

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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Good News to Share!

- 501c3 non-profit status approval!
- Prayer-a-thon September 9th
- IRSM Promo Video
- Unity as a theme no matter what the event topic

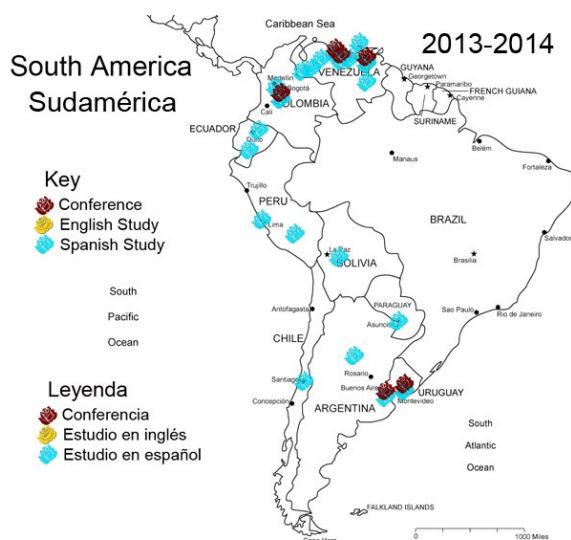
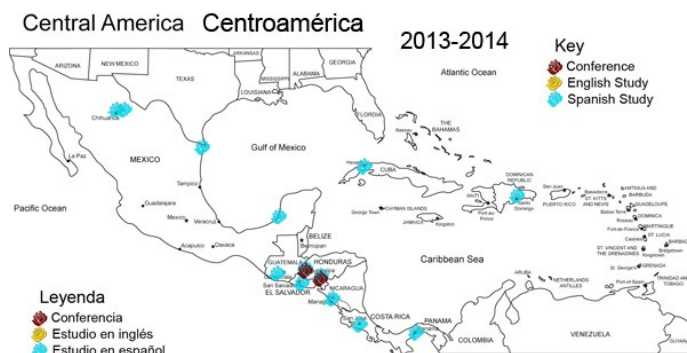
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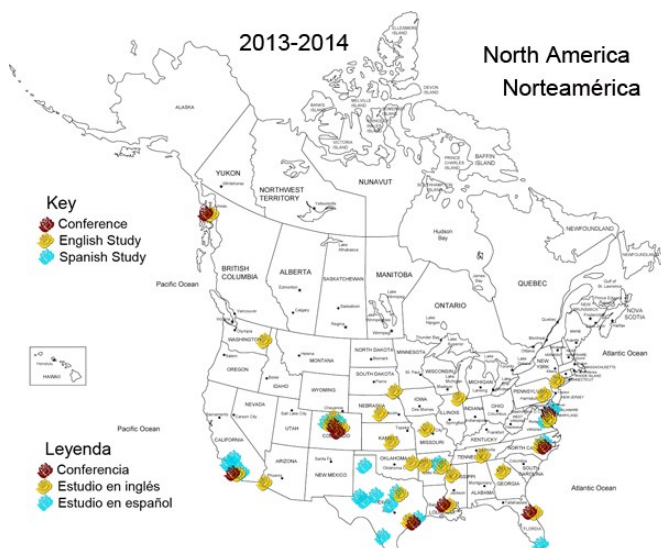
Non-profit status and other 1st year goals met

Having completed our first year as an established ministry, there are some **major milestones** God has helped us reach already. Please rejoice with us in the following:

- **Approval** from the IRS as a **501c3 non-profit**, public charity! This means that all contributions made to IRSM are tax-deductible.
- *Human AND Holy* and/or *Humano Y Santo* studies **published** and now being studied in all **19 Spanish-speaking countries** of Latin America and **23 of the 50 U.S. States!**
- **Reached over 2,500 women across the Americas** through conferences, small group Bible studies, blog posts, and women's ministry consultations.



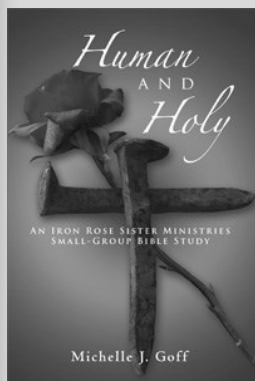
Help us reach the rest of the 50 States!



US States that need *Human AND Holy* or *Humano Y Santo* studies:

Alabama
Connecticut
Delaware
Hawaii
Idaho
Indiana
Iowa
Kentucky
Maine
Mass.

Michigan
Minnesota
Montana
Nevada
New Hamp.
New Jersey
New Mexico
North Dakota
Ohio
Oregon
Rhode Island
S. Carolina
Utah
Vermont
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming



Order *Human AND Holy* for your women's small group today!

"I don't normally like breaking into small groups but I loved this one and got so much out of it!" ~ Ladies' Day participant at Holly Hill Church of Christ, Daytona Beach, FL



Lou Ann and Patricia study *Human AND Holy* together in Houston, TX

Unity is the theme no matter what the conference topic

One hundred women from twelve congregations in the **Bogotá, Colombia**, area studied "Communication" on May 31. Sixty women representing ten congregations around **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, gathered on June 7 to "Delight yourself in the Lord."



Women "delighting" in the Buenos Aires conference.



Salitre congregation women that organized the Bogotá, Colombia, event.

Prayer-a-thon, Tuesday, September 9th

In March, we had almost 100 people praying together as one voice for IRSM.

Tuesday, September 9, we will join together again. Sign up for a time to pray on our website:

www.IronRoseSister.com/prayer-a-thon

We will be praying together for:

- Michelle's Fall 2014 speaking engagements

- A contract with a **traditional publishing company**
- **Fund-raising** to churches for their 2015 budgets
- Opportunities to reach the other **27 US States**
- The women in current and future **small group IRSM Bible studies**

- The **other doors** God is opening for IRSM
- **THANKS** for all God has done thus far!



Invitation to churches

We are extremely **grateful** to the **individuals** who have donated to help make possible all that God has accomplished through IRSM in our first year.

We want to **extend the invitation** for financial support to **churches** as well.

IRSM is a **mission effort** that

is not geographically based, but is **demographically based**. We reach out to women across the Americas who are seeking to grow in their relationships with God and one another.

Please spread the word about this **opportunity** to your elders, missions committee and others.

IRSM Promo Video

We have put together a video that provides an **overview of the ministry**. The video, provided in two formats, is available on our website:

www.IronRoseSister.com

It's a great opportunity to share with others about this mission effort that reaches across the Americas!

Opportunities in English & Spanish ~ Small Groups follow teaching



Michelle taught at a Ladies' Day for the Bostonia Church of Christ in San Diego, CA, (pictured above) before representing IRSM with a booth at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures.

The Holly Hill Church of Christ hosted a Ladies' Day on Saturday, May 17th. Even a busy graduation weekend did not deter the

forty women who gathered to learn about being Victorious and Joyful in Battle. While in Daytona Beach, FL, Michelle was also able to conduct a class for the Spanish-speaking women of the congregation.

Small group at Holly Hill Church of Christ, Daytona Beach, FL



Michelle teaching on communication in Bogotá, Colombia

"I enjoyed my small group study of *Human AND Holy*. I can't wait for Michelle's next book to come out!"
~Donna Ellis in Baton Rouge, LA

2014 Calendar Update

Sept. 3—Longmont Church of Christ, *Human AND Holy* kick-off, Longmont, CO

Sept. 20—Northwest Church of Christ /Iglesia de Cristo Bilingual Ladies' Day, Houston, TX

Sept. 28–Oct. 1—Harding Lectureships (booth)

Oct 10-12—Southeast

(Aurora) Church of Christ Ladies' Retreat, Colorado Springs, CO

Oct. 31–Nov.18—Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central Venezuela Women's Conference & Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras

Book your Ladies' Day or Women's Retreat for 2015!

Destination Retreat

Mark your calendars, plan your vacation days, and start saving your money. We invite you to join us for the first IRSM Destination Retreat in **Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 1-4, 2015**. It's a year in advance so that you can make plans to be a part of this inspiring weekend with other women at the Ponderosa Retreat Center. Stay tuned for details.

Who has the Last Word? update

After overcoming a snag in writing permission that

delayed our progress, we are back on track with the

second interactive Bible study for women's small groups: ***Who has the last Word? Cutting through Satan's Lies with the Truth of God's Word***. An official proposal for the book is

in the hands of several **traditional publishing companies** and a few agents. Join us in prayer that God will guide us to the right group that will partner with us to bless English- and Spanish-speaking women with these resources.



Michelle representing IRSM with a booth at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, April 29– May 2

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Women's Ministry Resources in English and Spanish:

- Facilitate Christian sister relationships that will be like iron sharpening iron, encouraging and inspiring each other to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns
- Provide women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow
- Create a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas
- Conduct seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc. teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as *Iron Rose Sisters*

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A note from Michelle: Humbled by all God has done

Earlier this month, I prepared a presentation for the elders at the Northwest Church of Christ here in Westminster, CO, sharing with them about **all God has done through Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) in its first year.**

I was **humbled and amazed** by the summary

of all that has been accomplished in a relatively short amount of time. I was also exhausted to remember all the work that had gone into the trips, the writing, the lesson preparation, the business side of things, and so much more!

It has been encouraging to see how **God has been**

faithful. It was a tremendous leap of faith to launch IRSM, but I trust that **God will continue to provide**—in His way and in His timing.

A **special thanks** to those of you who have been a financial and prayerful support to me and IRSM.

As we look at the **goals for the next year** and a five or ten-year plan, I continue to trust that God will help us, as a ministry, to be encouraged and challenged, in the same way that we strive to equip and inspire other women.

We cannot do this alone!

We need your help, your prayers, your participation, and your talents to fulfill the calling that God has given us as a ministry.

I will close with Philippians 1:3-6. ***"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, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in [IRSM] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."***

Thank you for your continued prayers!



Spanish-speaking women at Holly Hill Church of Christ