

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

Winter 2026



Good News to Share!

- **Ambassadors Across the Americas**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Mini-Equipping Workshop in Brazil**

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Brazil Ambassadors Equipped to Bear More Fruit

Written by Beliza Kocev



In 2024, at an event in southern Brazil, I met **Monique**. We had extensive conversations about the ministry, the available resources in Portuguese, and how they could help edify the women in her home state. Since then, we have stayed in touch, discussing these same topics.

This year, we organized vir-

Beliza and Monique, 2024

tual small groups to study *Chamada a Escutar* (Called to Listen), to show women the abundant fruit that can come from them, and encourage the ladies to start similar groups in their own congregations.

Monique participated in one of these groups. She has now launched a small group in Sergipe (NE Brazil) that is studying the same book!

We are already discussing other locations where she wants to introduce the ministry as one of our Booth Ambassadors.

I can already envision the story repeating itself when she meets a sister at an event like the one where I met her!

Monique is one of the mature and willing women that God has already raised up to equip other Brazilian women. What a blessing to have them as Ambassadors!



Monique and Small Group Ladies, 2026

Colorado Ambassadors in English and Spanish

Nine IRSM Ambassadors gathered to serve in various roles for the bilingual event co-hosted by the **Mission Point and Englewood Churches of Christ** in August. Some traveled across town; others came from out of state.

From left to right (back row) **Kat Bittner** co-lead singing with some Hispanic youth. **Lyndsay Seneger** (NC) got to meet and thank many of our individual and church financial partners directly. **Jocelynn Goff** (AR) served as a Mentoring Booth Ambassador. **Michelle Goff** (AR) taught one class each in English and Spanish.

Anna Yingling managed

slides and other AV from behind the scenes.

Dr. Anessa Westbrook (NE) taught a class in English. **Kay Sanders** was a local congregation hostess, greeter, and Booth Ambassador. (front row) **Johana Batres** taught a class in Spanish. **Brenda Brizendine** was a Spanish Booth Ambassador and translated some of the activities.

And this does not include the Mission Point and Englewood volunteers that **Leesha Neuhold** and other



planning committee members coordinated.

May God get all the glory! Everyone involved in big and small ways was a testimony to the theme: "Victorious and Joyful in Battle" (Ps 20).

Want to volunteer or learn more? Contact us!



Liliana Henríquez
teaching in Bogotá,
Colombia

IRSM Vision
Equipping
women to connect
to God and one
another more
deeply in English,
Spanish,
Portuguese,
and bilingual
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across the
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Ambassadors Bear Fruit, Equipped Into 2027

As 2026 draws to a close, we celebrate with gratitude the ways God has been at work through Iron Rose Sister Ministries. Our theme, “**Bear Fruit**,” rooted in **John 15**, reminds us that as we abide in Christ, He produces fruit through our lives. One exciting expression of that fruit has been the launch of the Ambassadors Program through the English Ambassadors Equipping Workshop. This initiative opens doors for women to represent IRSM by speaking, teaching, encouraging, facilitating, and connecting women to God and one another.

As we look toward 2027, we are excited to see how God will lead and grow this ministry. Our new annual theme, “**Equipped**,” draws us to **Hebrews 13:20-21**, reminding us that God equips



us with everything good for doing His will.

In 2027, we will continue investing in our Ambassadors, offering Mini-Equipping Workshops with local congregations, and launch the **Spanish Ambassadors Equipping Workshop** in the Houston area. Through these opportunities, more women will be equipped to use their gifts to serve, encourage, and equip others.

We trust God to use this growth to bear even more fruit!

Back in Cuba

We were able to return to Cuba to participate in the **25th National Youth Conference**. Youth came from every corner of the island to spend a weekend immersed in God’s Word. Due to the issues facing the country, it can take several hours or days to travel and can cost several weeks’ pay. **It was truly encouraging to see youth willing to sacrifice so much to learn more about God.** We were deeply grateful for the opportunity to teach and participate in young girls’ and ladies’ classes.



Virtual Small Groups

Since the first book was published in Brazil, we sensed a barrier: women didn’t always grasp the concept of small groups. So, we organized **online small groups**, **allowing us to model how they work**, thus enabling women to experience them firsthand and realize the many blessings they could receive by hosting them in their own congregations.

“I learned so much from everyone in my group.” “The group was a safe space.” “There was one week when listening was hard, so I went to the group praying for God to help me listen through what the sisters would share... and it worked!”

Colombia and IRSM's 13th Birthday

Eleven classes in three cities, hosted by six congregations and taught by three Speaker Ambassadors, were held over the course of 12 days to women from a total of 20 unique congregations.

Sometimes the numbers tell the story. And sometimes they only barely scratch the surface.



Francia and Michelle celebrate IRSM's 13th Birthday in Medellín

We are a relational ministry. We report the numbers, but we care more about the Kingdom impact and the multiplication method that Jesus modeled. We love Kingdom math!

Only Kingdom math can calculate the impact of the thousands of women equipped over IRSM's first 13 years. What a delight to celebrate our 13th birthday in all three of the cities visited during the July Colombia trip (Medellín, Armenia, Bogotá).

Top highlights:

- **Medellín:** three-day, area-wide event hosted by three



Ladies at area-wide in Medellín

local congregations,

- **Armenia:** ladies' class with a new congregation where Staff Ambassador Francia Oviedo serves with her husband,
- **Bogotá:** area-wide event in the city where IRSM Founder, Michelle J. Goff, has collaborated with the church since 2000.

2026 - 2027 Calendar

In-Person Events

Nov 9 - Ladies' Class, João Pessoa, Brazil

Nov 10-16 - Mini-Equipping Workshop & Ladies' Classes, Ponta Grossa, Brazil

Nov 17-19 - Ladies' Classes at local congregations & EBNESR (Theological Seminary)

Mar 8 - Ladies' Day, Breaking Chains, Honduras

Mar 10-13 - Mini-Equipping Workshop & Ladies' Day, BICA (Biblical Institute of Central America), Honduras

Mar 22-24 - Equip Conference, York, NE (booth and series of classes)

Mar 26-28 - La Colón National Conference (Keynote Speaker), Ecuador

Mar 31 - Women's Seminar, EQEB (Quito School of Biblical Studies), Ecuador

Apr 10 - Bilingual Area-Wide Ladies' Day, Oklahoma City, OK

Apr 17 - Bilingual Area-Wide Ladies' Day, Bellevue Church of Christ, Bellevue, NE (Omaha)

Virtual Events

Dec 4 - Portuguese Virtual Event

Jan 30 - Trilingual Virtual Event

Booths

Feb 12-13 - Bloom Conference, Searcy, AR

Manaus Mini-Equipping Workshop

Last year, Michelle and Beliza visited Manaus (in the Amazon region), where the women's desire to grow spiritually and be equipped to help others grow was clear. Since then, we have maintained contact with sisters from **various congregations in Manaus**. The small groups formed—which have been studying all the books published in Portuguese to date—have aimed

to prepare them to teach women living in more isolated parts of the state. In September, we once again partnered with the churches in Manaus to hold a **Mini-Equipping Workshop to train women on how to prepare a Bible class**.





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Join our Multiplied Harvest!

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to partner with us for *A Multiplied Harvest* (2 Cor 9:10-11; Exod 23:16). To sustain and expand this important mission, our goal is to raise \$60,000 in one-time gifts and welcome \$3,000 in new monthly commitments.

**Your generosity will directly
fund three key initiatives:**

- Ambassadors Program Development
- New Biblical Resources
- International Mission Trips



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From Michelle... Opportunity at York University, Spring 2027

For the first five months of 2027, I will be teaching to teach, encouraging, and equipping women to connect to God and one another more deeply across the Americas from a different home base: York, Nebraska!

I will be serving as a **Missionary-in-Residence for York University** for one semester. I will be teaching a course, *Business as Mission*, using IRSM as a case study and inspiring students to live out their own mission with Kingdom



Michelle with Akeema and
Leon Lewis

Michelle and Dr. Anessa
Westbrook, Co-Director of York's
Kite Center for Ministry

intentionality.

While building mentoring relationships with students, I will spend more concentrated time with one **student intern** and the 3-4 female students we will take with us on a **spring break mission trip** to Honduras.

As a part of my ongoing roles with IRSM, I will facilitate the English **intergenerational pilot study** of *The Grace to Pace* in the York community. We will conduct an area-wide **bilingual Ladies' Day** on April 17th at the Bellevue Church of Christ (Omaha), and build other relationships with churches in the area, sharing our equipping resources for women and women's ministries in English and



Spanish.

Are you excited with me? In addition to these opportunities, I will be collaborating with friends and partners in the gospel I worked alongside in Searcy: York President Dr. Tim and his wife Dr. Anessa Westbrook, as well as Leon and Akeema Lewis (he's York's new campus minister). Thank you for joining us in prayer for this wonderful opportunity to equip more women and churches in that region of the country.

Love, M.