



## A NOTE FROM ELIZA

Earlier this year, a book was gifted to me called, “Lead with Prayer.” The author highlights the different types of prayer offered throughout scripture – poems, praise, petitions. There are also “one-sentence prayers.” I’ve prayed many of those since becoming CEO, but one keeps coming up constantly: “Lord, help me see.”

As I view Stonecroft’s history, I see a legacy of sacrifice and daring. I can see God’s hand and His faithfulness in how He multiplied our little mustard seeds of obedience. I look around at my last two years on staff. I can see the homes and gathering spaces, filled with courageous women carrying prayer journals with names of friends and family members that need Jesus. I see the fruit of decades of dedication, invitation, enthusiasm, heartbreak and hopefulness. I know the Lord sees it too.

As we make our way through the second half of the year, the national staff are “lifting their eyes” to see what God has in store for this next season. It may feel hazy now, but as we continue to focus, we can feel excitement building. The momentum is tangible and we are sensing God’s hand at work.

This summer, we are pulling out our telescopes and polishing up our glasses. We want to see not only the horizon, but the intentional steps that will take us there. We are building and re-building pathways and highways to walk together. It’s messy but good work. Thank you for your prayers and grace as we’ve cleared and leveled. We’re almost there!

I don’t know what other one-sentence prayers you might be speaking in this season, but I invite you to join us. What is emerging is beautiful. And it will continue to change the world. Lord, help us see it.

*Until the nets are full*

**- Eliza Cortés Bast**

CEO



## TIPS FOR EMAIL SAFETY

The Lord is continuing to do a mighty work through the women of Stonecroft, and we are so thankful you’re a part of this! As we see growth happening in all aspects of the ministry, we want to provide some helpful tips when it comes to online safety.

Email is one of the most efficient tools we use to communicate with you. Unfortunately, it's gotten more difficult to know if an email is spam/phishing or if it's legitimate. While we are not experts on this subject matter, I want to offer a few tips I've learned along the way. The information included below is based on research I've done over the past several months, specifically around best practices with using email.

When you receive an email from any Stonecroft staff member, it will be from @stonecroft.org. Most of our staff email addresses follow the same standard- First Initial + Last Name @stonecroft.org. For example, my name is Mackenzie Staples, so my email address is [mstaples@stonecroft.org](mailto:mstaples@stonecroft.org).

At no point will any staff member ask you to send sensitive information over email. If we have a question regarding a group bank account, a donation, or any personal information that is sensitive, someone will reach out to you by phone to ask those questions.

If you receive an email you were not expecting and aren't sure if it's legitimate, here are a few things to examine:

- **Check the details**- Confirm the sender and all recipients have a valid email address with accurate formatting (i.e. name@company.com). Also make sure the subject line, recipient list and sent time of the email all make sense within the context of what's being said.
- **Suspicious Attachments**- Do not open any attachments or pictures on the email if you are unsure what it is. Even if the document "looks" to be safe, it may not be.
- **Odd/Unfamiliar Links**- One of the quickest ways to tell if a link is safe will be to hover over (DON'T CLICK) the link. This will show you the web address of where the link takes you. If it does not match what's in the email or make sense within the context, DO NOT CLICK ON IT.
- **Requests for Personal Information**- The sender might ask for details such as credit card numbers, bank information or passwords to online accounts. Often the email body will ask you to follow a link to update your information. Do NOT provide any of this information or follow any links!
- **Grammatical Mistakes**- Grammar is a major red flag in phishing emails. When reading through the body of an email, pay careful attention to their choice of phrasing and spelling. The wrong use of "their/there/they're" is one example.
- **Time Sensitive Requests**- Sometimes phishing attempts will look as though they've been sent by a real person, often within your organization or a trusted third-party, asking you to do something urgent. If you cannot confirm if the email is real, make contact with the sender through another means of contact (preferably phone call). If you receive an email from someone on staff at Stonecroft and you aren't sure it is legitimate, please reach out to us for clarification.



Thank you, again, for all you do to serve the women of your community well! Our desire is to encourage and equip you for effective ministry, which includes protecting the tools we use on a regular basis.

Cheering you on,  
**Mackenzie Staples**  
*Administrative and Technology Specialist*

## KINGDOM IMPACT ZONES

As we launched our Kingdom Impact Zones this year we did so from a strong foundation! Combined, our Zone Regional Administrators (ZRA's) have served for a total of 279 years in various roles!

Because of the prayerful foundation set by women like our ZRA's and you, we can walk with a bold expectation for what God has this next season!

Later this month we are going to be meeting our Kingdom Impact Zone Leadership Team in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We ask that you will join us in praying over this time and for safe travels. We are excited to officially come together in person with our newly appointed Kingdom Impact Zone Leaders.



Thank you for choosing to serve along side us!

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

**Have you attended a Relational Evangelism Bootcamp and are thinking about your next step?**

The Relational Evangelism full course is for you! This four session course reviews topics covered in RE Bootcamp and takes you even further, with additional in-depth topics to assist you with sharing your faith.

**What's the Good News?**

The RE Bootcamps continue to be well attended and we want to encourage you to attend the full Relational Evangelism course coming in September. **We've lowered the price of the full four session course session from \$39.00 to \$24.00 until the end of 2024.** As a bonus, 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. This course is interactive, and I promise you will be highly impacted by the topics and conversation.

The next scheduled 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 this opportunity.