

INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY CENTER

For 30 years now, Joni and Friends International Disability Center has been dedicated to extending the love and message of Christ to people who are affected by disability, whether it is the disabled person, a family member, or friend. The ministry's objective is to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of this group of people in practical ways.

Across the country and around the world, Joni and Friends is responding to the Luke 14 mandate to draw people affected by disability into His kingdom. Joni and Friends is all about advancing disability ministry... by serving individuals and families, and by equipping churches and communities as well. Joni and Friends ministry teams are committed to accelerating Christian outreach among families affected by disability in every corner of the globe.

Families affected by disability face daily battles such as greater financial burden, higher rate of unemployment, depression, social isolation, and divorce. As a Christian ministry, Joni and Friends is a bridge of hope and dignity which focuses on meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of these families in practical ways.

With nearly three decades of ministry in this field, Joni and Friends knows that people with disabilities are one of the least evangelized groups in the world. Disabled people are not being reached by the Christian church, not experiencing fellowship and support, and most importantly they are not hearing the message of salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Joni and Friends Vision Statement: To accelerate Christian ministry in the disability community.

Joni and Friends Mission Statement: To communicate the Gospel and equip Christ-honoring Churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities.

In doing this, Joni and Friends:

- Presents the clear and concise Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people with disabilities and their families served through their programs.
- Trains, disciples, and mentors people affected by disability to exercise their gifts of leadership and service in the church and their communities.
- Energizes the church to move from lack of awareness to including disabled persons into the fabric of worship, fellowship, and outreach.

Joni and Friends Statement of Faith

Joni and Friends has a very vital set of beliefs that is the foundation of their ministries, inspired by the Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Below is the Statement of Faith that guides Joni and Friends in its service:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.