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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joni and Friends Hosts West Coast Disability Ministry Summit

Training provided to help churches reach this under-served audience

WHAT: Hosted by Joni and Friends International Disability Center, this is the premier West Coast Disability Ministry event. For anyone interested in developing a disability ministry, just getting started or leading an existing, this is an important opportunity. There will be several keynote speakers along with more than 60 informative and educational workshops to encourage and challenge those involved in disability ministry. Attendees will be able to visit exhibitors, gather resources and have a time of networking.

WHO: Keynote speakers include:
Joni Eareckson Tada

Author, disability advocate and founder of Joni and Friends International Disability Center. Injured in a diving accident in 1967, Tada is the longest living quadriplegic on record.

Billy Burnett

Executive vice president and chief financial officer of Joni and Friends, Burnett has contributed significantly to both the financial success and workplace environment of the organization.

Shawn Thornton

Pastor of Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village, Calif., Thornton serves as co-host of the conference and leads a well-rounded, inclusive disability ministry at the church.

**WHEN &
WHERE:** Friday and Saturday, May 13-14
9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**Calvary Community Church
5495 Via Rocas
Westlake Village, Calif. 91362**

DETAILS: The conference is \$120 per individual, or \$110 per person in groups of 4 or more. The price includes lunch both days, all exhibits and workshops, and a Summit notebook.

For more information about the event, or to register, please visit www.joniandfriends.org or call the ministry at (818) 707-5664.

Joni and Friends International Disability Center serves the disability community through a wide array of life-affirming ministries to people with disabilities around the world, including international radio and television programs featuring inspirational stories. Wheels for the World enables thousands of individuals to receive wheelchairs and the life-giving message of the Gospel. Every year families affected by disability learn that they are not alone when they attend Family Retreats across the U.S. and around the world. The Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability equips the Christian community to engage in bioethics and value of life issues. More information can be found online at the ministry's new website, www.joniandfriends.org.

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Note to Editors: For more information about Joni and Friends, please visit www.joniandfriendsnews.com. To arrange an interview with Joni and Friends representatives, please contact Melany Ethridge at 972.267.1111 or via e-mail at melany@alarryross.com.