

Family,

I have been made aware of a great financial need for Iron Rose Sister Ministries. Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) facilitates 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. Its goal is to provide women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow. They also offer conferences and seminars equipping women with the tools to connect to God and one another more deeply. All resources are available in English and Spanish. Michelle Goff, the founder, was our speaker for our ladies retreat last fall. Our ladies Sunday morning bible class has done three of Michelle's bible studies. This ministry is truly about biblical education, spiritual nurturing and mentoring/discipleship. This is an amazing ministry that truly embodies equipping women of the world to share the gospel with other women, right where they are. Michelle has an amazing model of going to the location and equipping women, going back a year later to see how they are doing and then she does a third visit. Iron Rose Sister Ministries is in a desperate financial state. The ministry needs have doubled, but the fundraising goals have not been met.

In addition to the work they already do; here are a few of the new things they are trying to do with this ministry:

- **Expansion to Portuguese**—While we receive requests for our materials and resources all across the world, the Board of Directors has determined that the best third language to add is Portuguese, considering the geographical proximity and the growing contacts and needs we have been introduced to in Brazil, as well as in Angola and Mozambique. We need funds to facilitate the translation, editing, subsidy, and distribution of the books, as well as an initial trip to Brazil in order to conduct a women's conference, as well as finalize arrangements for the printing of the materials in country.
- **Campaign to Varadero, Cuba**—Michelle will be teaching classes for the young women at a national youth gathering, as well as specific training for women at some of the local area congregations, all during a weeklong visit. The women of Cuba are hungry for spiritual food.
- **Ship Bible study materials within Venezuela**—In light of the current situation in Venezuela, visits are more complicated, but our Bible Study materials, and the online resources we make available on our website, are more important than ever to equip and encourage women in their congregations. We need funds to facilitate internal shipping/travel within Venezuela for distribution of resources to other cities.

If you wish to read more about IRSM and their work/needs, please see letter on the Family Life Bulletin Board from Michelle Goff, Executive Director, & Founder.

This has been a great mission for the women of our congregation and I have seen how it has reached across the world. The Elders have approved a **"Special Contribution"** during our **AM service on Sunday, Aug. 18th**, to help IRSM. I have seen the value of this ministry first hand and know that our funds will be used wisely. Let us help meet the need and spread the gospel; bringing women to Christ.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your prayers and contributions!

Tiffany