



# *Heart2Heart* Ministries

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# Living an Invitational Life

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter.” – Charles Spurgeon

Last month, I ministered at the South Carolina Women’s Leadership Conference. The theme, “Go. Make Disciples. Preach the Gospel,” captured the heartbeat of the Great Commission. Each presenter reminded us of our shared responsibility to proclaim Christ and make disciples.

## Awakened to the Need

One speaker addressed the sobering reality of human trafficking. She noted that Florida ranks third in the nation for reported cases, with most involving children and primarily related to sex trafficking. She reminded us that exploitation isn’t distant—it’s often right where we are. In fact, she had met a young woman in our hotel that weekend who was heading to the penthouse to “do business.” I left that conference both alarmed and deeply burdened. I also left determined, seeing clearly the opportunity we have to bring the hope of Christ to women in Florida who are searching for light amid deep darkness.

## Inviting Women to “Come and See”

Spurgeon’s words challenge me: every believer is called to be a missionary in the ordinary spaces of life. We encounter women every day in grocery stores and nail salons, at the bank, in neighborhoods, classrooms, restaurants, and even hotel elevators. Many are hurting, broken, and longing for peace and joy that only Jesus can give. We, as women, understand one another’s struggles, hopes, and needs. It is our privilege and responsibility to invite them into relationship with Christ. Imagine the ripple effect if each of us made space to invite just one woman into our lives—a co-worker, a classmate, a neighbor, or even a stranger.

## When the Bio Becomes the Mirror

Whenever I speak at conferences, organizers ask for my bio. I try to keep it short, but they often ask me to add more. Each time it’s read aloud, I feel a little uneasy—it makes me sound busy (and tired!). The Holy Spirit often whispers, “Aileen, in all that you’re doing, are you making room to invite women to Me?” Sometimes the answer is no. That conviction has reshaped my habits, pushing me to cultivate a “come and see” lifestyle.

## **A Lifestyle of Invitation**

Some women will need to “come and see” (John 1:35–40) before they can follow Jesus. They will watch how we live—how we handle struggles, manage our time and money, love our families, and care for others. Even small acts of kindness can open doors for authentic relationships.

When we were packing up to leave our home in North Carolina, I wanted to make sure I said goodbye to our mail carrier, Teresa. Our friendship began with a simple question: “How are you doing?” Over time, she began sharing personal struggles and challenges. She knew I worked from home, and sometimes she would bring our mail to the door just so we could talk. Trevor jokes that she looked disappointed when he answered instead of me! Over the years, I prayed with her, encouraged her, and helped when I could.

I’ve seen the same pattern with students and colleagues. I often invite students to our home during holidays. They cook in my kitchen, share stories, and experience Christian hospitality firsthand. Many are amazed because, in their home countries, professors rarely open their homes to students. These are sacred opportunities to live out the Gospel. Imagine the ripple effect if each of us made space to invite just one woman into our lives—a co-worker, a classmate, a neighbor, or even a stranger.

## **Your Invitation This Season**

As we move into the holiday season, I want to encourage every woman reading this: be intentional about developing relationships with women who don’t yet know Christ. Pray for opportunities. Invite someone into your home or to coffee. Share a meal. Listen. Offer prayer. Create safe spaces where women can experience love without judgment and see the grace of Christ at work in your life.

One simple invitation can open the door for someone to “come and see” the transforming power of Jesus.

*With gratitude,  
Aileen Reid*



HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

*May your home be filled with blessings and joy!*

