



Dr. Chip Kingery joins Joni and Friends

With over 80% of the world's 610 million disabled people living in poverty, it has always been the desire of Joni and Friends to share hope and help in Christ by carrying the mandate of Luke 14 to the uttermost parts of the earth -- we long to see disabled people around the world reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. With the Joni and Friends International Disability Center soon to be completed, Joni, Doug Mazza, and the board of Joni and Friends have been praying God would bring us a skilled and experienced leader in international disability outreach to help lead the way.



This is why we are happy to announce Dr. Chip Kingery as the new International Director at Joni and Friends. Having lived with his family in India for over 25 years, Dr. Kingery and his wife Jean developed an effective and well-respected ministry to people with disabilities through the work of proVISION ASIA in Bangalore, India.

For years, Dr. Kingery has successfully modeled the mission statement of Joni and Friends in communicating the gospel and equipping Christ-honoring churches to evangelize and disciple people with disabilities -- and his ministry has been centered in the subcontinent where millions of disabled people are trapped in poverty and spiritual darkness. Joni and Ken enjoyed the privilege of ministering alongside Chip and his team during a disability ministry training conference in Bangalore he helped organize, reaching over 600 Christian leaders in the subcontinent.

Joni and Friends does not position itself as an international organization, but as a US-based ministry with a growing international department. And now, under the leadership of Dr. Chip Kingery, we will be able to strengthen our relationships with scores of churches, Christian leaders, and disability ministries around the world, providing resources and programs to our international friends who have a passion to reach people with disabilities with the Good News.

Pray with us at this exciting milestone for Joni and Friends. Ask God to bless the efforts of our new international director and his department.