



God Uses You To
Change Lives For Christ!



In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord proclaims, “See, I am doing a new thing!” God did a new thing at Joni and Friends in 2025 by bringing us our new ministry President, Shawn Thornton, and I couldn’t be more delighted! Shawn has a passion for Jesus and a true heart for people with disabilities demonstrated in his nearly three decades as a church pastor!

Offering practical help and Gospel hope

to individuals and families living with disability is what we do all year long at Joni and Friends. Yet every day, we see constant reminders of the desperation that still remains. Countless people around the world are waiting to hear the Good News of Jesus and to receive the mobility equipment that will transform their daily lives. Your generosity helps shine the light of Christ into places of deepest need.

As we prepare for what God has in store for us in 2026, our prayers are with the 1.3 billion people struggling with disability worldwide. Many cannot afford basic necessities, and they do not yet know the saving love of Christ.

That’s why I’m so grateful to have your support as we reach into places where people with disabilities have little to no chance of hearing about Jesus.

In Luke 14, Jesus says to go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame... and compel them to come in so that God’s house will be full (verses 21 and 23). Thank you for helping us fill God’s house!

JONI EARECKSON TADA

“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”

JOHN 1:5



Wheels for the World®

A wheelchair isn't just a mobility device. It's a platform for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a vehicle for a miracle. Every wheelchair you send is custom-fitted and delivered with a Bible, so each recipient knows they are seen and loved by God. Your generous donations delivered **10,535 wheelchairs and Bibles** in 2025 through **72 outreaches in 28 countries**. And because we share the Gospel with every recipient and their family members, we witnessed **1,840 people accept Jesus Christ** as their Lord and Savior, with thousands more reassured of His love and care for them!

Each person we serve is also connected to a Christ-honoring church—replacing loneliness with community and hopelessness with faith. Through *Wheels for the World* and your love, God is building the global body of Christ one precious soul at time.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:16

Thank you for sending Melvin this pediatric adaptive wheelchair! Because of you, he can now attend school with dignity, play sports with agility, and help his mother around the house with ease.

Retreats & Getaways

Joni and Friends *Retreats & Getaways* create a safe, Christ-centered environment for families struggling with disability to get closer to each other and closer still to Jesus. Our faith-based retreats offer much-needed social connection and spiritual refreshment for families who spend most of their lives living in a world that simply isn't designed for them. We held **148** domestic and international *Family Retreats*, *Marriage Getaways*, *Single Parent Getaways*, and *Warrior Getaways*, serving **7,396 family members** thanks to the efforts of **3,223 faithful volunteers**.



Programs like *Family Retreat* are made possible through your faithful giving. Thank you for your steadfast partnership in ministry!

Internships

It's hard to pour from an empty cup, yet that's what millions of caregivers do every day. Respite is the top need among families living with disability. In 2025, Joni and Friends **trained 419 interns** through programs like *Respite at Home*—providing much needed help and hope to families struggling with disability, and teaching our interns how to care for disabled people and their caregivers with the love of Jesus. These future disability ministry leaders gained a biblical foundation for their careers in caring for others, and your gifts helped equip the next generation to honor Christ through helping others.



Jesus is working through you to train up tomorrow's leaders—changing lives forever in the United States and abroad!

Joni's House

Human dignity comes in many forms: medical attention, therapies, vocational training, evangelism, and discipleship. All these things and so much more are provided through the complete, Christ-centered care of *Joni's House*. These international disability programs meet the critical needs of disabled children and adults physically, economically, and spiritually.

Through your faithful support, *Joni's House* programs have expanded to serve **10,000 individuals in 17 locations across 14 countries** including Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Romania, Serbia, Thailand, Uganda, and Asia.

The first domestic *Joni's House* location is expected to open its permanent location in East St. Louis, Illinois in 2026!



Your love and prayers make it possible for *Joni's House* to deliver holistic care in the name of Jesus. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Radio Ministry

For over 40 years, Joni Eareckson Tada has delivered biblical encouragement to over a million listeners each week on our radio programs *Sharing Hope* and *A Moment with Joni*. This hope-filled inspiration airs on **1,726 radio stations** across the country, with **2,959 airings of her program each day!** Together with Joni, your support delivers the life-changing, soul-saving message of hope in Jesus where it is most desperately needed.



Thank you for joining Joni in being a voice for the voiceless! "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

In 2026

we'll be providing hands-on help and Gospel hope through:

47 Domestic *Family Retreats*

100 International *Family Retreats*

20 *Marriage Getaways*

12 *Warrior Getaways* serving Veterans and their families struggling with the visible and invisible disabilities that result from military service

68 *Wheels for the World* outreaches

11,340 Adult wheelchairs restored and distributed worldwide

2,160 Pediatric wheelchairs custom-fit to children with disabilities worldwide

15,000 Bibles and evangelism kits—including the *Joni* autobiography, Gospel bracelets, and audio Bibles

17 *Joni's House* programs across 14 countries serving over 10,000 individuals

4 *Joni's House* facilities in El Salvador, Brazil, Serbia, and East St. Louis

“Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

For 46 years,

Joni and Friends has highlighted the truth of God's Word: that people with disabilities are made in God's image and deserve hope, dignity, and a place in the body of Christ.

It all started with a seventeen-year-old girl breaking her neck after diving into the Chesapeake Bay. What Joni thought would be the ruin of her life became her life's greatest calling. She started writing letters of encouragement to other people with disabilities, and the Lord turned Joni's faithfulness into an international ministry with nearly 240 employees and thousands of volunteers.

From its founding in 1979, Joni and Friends has challenged and equipped Christendom to meet the standard set by Jesus, who spent His earthly ministry caring for those with disabilities.

Today, the many programs of Joni and Friends work toward the same goal: To glorify God as we communicate the Gospel and mobilize the global church to evangelize, disciple, and serve people living with disability. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission!

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 JOHN 3:18



We praise God for bringing together donors, volunteers, staff, and families to encounter Jesus in a powerful way.

What Joni and Friends Donors Said in 2025:

“Seeing the ministry of Joni and Friends is like seeing Scripture lived out in technicolor and with bursting joy.”

—Lee Ellen, Family Retreat Prayer Team Member

“Giving to Joni and Friends is a way to live out 1 John 3:17: ‘If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?’”

—Linda, Donor from Maryland

“Joni and Friends ministry follows the pattern Jesus set by first meeting people’s physical needs, then giving words of life—the Gospel. When you give to people in great need, you participate in the ministry Jesus started 2,000 years ago and you minister to Jesus Himself.”

—Dan, Donor and Wheels for the World Volunteer

