

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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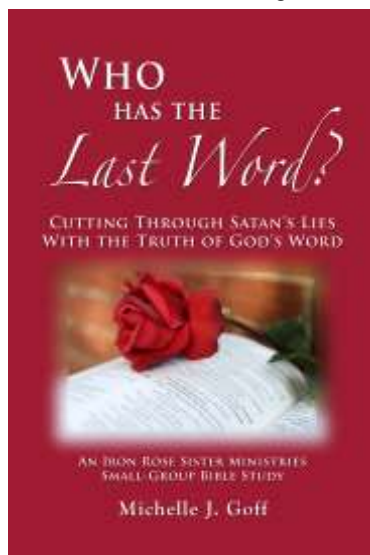
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Good News to Share!

- *Who Has the Last Word?* now available!
- More blessings than fit in one newsletter
- Exciting plans for 2017 and IRSM growth

New book ready in time for 2017 Bible studies!



Who Has the Last Word? Cutting through Satan's Lies with the Truth of God's Word is a 13-week interactive Bible study equipping women to live the abundant life of faith, hope, and love that Christ promised.

We invite you to:

- Learn how to recognize the lie, replace the lie with truth, and remember the truth through a specific scripture.

- Join with a small group of women to combat the personal lies like, "I am alone," "I am not enough," "Grace means I have to be tolerant," and others.
- Order your copy today.
- Please consider making a donation to help subsidize the cost of the book for women in Latin America.

Let's give God the last word together and help others do the same!

Women's Spiritual Health: IRSM Goal and Lima Theme

Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) strives to equip women to connect to God and one another more deeply. And as an extension of that purpose, we provide seminars and other resources that focus on women's spiritual health.

In Lima, Peru, the second weekend in November, the Salamanca Church of Christ hosted a Ladies' Day with that theme. Over seventy women attended and not only learned strategies for how to begin or deepen their relationship with God, but also had the opportunity to put many of these ideas into practice through small groups.

The teaching did not end with the Saturday event. Michelle was able to spend time with a couple of the women the following day who had already shared what they had learned with other women and were excited to learn more!

A Sunday morning Bible class for the women reinforced many of the same concepts.

In addition to the classes, visits, and Ladies Day, it was a blessing to get to know and encourage missionaries Jonathan and Bani Cooper, and their son, Andrew (Bani seated on far left in group picture below).

What a blessing to be able to accomplish so many of IRSM's goals and purposes in a six-day first visit to a city! May God be praised!

Iglesia de Cristo Salamanca in Lima, Peru, hosts the area-wide Ladies Day



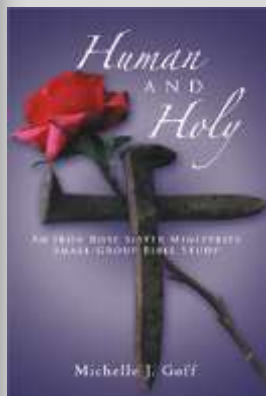
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In God's Right Hand is a 6-week study of the characteristics of **God's right hand**

"I praise the Lord for Michelle and her insight into God's Word." ~Carol Busselle



Human AND Holy is a 13-week study on the life of Jesus—His example of how to be human, living holy

2016 Blessings and 2017 Plans (just a sampling...)

2016 Blessings:

- 31 Seminars (10 Eng.; 2 bilingual; 13 Span. in Latin Amer.; 6 Span. in U.S.)
- Over 2,500 women reached and equipped
- Five Missionary Care Visits
- Hired Erica Peck as part-time bilingual assistant
- Revamped English and Spanish websites for easier access to online resources
- Nicaraguan TV interview

- 2nd summer intern and other mentoring relationships
- Release of 3rd Bible study book in English and Spanish
- Hundreds of books as interactive small group Bible study resource subsidized for churches in Latin America

2017 Plans:

- 3-4 International trips (~\$2,000 each)
- Continued subsidy of books and other resources in Lat. Am.

- 4th Bible study book written and published
- Increase Erica Peck's hours as assistant, esp. when Michelle travels
- Train and equip more women: summer intern, mentored students, etc.
- Development of additional resources and materials for women's ministry training
- IRSM hosted event: Destination Retreat

2017 Budget Fund Raising Goal: \$60,000

Be Strong and Courageous!

"How many times have I told you?" A common phrase repeated by mothers and also by God.

However, God knows how forgetful we are and graciously offers many reminders through Scripture that strengthen us and allow us to trust more fully in Him and His plan.

Three times in the first chapter of Joshua, God tells Joshua to: "Be strong and courageous," reminding him that, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Powerful messages for Joshua, and for us today... these verses served as the

basis for the weekend retreat with the Hispanic group of women from Springdale, Arkansas, in September.



Iglesia de Cristo Springdale women

Return to Cochabamba, Bolivia, Family Camp

Go and Tell! was the theme for the annual Bolivian family camp. A track of classes for the women was also offered: **Communication** with God, family, and the world.



It was also a blessing to spend time

with missionaries **Butch and Trish Sandoval** again, who have served the church in Cochabamba for almost eleven years.

When returning to a place previously visited, Michelle is able to spend more time in deeper conversation, equipping, inspiring, and encouraging the women through teaching and one-on-one opportunities.

John 3:17 Ministries, Remmel Church

If you are a woman who has been blessed to know and have **“Sisters Connected in Christ”** (event theme), we rejoice with you.

However, there are many women who are unaware of what that means, looks like, or the blessing found in that kind of relationship with

other women, **Iron Rose Sisters**, we could call them.

The women at John 3:17 Ministry were excited to learn how we can **encourage one another in our spiritual walks**, fulfilling the one another passages, while serving as iron sharpening iron, encouragers, and mentors.

The **John 3:17 Ministry** serves as a homeless/recovery center in Jackson County, Arkansas. IRSM was

Small Group Discussion Time



John 3:17 Ministry Women at Ladies Day



privileged to partner with them for this event, providing resources to the women who are a part of this program.

Thank you to the church at Remmel for hosting the event and participating in such a worthwhile ministry!

“Who Has the Last Word?”

spoke to me through real life examples of people struggling with the lies we all face, and the **truth of God’s** Word that can strike down **those lies.”**
-Erica Peck

2017 Calendar

Feb 3-4—Downtown Church of Christ Ladies Retreat, Searcy, AR

Feb 24-25—WINGS, Harding University

Mar 31—Apr 1—Ladies Retreat, Knoxville, TN

Apr 21-22—Women Walking With God, Wichita, KS

May 2-5—Pepperdine Bible Lectures (classes in Spanish and booth)

Sept 24-27—Harding Lectureship

Oct 22-28—Conexiones (in partnership with Great Cities Mission)

More 2017 opportunities in the works... stay tuned!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Destination Retreat 2017
“Called to Listen”
near Conway, AR
September 15-17

Reserve your spot today!

Harding Lectureship ~ Online Resources and Audio Available

Michelle was able to teach two classes during the Women’s Program at the Harding Lectureship in September.

Hispanic Sisters and Latina Friends: How to reach a growing community, and **Crossing Borders and Crossing Pews.**

A recording of these classes

and many of the other seminars Michelle has taught are available on our website: www.IronRoseSister.com

Please encourage other women and churches to take advantage of the resources available through our website, seminars, and Bible study materials.



Holiday Shopping? Don’t forget to choose Iron Rose Sister Ministries as your charity of choice for all of your Amazon purchases! (Visit smile.amazon.com and sign in to your account.)



Michelle with Patricia Sandoval, missionary in Cochabamba, Bolivia



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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: All About the Relationships

October 2013, I met **Maritza** (top right picture), after I spoke at an Int'l Seminar in Houston. Then, in November 2016, I was able to visit her native city, Lima, Peru, meet her two sisters, and hear about how she has used *Human AND Holy*, and other IRSM resources to bless other women!

Mafer, (bottom right pic.) is



Sherra in Newport, AR

also a Peruvian, who, along with her mother, opened their home to me, and served rice cakes with avocado (which I can eat!) We prayed, studied the Bible, and shared from our personal lives. Mafer has since shared with me about the impact of her study of *In God's Right Hand*.

Sherra (pictured bottom left) and I met at the Harding Lectureship and started a new friendship. We reconnected at the event hosted by the Remmel church in November. She will be graduating from John 3:17 Ministry in a few months and is eager to learn more about how God can continue to transform her life, mentor other women, and get involved in Iron Rose Sister Ministries.



Maritza and Pilar, sisters in Lima, Peru

Each of these ladies represent a host of other women with whom I am privileged to connect, build relationships, equip, encourage, and witness growth.

Your financial support and your prayers are what make this possible: New and renewed friendships... seeds planted and watered... Inspiring others and equipping women...

Thank you! And please prayerfully consider a one-time or monthly contribution that will allow me to continue my commitment to these women. In Him, M.

Mafer in Lima, Peru

