

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- Committed to Christ 24/7
- Giving Tuesday, Nov 28th
- Books printed in three continents!
- Spirit-filled Team and Board Meeting

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Officially in Brazil!

God's faithfulness was evident, and His timing is always perfect. Brazil Coordinator, Beliza Kočev, coordinated visits to five cities over three weeks, which allowed her and Michelle J. Goff, Executive Director, to present Ministério Irmã Rosa de Ferro (MIRF) to over 300 people. They partnered with two Biblical training schools that send missionaries and church planters, and a relationship was developed with **EBNESR, a school of theology** that has a publishing branch, through



Michelle and Beliza share our resources



Ladies' Tea in Campo Grande

which MIRF is **printing and distributing *Chamada a Escutar (Called to Listen)* across Brazil.**

After months of translations and adaptations, through an incredible partnership with EBNESR, and a series of miracles that God provided, they managed to have the book in their hands before the Northeast Women's Seminar! Thank you to the prayer warriors who partnered with them through the obstacles!

On behalf of nearly 50 women who initially purchased *Called to Listen* in their own language, THANK YOU!

During the women's seminar,

right after buying their books, women were already reading it! Two small groups were started, and Beliza and Michelle were encouraged to meet women ready to learn and grow more. Even during their brief visit, women were equipped and inspired. MIRF is excited to continue those relationships at next year's seminar at which Michelle has been invited to speak. Another event while there was a Ladies' Tea, hosted by the church in central Campo Grande. Two other congregations participated, and women were inspired through the theme, "If Jesus Met Me for Tea..."

Committed to Christ, 24/7 in 2024

"We want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection...the surpassing worth of knowing Christ...through faith..." that we may share with others. (excerpts of Phil. 3:7-11)

The center of our faith is Christ, and the vision of our ministry is to equip women to connect to God (Christ) and one another more deeply.

We look forward to the development of this focus

for the upcoming year through blog posts, virtual events, and even the next interactive Bible study book to be released in the fall! In February, we will be "Committed to Prayer" and each month will have its own sub-theme. However, we know our commitments should not be limited to one month. Thank you for your



ongoing commitment to prayer, financial support, and partnership in other areas!



Board President, Katie Forbess, and daughter, Leilani, in Rochester, MN

IRSM Vision:

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

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His Faithful Love Endures Forever

Written by Katie Forbess



How fitting that the bilingual event, hosted by the gracious **Rochester Church of Christ**, was entitled **“Women’s Spiritual Health Workshop,”** in the town known for the Mayo Clinic.

About 35 women from ages 12-80 and from countries including India, Malawi, Chile, Mexico, and Cuba gathered to praise and worship in English and Spanish and to learn about and exercise spiritual health.

It was a beautiful experience to have with my 12-year-old daughter, Leilani. She was blessed by the lessons and the one-on-one encouragement she received from the ladies—truly, **iron sharpening iron in action!**

The workshop was true to IRSM: growing closer to God and one another, and our adaptability with the schedule.

The united spirit of the ladies was seen Sunday morning in the final class, using the

pattern of Psalm 136. Each shared personal thanksgivings and all verbally affirmed, **“God’s faithful love endures forever.”**

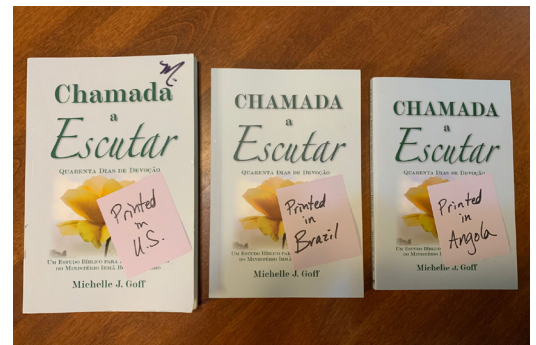
My soul and my body were fed! Thanks again to Jim and Carol Fincher for the hospitality and the tacos!

I continue to thank God for the blessing of serving through Iron Rose Sister Ministries. **“His faithful love endures forever!”**

Chamada a Escutar Printed in 3 Continents

Called to Listen: Forty Days of Devotion, written by Iron Rose Sister Ministries’ Executive Director, Michelle J. Goff, is her most widely studied Bible study book across the Americas, both in English and Spanish. We rejoice because in 2021 we started the distribution of its Portuguese version: **Chamada a Escutar**, printed in the USA by IRSM and in Angola by LAMP Publishing, who distributes it among the Luso-African countries.

In August 2023, **God provided a partnership with EBNESR Publishing House** to have *Chamada a Escutar* printed and widely distributed within Brazil!



Printed in US, Brazil, and Angola

Harding’s Global Missions Experience and Lectureship

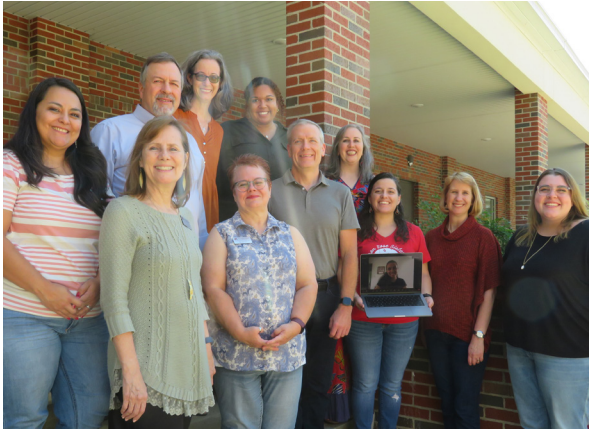
Formerly known as World Missions Workshop, Harding University hosted the **Global Missions Experience (GME)** the weekend before their Centennial Lectureship. At GME, Michelle shared about

“Serving as a Single Missionary” to a receptive group of students, while networking with other presenters and global servants of the Kingdom. **At Lectureship**, connections were strengthened and built

with other Kingdom workers. The team had a booth and shared about Iron Rose Sister Ministries during one of the class sessions. Praise God for these opportunities to equip and connect!

Fellowship and Future Planning

Written by Bailey Vesperman



IRSM Team and Board together in Searcy, AR; Beliza on laptop from Brazil

In September, members of the IRSM Team and Board gathered in Searcy for a weekend of team building and planning for the future.

There are few words to express the joy felt as we shared meals, discussed ideas, and got to know one another on a deeper level. As a newer member, this was my first time meeting most everyone in person. Being together was an incredible blessing, and we could feel the Spirit at work as we connected with one another.

A large portion of the weekend was devoted to looking forward and planning for 2024. 2023 was a huge year, and we want to

keep that momentum as we move forward, but we also recognize that maintaining a solid foundation is vital as we continue to grow. Different committees discussed plans for future trips, events, and resources, and prioritized next steps to ensure IRSM continues to operate and serve in a viable manner.

All in all, our time together was an incredible blessing, and we are beyond excited about what 2024 holds. We cannot wait to see how God works in the coming year!

Please join us in our ongoing prayer for God's wisdom (Prov. 16:3).

2023-2024 Calendar and Plans

Virtual Events

Dec 2 - "Teaching and Learning through Relationships"—Portuguese

2023 In-Person Events

Nov. 2-4 - Harding Homecoming, Michelle J. Goff will be awarded as Outstanding Alumna

Nov. 7-10, 17-21 - Michelle in Honduras (teaching classes and recording videos)

Nov. 11-16 - Michelle, Wendy, and Brenda in Guatemala with Health Talents Intl for 2.5 days of women's training

Other Events in 2023

Nov. 28 - Giving Tuesday "An Open Door"

2024 In-Person Events

Jan 26-28 - Ladies' Retreat Hardin Valley CoC, Knoxville, TN

Feb 23-24 - Bloom Conference Harding University, Searcy, AR

Feb 24 - IRSM Prayer-a-Thon "Committed to Prayer"

In **August**, international trips to Colombia and Brazil.

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

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Step Through the Open Door

Written by Wendy Neill

What an incredible year it has been! We've been to Brazil, Angola, and all over the U.S. this year. Everywhere we went, we were encouraged by the women and men who support this work. In our 10th year, we were able to lay a great financial foundation for the coming years, but we can still use your help.

Please continue praying for this ministry as we expand into new areas such

as Brazil. The door of opportunity now stands open for us there, but we need to act quickly. Many of you have been faithful contributors each year on Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving). This year, **Giving Tuesday will be November 28th** and our theme is "An Open Door." Mark your calendar and consider becoming a monthly partner. Give at **IronRoseSister.com**, on Facebook, or return the pledge card in your November newsletter.





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A note from Michelle: Connected around the World

The trip to Brazil was a dream come true. Tears filled my eyes as I witnessed women hungry for affirmation, encouragement, and resources, knowing that God had sent us to answer their prayers.

When we presented Ministério Irmã Rosa de Ferro (MIRF) at the Northeastern Brazil Ladies' Retreat (with 230 women), Beliza allowed me to begin in Portuguese. **The "joy of the Lord" communicated across any language barriers,**

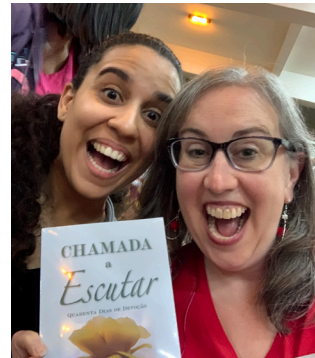


Karol, Luisa, and Michelle
at Ladies Tea in Brazil

even when I would accidentally switch to Spanish. Many people asked if we were mother and daughter. I loved when someone said that we went together like beans and rice! We certainly made a great team in teaching, presenting, and translating. Whether with a large group of women or one-on-one with a sister in need of encouragement, we equipped in the divine appointments God had "prepared in advance for us to do" (Eph. 2:10).

I felt an immediate and lasting connection with the Brazilian sisters, one only possible through the Lord. The international connections continued when I taught at a bilingual ladies' conference in Rochester, Minnesota.

A Mexican sister helped lead worship in Spanish. A Malawian sister delighted in the laughter therapy during and after the lesson.



Michelle
and Beliza
excited
about
*Chamada
a Escutar's*
arrival

And a sister from India was deeply blessed by the prayer trios—one of the exercises for Women's Spiritual Health.

What a mighty God we serve who brings us together in the name of His Son, connecting us from across the world!

Thank you for your partnership and your prayers! We cannot do this without you!

Love, *M.*