

# STONECROFT COMPONENT

## *Leadership Development*

*Any or all of this can be put into your own words.  
Please make it sound as natural as possible.*

### **Stonecroft Introduction**

Stonecroft Ministries is a non-denominational, non-profit Christian organization with a vision to provide global leadership in reaching women for Jesus Christ.

Founded in 1938, Stonecroft Ministries currently provides evangelism and leadership training in more than 60 countries.

Tens of thousands of volunteers and a full-time staff work together everyday to reach communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As a result, this year more than 5,000 women have made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Stonecroft believes that when you reach a woman for Christ, you touch everyone in her community. That includes her:

- ◆ husband
- ◆ children
- ◆ friends
- ◆ neighbors
- ◆ coworkers

Families are changed, relationships restored.

## Stonecroft is Committed to Evangelism and Equipping Leaders

Stonecroft is committed to developing women in their faith and also discipling them as leaders.

Thousands of women each year make a decision to invite Christ into their life as their Lord and Savior through a local group.

We don't stop with one woman's decision. We provide opportunities so they can grow in their faith through Bible studies and serve the Lord with a team of women who are committed to impacting their communities.

Biblical Training Tools are designed for the Christian woman who desires growth in the areas of prayer, evangelism resources, discipleship, mentoring skills, and leadership development.

*Have a woman give a brief story of how her life has been changed as she grew in her leadership position with Stonecroft, or tell the story of one of the women in your group who grew in her leadership position with Stonecroft.*

At Stonecroft, we are committed to developing the ABCs of Evangelism, which:

- ◆ equip people to be aware of those around them
- ◆ teach women how to share their changed life story and be ready to share the hope only experienced through the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- ◆ recognize the needs of people and getting involved in the community around us

**“A” is AWARE Evangelism**, the first in a new series of Stonecroft Biblical Training Tools. **AWARE** stands for **A**lways **W**atching **A**nd **R**esponding with **E**ncouragement.

AWARE Evangelism seeks to make Jesus Christ known everyday by equipping participants to be aware of those all around them.

This is such an important and necessary evangelism tool, designed for reaching people who are all around us, but with whom we have lost the ability to connect.



*Share these quotes from women who participated in an AWARE group.*

"I felt like AWARE really called me to action, to think about how I was representing Christ in my community."

"I'm teaching my kids to be AWARE of people."

"AWARE made me more comfortable in praying for others."

Already this year, more than 1600 copies of AWARE Evangelism have been sent out to Planning Teams, Bible study groups, churches, and large leadership conferences.

**“B” stands for Beside the Well, which is the next Biblical Training Tool in the ABCs of Evangelism.**

Remember the story of the Woman at the Well? This Samaritan changed her community by telling the story of how her life was changed through meeting Jesus.

Stonecroft believes that every woman should be prepared to share her story and the Good News of Jesus Christ, at any time.

**Beside the Well** equips each participant to tell their life changing story and share the good news and hope of the Gospel.

**“C” is for Community, the third Stonecroft Biblical Training Tool in this series, slated for release in 2010.**

The Bible instructs us to “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV).

Stonecroft is all about training women to share their changed life story.

Our goal is every Christian woman would have the opportunity to learn how to connect with another woman, and should the opportunity arise, share the hope found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Opportunity to Give to Stonecroft Ministries**

Not only can you take part in these leadership development tools available through Stonecroft, you have the opportunity to help financially support the further development of much-needed evangelism resources.

You can help us realize our goal of every woman being equipped to share her story and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can be part of thousands more coming to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Today we have the opportunity to give to the ministry of Stonecroft. There are white envelopes at your place and if you fill out the necessary information, you will be receipted for your contribution.

Thank you so much for your donations. They are making a difference in multiplying His kingdom for eternity.

## **Pray for Stonecroft and the equipping of leaders**

Let's take a moment to pray for:

- ◆ Stonecroft Ministries and the importance of equipping women to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- ◆ Peggy Banks, Director of Leadership Development
- ◆ Planning Teams, regional training events, churches, and women's retreats participating in an AWARE Evangelism group
- ◆ The upcoming project, *Beside the Well*
- ◆ Women who will be trained to share their stories with others

