



KINGDOM Impact Zones NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM ELIZA

Friends – last week our Zone Leaders gathered in Michigan at our first Zone Leader Summit. What an amazing time we had. It was a joy to walk between tables and hear the dreaming and praying and laughter as you all gathered together. The National Staff had been praying and planning for months, and it brought me to holy tears to see how God is answering our prayers!

As we get ready for the fall, we will continue our work on some of our key pieces for our volunteers including the Ministry Guide, the Women’s Connection and Speaker Supplement materials, and the updated Financial Summary form. We know we have much more to do, but we are continuing to meet with volunteers and as a staff to build out all the internal processes to make the launch of those things as seamless as possible. This includes updates to the website, training materials and more.

In the interim, we continue to celebrate and pray. I am also so grateful for the team at the National Staff. Together, we are so excited for this new season of ministry. There may be tough and long days. There will be bumps along the way. However, we know that we can absolutely trust a faithful God who invites us into His mission to see every woman reconciled to Himself. Thank you, Jesus, for what you have done!

Until the Nets are Full,
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GOD IS PREPARING STONECROFT TO GROW

A note from Willa Ibach, Administrative Director

Imagine you inherited your great aunt’s home. It’s a delightful little cottage that was just right for her for the 75 years she lived there, but you’re expecting and are going to need more space. You want to add on a second story, but your contractor says that first you need to repair the foundation so it can support the addition.

A home addition is exciting. Having to repair a foundation is less so, right? It can be hard to spend the time and money to patiently work on the foundation when it's not the "pretty" part of the home renovation, but in the end you will be SO glad you did!

God is preparing Stonecroft to grow. He is calling us to reach more women with the good news of Jesus and invite them into a reconciled relationship with God.

But, first, we need to repair our foundation. We are working to strengthen the operational scaffolding necessary to support the growth ahead. To that end, this fall we are transitioning to a new and improved online reporting system for financial summaries. We also will be providing clarification on policies and expectations regarding group finances.

One of our Stonecroft Values is Radical Generosity. Stonecroft volunteers give time, talent and treasure to the work of pursuing opportunities to reconcile people to Jesus, and we have the responsibility of stewarding those gifts well.

It's important to recognize radical generosity means we are open-handed with the gifts God has given us.

Acts 2 paints a beautiful picture of what ministry should look like, and we are told the first century church recognized radical generosity meant "holding all things in common". Those with abundance shared their excess to the benefit of those who lacked what they needed. This is, in its simplest essence, why Stonecroft is a non-profit organization. Our non-profit status and centralized management of funds provide us with the opportunity to connect the excess of groups with abundance to the needs of groups who lack.

That's why you're going to see some changes this fall. We're working on a plan to roll out the information about these changes in a way that equips each of you to be fully supported, but I wanted to give you the "heads' up" so you can be praying about this transition and helping us prepare for the growth we know God has in store for Stonecroft!

One of those changes that we have made is in hiring Brandy.

"Hi! My name is Brandy Smith and I have recently taken on the role of Financial Specialist here at Stonecroft. I have been married to my husband Jared for 22 wonderful years and have a beautiful 17 year old daughter named Hadassah. I have almost 6 years of non-profit ministry experience and I am so excited to be here! I can't wait to meet all of you and get to know you better! I am here for you, whatever you need, just reach out to me and we will figure it out together."



Stay tuned and watch your inbox for emails from me and Brandy at groupfinances@stonecroft.org for more information coming soon. We will also be sharing information with zone leaders to help assist in distributing the info, so make sure your zone leaders have up to date contact info for you! If you have questions or input, please email groupfinances@stonecroft.org. We'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

There are many daytime and evening opportunities to connect with other leaders throughout the Kingdom Impact Zones. The link below will take you to all upcoming opportunities. Click directly on an item to register if interested.



Our popular Leadership Development Calls continue this month! Calls are frequently recorded, free of charge, and open to all Stonecroft volunteers. The August call will focus on finding our “Pathway to Purpose”. Journey with Program Specialists Sage and Lynne through Stonecroft’s new Bible experience Ordinary People. Extraordinary Purpose.™ In under an hour, you’ll experience a sample of our newest Stonecroft offering and come away with ideas of how to incorporate this experience into any size group: small, large, or even as an individual!

August 22, 2024, 2pm Central (3pm ET/2pm CT/1pm MT/12pm PT/11am AK)

Meeting id: 883 1799 2200

The Kingdom Connection Calls and Relational Evangelism Bootcamps continue to be popular and we encourage you to register for the full Relational Evangelism course coming in September! Stonecroft volunteers are invited to use a special coupon code when registering, bringing the cost down to only \$20.00.

As a registered attendee, you’ll receive a copy of the study guide Relational Evangelism: Foundations for Sharing Your Faith and be blessed with Relational Evangelism facilitators to guide you. The next 4-session course begins Monday, September 9th at 7:30 PM Central Time and meets September 16th, 23rd and 30th at the same time. Register using the link below and enter coupon code RE24FULL to take advantage of the discount.

