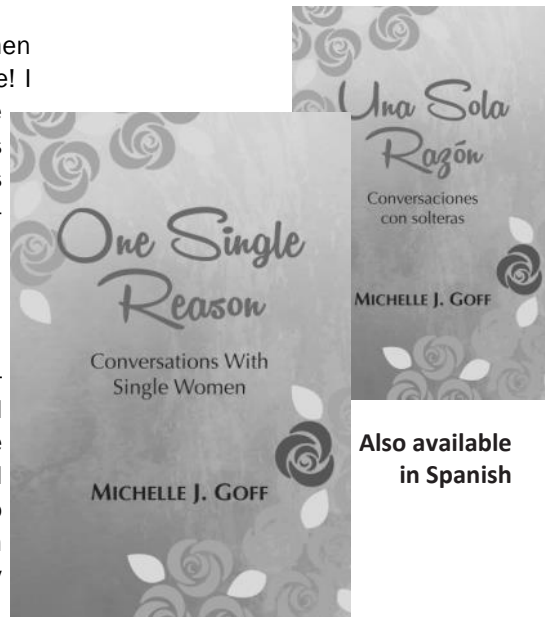
An invitation to the table through *One Single Reason* and *Una sola razón*

"I believe *One Single Reason* will be a blessing to every person who reads it. The book is bold and compassionate in sharing the struggles and perspectives of Christian single women while inviting open conversations and dialogue between sisters of all backgrounds." –**Chelsea Simpkins**

"Michelle and this group of women came into my life at the perfect time! I didn't even know I longed for the discussions and the insights that this group provided! I can't wait for this book to open eyes and start conversations for change!" –**Morgan Pruitt**

At the end of each section in *One Single Reason*, everyone is invited to "Table Talk" in which they Talk with God, Talk with an Iron Rose Sister, Talk with Others (in a small group), and Walk the Talk. Through conversation with God and with others, we build depth of relationship and are transformed.

We invite you into this important conversation through the English and Spanish full books and resource books, available on our website and through Amazon. And don't forget to use Amazon Smile and select Iron Rose Sister Ministries as your charity of choice!



Also available
in Spanish

2021-2022 Calendar and Plans

Monthly Bilingual Virtual Event:

Dec. 11, 2021, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, 2022 via Zoom

Other Virtual Events

Jan 22, 2022—Seminar/Workshop
"Florece" (Spanish)

Feb 21, 2022—IdC Englewood, Ladies Class
(Spanish)

In Person Events

Feb 18-19, 2022 —BLOOM Conference—Keynote
and booth (English)

Invite us to speak at your Ladies' Day or virtual event

Please contact us if you are interested in partnering with us to equip the women in your area or in a mission point in Latin America that you support.

info@ironrosesister.com

Volunteers Needed!

Iron Rose Sister volunteers are one of the **biggest blessings** the ministry has!

Are you interested in volunteering with us?
Here are some ways you can help:

- Write a blog post
- Use your gifts virtually during an event
- Share about IRSM's resources and opportunities with your local congregation or mission work
- Initiate Table Talk and start the conversation regarding *One Single Reason*

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at brenda@ironrosesister.com if you would like to volunteer in 2022.

We wouldn't be able to do all we do without our wonderful volunteers – Thank you!!

"Thank you sisters for your blogs, I am receiving them very well and they are of great help, support and a blessing, may God bless you always." - Cary (blog subscriber in Cuba)



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Layers of Equipping through *One Single Reason*

Over many years, the Spirit has led me through informal conversations, pastoral-style counseling in ministry, and personal experience on the topic of singleness. Those thousands of women affirmed the need for a resource like *One Single Reason: Conversations with Single Women*.

From the start of the project, I invited Liliana Henríquez, to be my Spanish research partner through the course of conducting surveys, interviews, pilot studies, and other facets of the writing and editing processes. Liliana faithfully continued serving throughout the entire endeavor.

Three different women partnered with me at different stages in English (Rachel Baker, Abby Baumgartner, and Naomi Sechrest). Special thanks to each of those women, as well as the many others who served as partners in the gospel for this project (Phil. 1:5)!

While the fruitfulness of the books and their content is the most obvious outcome of the work, additional blessings and fulfillment of our vision come through the layers of equipping. Liliana, for example, has grown as a blog contributor, small group facilitator, speaker, and, of course, as an Iron



Rose Sister.

You have each been a part of this project, as well. Through your prayer partnership and financial support, I have been able to serve as author, speaker, and project coordinator, mentoring and training others in the process.

In every facet of our equipping, we strive to serve with excellence and intentionality.

Thank you for your support of our growing team and group of volunteers. We feel your prayers and thank God for you!

In Him,

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Liliana Henríquez (left) and
Michelle J. Goff (right)