

Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

Winter 2025



Good News to Share!

- We need your help to grow Wider!
- 2026 Plans
- Learn about our bilingual events!

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"Go Wider" With Us!



Women long to be equipped in their relationships with God and one another. Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) meets that need through in-person and virtual events, small group Bible study materials, and various online resources. **We cannot do this without your help!**

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the

ends of the earth" (Ac 1:8b NIV)

Our "Go Wider" End-of-Year Fundraising Campaign includes the intentional development and expansion of our Ambassadors Program. By building a solid, rooted foundation of financial support, our Ambassadors and the women we equip will be able to "bear fruit" (Jn 15) in 2026 and beyond.

You can also help us extend our reach across the Americas and "Go Wider" by supporting our 2026

Equipped sisters in Colombia

international trips: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, and Panama.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our **goal of \$55,000 in end-of-year donations and 20 new monthly supporters.** No amount is too small.

For ways to donate, see page 4, scan the QR code on the insert, or visit IronRoseSister.com.



Ambassadors Program Rollout

Our vision is to equip women to connect to God and one another more deeply. One of the most important ways IRSM serves is by training women to be leaders and speakers who can go forth and continue in this mission, modeling 2 Timothy 2:2b *"...entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified*

to teach others." The **IRSM Ambassadors Program** allows us to build an international network that provides the full extent of our resources to the largest population possible.

To learn more about our Ambassadors Program, get to know our Ambassadors and how they serve, we have two great resources! First, check out IronRosesister.com, **About, Ambassadors**, where you can learn about the biblical principles and purpose of the IRSM Ambassadors



Program. If you would like to "meet" some of our Ambassadors and see how they serve, we're excited to share the **"Iron Rose Sister Ambassadors" playlist on our YouTube channel** ([YouTube.com/@IronRoseSister](https://www.youtube.com/@IronRoseSister)). We look forward to continuing to equip Ambassadors who can help the ministry grow wider as they share our resources across the Americas!



Ju White, IRSM Board Ambassador, and Claudia Malaquias, MIFB Board Ambassador



Lyndsay with participant Cindy at Westbury Church of Christ

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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Bear Fruit and Other 2026 Plans

After we “Go Wider” (Ac 1:8) with our roots, our focus transitions to “Bear Fruit” (Jn 15), our 2026 theme.

Beyond the development of the Ambassadors Program and the planned international trips, we have plans for the following:

Launch the 4th Portuguese book: *Who Has the Last Word? Cutting through Satan’s Lies with the Truth of God’s Word.* This book has been the most popular in English and Spanish in the U.S. and in Latin America in 2025. We are excited to share this biblical resource with our Brazilian sisters in 2026.

Conduct the IRSM Ambassadors Equipping Workshop in English, along with its accompanying equipping resources. The same workshop will take place in Spanish in 2027 and in Portuguese in 2028.



Remain in the True Vine and bear fruit (Jn 15) by modeling, teaching, and keeping these goals at the forefront. We plant and water and trust that God will bring the growth (1Co 3:6).

Thank you for your prayers toward the fulfillment of these and other 2026 goals.

“Practice Like a Wise Woman” through Virtual Events

We are so thankful this year to have hosted five virtual events through which our ladies had the opportunity to learn from God’s Word.

During these fall months, we had two virtual events. **Speaker Ambassador, Kim Solís**, shared how “We Walk by Faith” (2Co 5:7) during a Spanish virtual event. In November, we had a trilingual virtual event where English-, Spanish-, and Portuguese-speaking women together put “Wise Woman Practices” into practice (1Th 5:16-18). We look forward to continuing to serve through virtual events in 2026!



Brazil Updates

Our expansion in Brazil continues... We’re in the final stages of registering as a religious organization. We have women who participated in the activities we developed in northern Brazil, including the small group that studied *Called to Listen*. That group is already preparing for each member to form new small groups with other women to study *Human AND Holy*. Sisters who know the ministry are serving as volunteers, presenting the ministry in other places. We’re taking the first steps toward the book that will be published next year. Wow! It’s so exciting to see all the things God will do in Brazil through the ministry!

Equipped to Serve

In October, **seven Ambassadors** encouraged and equipped women at an Area-Wide Bilingual Women's Conference hosted by the Westbury Church of Christ in Houston. For four of the team who live in Colombia, Peru, Arkansas, and North Carolina, it was their first time meeting in person. And, with three joining the team within the past year, this gathering was



a meaningful time of connection and an opportunity to grow in how we support events with excellence.

The conference beautifully reflected the **unity of the body of Christ**, with a balance of English- and Spanish-speaking sisters and participation from several congregations across the Houston area.

The role IRSM plays at each event varies based on the needs and goals of the host church or organization. At Westbury, we were invited to share intentionally about the impact IRSM is having on women across the Americas and to invite the attendees to partner

English- and Spanish-speaking volunteers praying

with us in that mission.

As a result, we welcomed new blog writers, prayer partners, women interested in starting small groups, and financial partners. We are grateful for opportunities like this that allow us to equip other women and further equip our team as Ambassadors!



Ambassadors serving together!

2025 - 2026 Calendar

In-Person Events

Nov 1, 2025 - Women's Conference, Belo Jardim, Brazil

Nov 8-19, 2025 - Honduras Trip: Women's Classes at BICA in San Pedro Sula, at Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, and in Corquín

Nov 15, 2025 - Area-Wide Ladies' Day at Baxter Institute

Jan 30-Feb 1 - Ladies' Retreat with Cloverdale Church of Christ, Searcy, AR

Feb 19-22 - Ambassadors Equipping Workshop, Clinton, AR

Virtual Events

Jan 31 - Trilingual Virtual Event

Booths

Feb 6-7 - Bloom Conference, Searcy, AR

Interested in partnering with us to equip the women in your area or in a Latin American mission point that you support? Contact us: info@ironrosesister.com or visit our website for more information IronRoseSister.com, **Resources, Plan an Event, Speakers**

Modeling Bilingual Activities

IRSM models effective strategies for bilingual worship, which the **Goodman Oaks Church of Christ** in Southaven, MS, appreciated at their event on September 20th. Our bilingual events allow for small groups to meet in one language, while the other language group gathers for the lesson. Then the two groups switch.

For a special Sunday morning women's Bible class at the **Impact Church of Christ** in Houston

(pictured right), both groups were together, "Worshiping and Praising the I AM." The call and response style in Psalm 136 provided the structure for all the women to respond to various prompts in both languages, "His love endures forever. Su amor perdura para siempre."

Let us know if we can help women at your church bridge two language groups through a variety of activities!

Michelle J. Goff and Mamie Batres





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We are so grateful for our many faithful donors. Here is a review of the different giving options available to you.

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- » ***BillPay** through your online banking account (sends a check to us)
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- » ***Via IronRoseSister.com** - You can opt to cover our fees and use debit/credit/PayPal.
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From Michelle... Mentoring Ambassadors

We are a relational ministry. **The best way to mentor is through relationships.** I have known and served alongside some of our Ambassadors for decades. For example: **Faby Gómez**, her family, and I collaborated in the start of a new congregation in eastern Caracas, Venezuela, from 2003 to 2007. Since IRSM began, Faby has been involved by distributing our small group Bible study books and facilitating small groups. She continues to serve as an Inventory, Booth, and Speaker Ambassador with us, leading singing in person and virtually, as well!

Although the original plan was delayed by a year, what

a blessing to partner with Faby to conduct a ladies' conference in Bucaramanga! New Ambassador, **Maggie Callahan**, accompanied me and was able to practice her Spanish during the event, especially during small group times. I've known the Callahans since before her parents married! **I find joy in providing opportunities for young Christian women to see how they can be ambassadors for Christ (2Co 5:20) using their gifts and talents.**

Erica Peck (pictured below), another Speaker Ambassador being mentored, who served as IRSM's Ministry Assistant from 2015 to 2018, was able to join me for a bilingual event south of Memphis in September. Additionally, I'm mentoring our three



Maggie Callahan, Faby Gómez, and Michelle J. Goff

newest Staff Ambassadors, who have been with us less than a year: **Lyndsay Senger**, Operations Manager (Dec '24), **Corinne Faneus**, Ministry Coordinator (Feb '25), and **Susie Noah**, Fundraising Coordinator (Aug '25).

Thank you for your prayers and support that make these and other mentoring relationships possible! With your help, we'll keep teaching to teach (2Ti 2:2).

Love, M.