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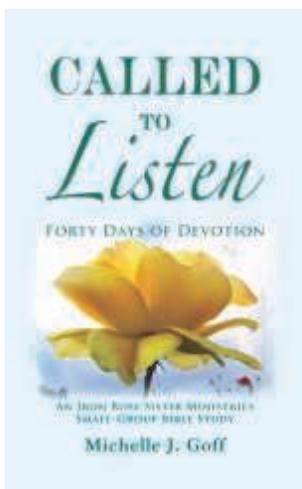
Good News to Share!

- **Called to Listen** Retreat is coming; Book is available!
- **Excellent trips** to Lima, Peru, Santiago, Chile, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- **Reconnecting with Venezuelans**

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Called to Listen: Latest Book and Destination Retreat



Forty Days of Devotion: Daily Listening Exercises and Weekly Reflections

Our Heavenly Father has a message that we have each been called to hear, but are you listening? In the midst of a noisy world, listening has become a lost art. We know that “anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand” (NLT). But how should we listen? What is God saying?

Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) will provide multiple opportunities to listen at its second **Destination Retreat, September 15-17, 2017**. Join us for a weekend away from the noise of your life in the beautiful state of Arkansas, as we come together as a

group of women, **Called to Listen**.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Destination Retreat 2017
near Conway, AR
September 15-17

Early Reg. Deadline: Aug. 15

Even if you are unable to attend the Destination Retreat, we are excited that **Called to Listen: 40 Days of Devotion** is available now, in both English and Spanish.

Books can be ordered on our website: great for individual study (40 days) and small group weekly reflections (6 weeks).

We had a dream... Bilingual Event, West Broward CoC, FL

Michelle Goff grew up spending Christmases in Miami, Florida, with her grandparents, **George & Barbara Brown**. Since launching IRSM, she has had the vision to go back to South Florida and conduct a bilingual event.

Esperanza Olivo and Michelle met in October 2013 at an Int'l Women's Event. Michelle was a keynote speaker and when Esperanza heard Michelle's passion and teaching style, she began praying that God would bring Michelle to her current home congregation: West

Broward Church of Christ for a bilingual event.

June 3, 2017, their dreams were realized. More than 130 Spanish-speaking and 100 English-speaking women gathered to learn about **Women's Spiritual Health**. The day culminated in a delightful tea.

Men, women, and teens of the congregation excelled in hosting the eleven congregations from across Florida.

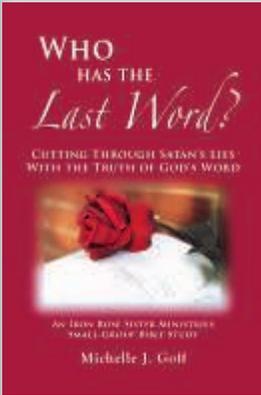


Three generations at Holly Hill CoC Event: Barbara Brown, Jocelynn and Michelle Goff

Thank you to the West Broward family! And thank you for your dreams, prayers, and support! **We would love to conduct a bilingual event in your area!**



Esperanza & Michelle



Cutting through Satan's Lies with the Truth of God's Word, 13-week study, Lle/Truth Chart

"My wife was transformed by the teaching on Delight! Thank you!"
-husband in Santiago, Chile



Summer intern, Mackenzie Lancaster, teaching in Santiago, Chile

Providencia & Nogales congregations host in Santiago, Chile

The **Providencia** and **Nogales** congregations, in two different sectors of Santiago, hosted classes for the women each day of the week, not to mention the city-wide Saturday event (pic below). Michelle and Mackenzie taught on Delight!, Galatians 2:20, and shared stories of women who encountered Jesus.



Sunday morning, they visited the **Rancagua church plant** (pic above), an hour outside of the city.



Thanks to the local church, and the **Perkins and Sanchez families** for your hospitality!

Delight! in Lima, Peru

In Lima, eighty women from nine congregations gathered for a time of true delight and joy, on Sat., July 1.

Teaching opportunities continued at the **Salamanca Church of Christ** on Sunday morning and with other personal visits during the week.

Thanks to missionaries **Jonathan, Bani, and Andrew Cooper**, our excellent hosts.



Reconnecting with Venezuelans (Michelle)

The **situation in Venezuela** has prompted mass migration to other countries. Their passion for evangelism and their **desire to serve and work in the Lord's church** is contagious and inspiring in their new local congregations. I am reminded of Acts 8:1; the gospel

spread because of the persecution of the early church. Having lived in Venezuela, now unable to visit, I am still **extremely burdened by the political and economic situation** there. Thank



Sarabia family in Honduras

you for praying with me for the country and the church there. In the meantime, I **thank God** for the way in which He uses all circumstances to His glory and for the opportunity to love on and encourage my extended **Venezuelan family** in other locations.



Venezuelans In Nogales, Santiago, Chile

Honduras Teaching in May

Every year, the **Baxter Institute**, a school of preaching in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, hosts their lectureships, gathering several hundred people from across Central America.

This year, they offered a **two-day women's track of classes** as a part of the seminar. Michelle inspired the women in attendance with



Honduras Hope hosts **Delight! event**, for five congregations in Tegucigalpa

stories of **Women Transformed by their Encounter with Jesus**; then **Women Seen and Valued by Jesus**.

The workshop style of the classes allowed the women to then be tasked with their own stories to analyze in the biblical and cultural contexts. Finally, the women were equipped to **share about their own encounter with Jesus**, inviting others to do the same.

“You really made the stories of these women who encountered Jesus come alive in ways I had never seen before!”
~Baxter attendee



Women's Track, Seminar at Baxter Institute, “Women Who Encountered Jesus”

2017 Calendar

July 19-21—Youth Retreat, Springdale, AR (Spanish)

July 23—Ladies Class, Southside CoC, Rogers, AR

August 2-9—Matanzas, Cuba

Sept 24-27—Harding Lectureship, class & booth

Oct 22-28—“Conexiones” in Guatemala (in partnership

with Great Cities Mission)

Nov. 4—South Baton Rouge Church of Christ Holiday event

2018 Calendar is filling up: international trips, and U.S. opportunities. **Contact us** today if you want to be a part of those plans: host an event, int'l travel, funding...

Please join us in **prayer for wisdom** in making those plans, **funding for the int'l** trips and subsidy of the tremendous resources into Latin America (Bible study materials, Missionary Care, audio, video, and other online resources).

Thank you!

Ruth, Ecclesiastes, and Esther at Pepperdine Bible Lectures

Ruth, Ecclesiastes, and Esther, are three of the five Scrolls of the Megilloth, which are read at certain, dedicated times or festivals in the Jewish calendar. **Their purpose is to remind us of God's plan, God's love, and His redemption/salvation. And they are read in the context of community to**

solidify those reminders.

As a part of the Pepperdine Spanish program that Friday, Michelle reminded the **women of God's plan, God's love, and His redemption: Ruth** through relationships, **Ecclesiastes** through the thorns of wisdom (Ecc. 12:11), and **Esther** through

difficult times.

Ruth and Naomi are also excellent examples of Iron Rose Sisters. (There is an entire **ePetal study** available for download that highlights this relationship.) The **video and audio of these classes** (in Spanish) are available on our website.



Michelle teaching at the Baxter Institute, Honduras



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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**
- Conduct **seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc.** teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as Iron Rose Sisters
- Create **a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas**

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A note from Michelle: Missionary Care, Mentoring, and Missions



Mackenzie with Laura Sanchez, missionary in Santiago, Chile

Teaching, equipping, encouraging, and inspiring. Missionary Care, late-night talks, prayers over specific needs and situations... IRSM summer intern, **Mackenzie Lancaster**, was able to participate in each of these and more aspects of who we are and what we do as a ministry, in both Santiago, Chile, and Lima, Peru.

Missionary Care is an unsung facet of the equipping that Iron Rose Sister Ministries takes part in and facilitates. As a former missionary, fully entrenched in the local culture and working almost exclusively with the Venezuelan people (not a North

American team model), there is a deeper level of understanding and empathy I can provide to others who have chosen a similar path in missions and in ministry. There are blessings and challenges that can best be shared with someone who **truly understands...**

Please join me in prayer for the **Perkins and Sanchez families** in Santiago, and the **Cooper family** in Lima.

And I love being able to give young women a behind-the-scenes and in-the-trenches view of mission work.

Megan Albers and her parents, **Randy and Christine**, joined me and Mackenzie in Lima, where

each were able to serve, according to their gifts and talents.

What a blessing to encourage current missionaries and build up future missionaries: **mentor and train these young women** as they serve the Lord now and wherever He calls them to serve in the future.

Thank you for being a part of making it all possible!

Love, Michelle



Mackenzie Lancaster, Jonathan, Bani & Andrew Cooper, Randy, Christine & Megan Albers, and Michelle Goff