You’re Sending the Gospel Worldwide through Your Prayers and Gifts!
The longer you journey with your eyes on heaven, the more you begin to see. And that’s why I’ve written an updated version of my 1995 book, Heaven. Why did I revise it? I’m in a very different place than I was 25 years ago. Maybe it’s the added years of dealing with the effects of remorseless gravity on an aging, paralyzed body. Perhaps it’s because of the tooth-and-nail battle with stage III cancer. Simply put, I’ve seen more, studied more, suffered more, endured more, learned more, and prayed more.

Most important, I’ve fallen more in love with Jesus. That’s the beating heart of what I want to say in this new edition of Heaven. In the original book, I made the point that heaven isn’t so much a Place as it is a Person. But I didn’t say nearly enough. Yes, Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you.” But it isn’t the mansion or celestial condo or quarter acre of heavenly real estate that really matters to me.

It’s Him. Truly. If Jesus is there—wherever there is—it’s heaven. Yes, of course I long for a new body that runs, dances, swims, and embraces loved ones on the other side. But what I really want is Jesus. The Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. My Savior. My King.

And I want you to have that same delightful desire for Jesus, especially in your hardships. So, I hope you’ll order a copy of my book, Heaven, and pick up one for a friend who is going through tough times. It’ll help show how our sufferings connect us more closely to our eternal Home. And don’t forget, all proceeds of your purchase go directly to supporting the outreach of Joni and Friends – thank you for laying up your treasures in heaven as you partner with us! 
Through Your Prayers...

A Mother’s Faith is Strengthened with Jesus’ Hope

You brought hope to a mother and daughter from across the globe through your faithful prayers and support! Ganea from Romania desperately needed a miracle for her daughter, Denisa, who has multiple disabilities. When Ganea gave birth to Denisa, she had a twin brother, but only Denisa survived. Denisa is paralyzed on her left side, cannot walk, and her eyesight is impaired.

As a single mother who solely provides for her six children, this mother was at the end of her rope. “We are very poor and I don’t have a lot of possibilities in my life,” she told us. Ganea knew she could never afford a wheelchair for her daughter with her small salary as a cleaning lady. But that afternoon, our Wheels for the World volunteers made a visit to her home, and a miracle happened... all because of your faithfulness!

Ganea watched as our volunteer Wheels physical therapist and mechanic tenderly and perfectly fit Denisa into her very own wheelchair. Ganea was moved with emotions and a smile came across her face! She told us, “I cried out to God because I know He loves me and He’s helped me every time. He has never abandoned me in my hardship and He’s answered my prayers through you!”

With this wheelchair you sent, Ganea can take Denisa to school, to the market, and outside in their community. Because of your faithfulness, Ganea and her family have much to smile about and praise God for today. Thank you for changing the lives of children with disabilities, one child at a time.

“I want to thank you for this wheelchair for my daughter from the bottom of my heart. This wheelchair will change her life. We are very glad and God bless you.” - Ganea, mother from Romania

God will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people.

Hebrews 6:10
Jump into the adventure of serving people with disabilities worldwide and transform a life for Jesus! Your life is a testimony to others, and when you choose to serve, others notice.

Do you have a desire to serve and leave a legacy for Jesus in 2019? Don’t hold back—go and let God use you with the skills and giftings He’s given you!

Wheels for the World
Share God’s love worldwide as you deliver wheelchairs to children and adults in developing nations. Our teams need:
- Physical/occupational therapists
- Translators
- General support – anyone can help!
- Chair Corps—collect wheelchairs

Family Retreats & International Family Retreats
Join us this summer! Enjoy camp-style activities as you serve a family affected by disability.
- Volunteer as a Short-Term-Missionary (STM)
- Serve with your church group as a team
- Assist with recreation and activities for pre-school, children or teen programs

It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
Colossians 3:24

For more information on these exciting opportunities in 2019, visit joniandfriends.org or call 818.707.5664.

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

At Joni and Friends, we’re passionate about prayer. If you have any prayer requests, let us know... we’d love to pray for you!

Every morning at Joni and Friends, our staff gathers at 8:00 a.m. to pray. During that time, we thank God for you because of your faithful partnership in this ministry. We faithfully pray for any specific needs you have shared with us. Thank you for giving us the privilege to pray for you...and we know you are doing the same for us!

To share your prayer requests with our staff, please email: response@joniandfriends.org or call 818.707.5664.

Myrthe Verboom recently served at an International Family Retreat in El Salvador. “I saw first-hand the challenges that families affected go through daily, but how they still praise God. It’s something I’ll never forget.”
Honor a Loved One, Transform a Life

We gratefully acknowledge contributions given in memory or in honor of loved ones to further ministry in the disability community. To give a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, visit joniamfriends.org/donate or contact Joni and Friends at 818.707.5664 ext. 1740.

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This updated and expanded edition of Joni’s classic brings a new understanding of what heaven is, along with new mysteries and hopes. Now in her late 60s, Joni is much closer to heaven than she was when she first wrote the book in her mid 40s. And she says, “I will soon—soon!—hear His voice, look into His eyes, and feel His embrace. And He will say, ‘Welcome home, Joni.’”

At the end of each chapter in this updated book, Joni includes additional reflections that speak to where she is now, higher up on the hill of perspective. She calls these thoughts “Climbing Higher,” and that’s her invitation to all who make this journey with her.

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