

**Cross Cultural
National Ministry Call
4/7/10**

Beth Renken opened in prayer

Gail shared scripture references: Matthew 28:19; Eph 4:12-13. Spoke of the importance of building Cross Cultural ministry at Stonecroft. The importance of this ministry to include a diversity of women to impact their communities.

How do we equip and encourage ALL women?

Geneva: Shared her passion and vision for Cross Cultural Ministry:

- Critically important to the ministry vision
- Interviewed in June of 2004 for this position at Stonecroft and was asked what would Stonecroft look like in the future with you as CEO? Geneva told them it would be groups of multi-ethnic women.
- Stonecroft is a 98% Caucasian ministry
- Recently Stonecroft had a Communication/Marketing Assessment: The response was we need to move into more multi-ethnic. Huge opportunities to reach immigrants.
- Diversity is not just ethnic – training helps us to understand of who we are not and who we think they are.
- Cross Cultural ministry shares the vision and importance of what Heaven is going to look like. He wants us to reach everyone.
- Geneva affirmed Gail in her workshops and encourages women to invite Gail to do workshops if you haven't experienced one in your region.

Gail: Described more in-depth the Cross Cultural ministry plans at Stonecroft.

Intersections Workshops

- 3 Components – 3 levels of workshops that build upon each other, scheduled at 3 times in a region.
 - 1 – Introduction to thinking Cross Culturally (3 hour)
 - 2 – Build upon Intermediate; evangelism, biases, cross cultural dynamics, apply skills
 - 3 – Hands on learning project as a group
- Start with Biblical foundation; Commitments (prayer); Big picture
- Unlearning prejudices; reconciliation
- How can I enter intentionally into relationship with someone different than me?
- Importance of remaining focused on Christ during this experience

Gail introduced the team she works with called CERT: Cross Cultural Evangelistic Reaching Team

CERT Team member and SDL Pat Gordon: God called me to this team. I grew up in a multi-cultural area. What developed was a whole new way of reaching others. (through Cross Cultural workshops) All ages have caught the vision. Empowering that took place. Stonecroft wants to equip. Watch people be intentional and relational

Participant Question: 3 sessions? How were they done? (Nov, Jan, March in TX)

Gail: Workshops have you look at yourself. What barriers do you have? We ask questions about Outreach. What does it look like to be diverse?

Gail: Regions are building CC Liaisons – Christian Women; background or certified; her goal is to build workshop trainers

Pat Gordon: Her region: Down to 4 on planning team. Want to move in a cross cultural way. Able to get new leaders. Want to make a difference in the world

Participant Question: What about the language barrier?

Geneva: This also relates to the International ministries. Now living in a global world

Participant: Speaks language but culture is so different. Need a set of probing questions to help build diverse teams. 1st ingredient needed is Patience

Participant: Tomorrow meeting with bilingual chaplain to see if she could identify a woman. Then will meet with the woman to get her introduced to Stonecroft. Starting with a Bible Study but going there to listen

Gail: CC Liaison basic description:

- Speak to DFD
- Foster CC relationships/learning
- Identify ways to build ministry cross culturally
- Introduce to Stonecroft – Bible Study, Outreach, Missional
- Assist in training
- Communicate CC ministry
- Strategize to build

Gail: God's Design for Community – Avenues to look at ways to open minds and build ministry.

Gail: The Color of Gospel event: For those interested - Communicate a 2 day schedule. Start in the evening with an event that includes performances based Cross Cultural worship. This event will celebrate diverse communities. Gospel shared at the event and is open to the community. The next day would be the workshop - Panel discussion, then Intersections.

Participant Question: What are the costs to bring Cross Cultural ministry into region? Workshop cost will look different depending upon internal with Stonecroft or external with a church or national conference. Hope to come to an answer soon

Pat: Donor covered costs in TX. Think creatively. Rather than think obstacles think of possibilities. Women now are saying "This is just the beginning."

Oregon is talking about doing International experience with STIR. Catalyst for CC and we are inviting Gail to come to Oregon in the spring

Participant: what is needed to be a CCL? Gail: Email a Job Description

Geneva: It's taken us awhile to get here but thrilled. Grateful for all on call – Geneva closed in prayer.

**Those who are interested in hearing more about Cross Cultural
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