

## Prayer Requests July 6 – July 12

**Sunday 6** – Our team of staff and volunteers arrive at our first <u>Mississippi Family</u> <u>Retreat</u> of the season today. Ask God to prepare their hearts and fill them with joyful anticipation as families experiencing disability join them tomorrow.

**Monday 7** – Today is the first day of a <u>3-part Disability Ministry Training</u> in Southern California. Pray this training equips pastors, church leaders, and volunteers with the tools they need to make their churches effective in allowing more people living with disability to find their place in the body of Christ.

**Tuesday 8** – <u>Interns from Shepherds College</u> recently returned home from serving in Brazil. Praise God for their ability to use their gifts and skills to bless others, including an herb garden planted by the horticulture students. Pray for these students with intellectual disabilities as they return to their routines at home, asking God to use their time of service to grow their confidence and capacity to reach out in their own communities.

**Wednesday 9** – Joni is in the studio recording <u>radio</u> programs today. Pray she will have the stamina and strong voice she needs to get through the scheduled programs. May God use her messages around the world to help people who face the hardship and isolation of disability find renewed faith, hope, and trust in Jesus Christ.

**Thursday 10 –** Today kicks off our Wheels for the World distribution in <u>Ghana</u>. Pray each person living with a disability and their family members will know more of God's love through the gift of mobility equipment. Pray for strong connections with local pastors and churches and for hope to permeate each family represented at the outreach.

**Friday 11** – As many parts of our country are experiencing heat waves, please pray for people living with disabilities who can often be more susceptible to heat-related illness. Ask God to protect those without adequate air conditioning from becoming overheated and pray for access to cooling centers within communities.

**Saturday 12 –** Pray for families as they return home from <u>Family Retreat</u> that they would be connected to a nearby church that is willing and able to welcome their entire family and meet each person's need for Christian community and growth.