

ONEvoice

Thank you, volunteer leaders! *You* are the voice of ONEvoice—faithfully sharing how God is using Stonecroft Ministries to connect women in powerful ways. Formerly *Project Updates*, your ONEvoice scripts are now provided through *2orMore* as a resource for you to share with outreach activity groups.

The diversity of this quarter's content illustrates what it means to be involved with the worldwide network of Stonecroft Ministries. Your enthusiasm when presenting ONEvoice inspires others to get on board and offer their support. Thank you again for encouraging both prayer and giving so more women will have the opportunity to discover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

ONEvoice September

Stonecroft connects women with God, each other, and their communities.

Imagine living a simpler lifestyle at a slower pace, surrounded by majestic mountains and pristine waters. Sounds good to me! How about you? Well, the residents of McCall, Idaho would agree with us.

But this country town is more than just a pretty place. It is a rural community. While the wide open spaces are awe-inspiring, they also limit the options available for residents to connect to one another.

In McCall, and across rural America, individuals face unique challenges. Many struggle with isolation, poverty, and substance abuse. Stonecroft Ministries is reaching out to women in these areas through a new initiative addressing these specific needs. What is happening in McCall is one example of how women are being impacted in a positive way through Stonecroft's Rural America Initiative.

The local pancake house in McCall is packed four days a week now, thanks to innovative outreach efforts by Stonecroft volunteers. As you can imagine, a crowd draws a lot of attention in a small town, so the women in attendance always have invitations on hand to give to potential guests who want to join the fun. The number of people finding friendship and meaningful connections keeps growing. Eight new Stonecroft Bible Studies have begun as a result of these "pancake dates"!



Events such as these touch the hearts of women and their families in small-town America. Today, you can contribute to the success of Stonecroft's efforts to connect women. Please make your check payable to Stonecroft Ministries, and put it in one of the envelopes at your table. Your gift is tax-deductible, and we'll provide a receipt for all donations.

Thank you!

Planning your annual Fall Fundraiser? Your efforts support Stonecroft's work around the globe, shining light into areas where religious freedom is restricted and resources are few. See page 11.

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Picture with me the women in your life—the women you have the power to positively influence. Who comes to mind? Your sister? Niece? Neighbor? Coworker?

Stoncroft Ministries exists for each one of them. Women of every face, every stage, and every age are the women of Stoncroft. In order to reach women of diverse backgrounds, Stoncroft is committed to cross-cultural awareness, making a difference in the lives of real women.

Here's one example of the role cross-cultural awareness is playing in connecting women through Stoncroft. Rano is an Uzbekistan native who immigrated to the United States. She is finding friendship and encouragement through Stoncroft, and is eager to share this treasure with women from her culture group.

Rano has joined a local Stoncroft group and is intentionally inviting other native Uzbekistanis to participate. Language is a barrier, however, because for Rano and many of her friends, English is a second language. That's why Stoncroft resources translated into additional languages are so helpful. They offer women like Rano the opportunity to be equipped and encouraged in the language that is most familiar to them.

Today, you can acknowledge the need for further cross-cultural awareness. Just make your check payable to Stoncroft Ministries and put it in one of the envelopes at your table. Your gift is tax-deductible and we'll provide a receipt for all donations.

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Many of us crave a relaxed, relational, and budget-friendly way to connect with women in our community. There is a real need for positive influences and encouragement in our lives. But let's face it—we're busier than ever and many of us are running on empty. Fortunately, Stoncroft offers events and resources to meet us right where we are.

Meeting people right where they are was exactly what volunteers in LaGrande, Oregon had in mind when they launched "Coffee House Conversations." The invitation was enticing: working women were encouraged to relax after a tough day, enjoy a free dinner, and be part of a "coffee house conversation" about the positive influence of one woman.

Volunteers set up their coffee house venue in LaGrande's city hall building. Even though there were only a few

advance reservations, by the time the food and fun began, the tables were filled to capacity. The room hummed with the sweet energy of women enjoying themselves.

Women today need to be heard and to hear messages of hope. Each of us possesses the potential to live a life of passion, contentment, and vision, even in our chaotic world. Stoncroft brings a ray of optimism to communities worldwide.

Today, you can help spread these messages of hope by encouraging women through Stoncroft events and resources. Please make your check payable to Stoncroft Ministries and place it in one of the envelopes at your table. Your gift is tax-deductible, and we'll provide a receipt for all donations.

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