



## More than an Internship...

Joni and Friends is a Christian ministry founded by Joni Erickson Tada. Joni is a quadriplegic who now has an international ministry. Our Gateway office serves Missouri and Central/Southern Illinois. "Interning with Joni and Friends will be a blessing to your life as you are given the opportunities to impact and serve those in the disability community" (Katie Cline, previous college intern).

**Vision:** To accelerate Christian ministry in the disability community.

**Mission:** To communicate the Gospel and equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities.

### **Joni and Friends – Ministries**

- *Wheels for the World* – used wheelchairs are collected by local volunteers, refurbished at prisons, and distributed by teams of volunteers from the USA working with local churches overseas (over 6,000 wheelchairs per year in 16 countries).
- *On a Roll for Jesus* – a 5-session disability awareness program and mission project for use within VBS or Sunday School with children ages 4-12.
- *Family Retreats* – a one-week, family-oriented, volunteer-supported experience where families affected by disability can rest, relax, spiritually rejuvenate, and find encouragement.
- *Through the Roof* – comprehensive program of training, resources and support designed to help the local church begin, develop, maintain and/or enhance disability ministry in order to create a network of churches who welcome persons with disabilities and their families into the congregation. In addition this training encourages and assists the local church to implement worship, education, socialization, and support for persons with disabilities thus allowing them to use their gifts and talents to benefit the church.
- *Special Delivery* – mobilizes volunteers to minister to people with disabilities who are hospitalized, homebound, or institutionalized while providing gift packages of inspirational materials.
- *Referral Ministry* – Refer persons with disabilities and their families to various services in their community as requested. Also help them find a good disability-friendly church that they can attend regularly.

### **The Luke 14:21 and 23 Mandate**

*Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame...Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. (NIV)*

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