Our 2020 Mission: Salvation in Jesus is Found in His Word!
As 2020 gets underway, the Spirit of Jesus keeps whispering one burning phrase that’s red-hot in my heart: *fan the flame within you, Joni!* So, I am pouring fuel on my Gospel-giving fire this year, and I want you to join me!

I cannot sit idly by knowing that disabled people are facing worse suffering if they pass into a Christ-less eternity. The needs across the U.S. and around the world are too urgent. Just look at Jesus’ charge in Luke 14:23. He inasmuch tells us to find the lost crushed by disability and compel them to come in (or make them come in). God is heaven-bent on filling His house, so, let’s lift curtains hiding back bedrooms… let’s beat the bushes along the highways and hedges… together, let’s push back the darkness and light the way to the Father’s house with the Light of Jesus!

If you sense an urgency in my voice, you’re right. And see this Bible I’m holding? It has the Answer to people’s needs! Time is short, the days are evil, and God will not be satisfied – He will not rest - until the least, last, and the lost are rescued out of the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13).

It’s why Joni and Friends is expanding *Family Retreats* this year, both in the U.S. and in poorer countries. We are adding new nations to our *Wheels for the World™* roster. We are training many more churches and raising up an army of young *Cause 4 Life* interns to carry the Gospel torch. We are growing…and I need you to fan the flame within your heart as, together, we become Gospel-givers as never before!

Let’s go out together and fill the Father’s house – believe me, your prayers and gifts will really add fuel to the fire!

*Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that My house may be filled.*

**LUKE 14:23**

...How can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?

**ROMANS 10:14**
From Isolation to a Renewed Hope in Jesus
A Single Mother Boldly Shares Her Faith!

Yupin is a single mother who lives in a remote tribal village with her two daughters, eight-year-old, Praewa, and six-year-old, Air (who has cerebral palsy). In Thailand, to be Thai is to be Buddhist—there is very little separation, and the belief in Karma is held highly. The people in Yupin’s village view her family as outcasts because of Air’s disability. They assume Air’s mother, or her grandparents sinned greatly. Yupin and her daughters rarely go outside of their home because they are hated and told they are “no good”.

Your steadfast prayers and faithfulness gave Yupin and her daughters the opportunity to attend International Family Retreat! There, Yupin found community and a renewed faith in Jesus! Yupin shared, “The love of God is among us here at International Family Retreat... in a way that you don’t find anywhere else.” She even asked to be baptized there because she still feels excluded from her church because of Air’s disability.

Just days after International Family Retreat, Air was taken to the hospital in critical condition with pneumonia and was put on a ventilator. The hospital is far away from her home and parents are not allowed to stay with their children. Yupin could not comfort and stay with her daughter, so instead of going back home, she decided to volunteer with us at a Wheels for the World™ outreach days later!

Many Buddhist families were deeply encouraged after talking with Yupin and hearing her testimony! She spoke boldly of her faith and trust in Jesus to take care of her daughter, and many of the families she spoke to also had disabled children in critical condition and who needed a wheelchair.

Many Thai families that come to our Wheels for the World outreach and International Family Retreat are at their breaking point – financially, emotionally, and spiritually lost. God continues to use your faithful giving to these programs and steadfast prayers to make His name great! You’re planting Gospel seeds in the powerful name of Jesus! Thank you!
Families dealing with a disability desperately need a place where they can let down their guard and breathe in the renewing presence of Jesus. They need a safe haven where they can receive spiritual encouragement and have heart-to-heart connections with other special-needs families who are on the same path. And it’s exactly what happens at Family Retreat!

The Lockwoods have been attending Family Retreat for the past six years, and their story is far from ordinary! After Kevin and Sarah struggled with infertility and miscarriage, they looked into adoption. After they were encouraged by a friend to go to Family Retreat with their four adopted kids, they knew they had found a place to call home. Kevin shared, “we were blown away at our first experience!”

“Family Retreat is a place for our family to be... normal. There is no other place where you can step into a fully immersive environment that is adaptability for your family, equal access to worship, and we know that the STMs (Short-Term Missionaries) will love on our children with God’s love.”

Sarah added, “at Family Retreat, we get to chance to slow down and watch our children enjoy life.” Life with disability involves sleepless nights, endless medical appointments, dreary routines, and financial pressures.

After adopting two more special-needs kids, today, Kevin and Sarah have a beautiful family of six adopted children with disabilities, and are serving other families and volunteers for the Kingdom as STM coordinators at Mission Springs Family Retreat. Just like the Lockwoods, thank you for reaching special-needs families through your steadfast prayers and faithful support! You are truly living out your faith!
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You're part of an incredible group of prayerful and generous donors! This spotlight series Why I Give highlights some of our donors—like you—who faithfully give and their incredible stories of commitment to our Luke 14 mission!

Each donor has a story on why they are passionate about and give to support disability ministry!

From Tragedy to Kingdom Legacy

It all started with a reading assignment at school. Linda’s kids brought home the Joni book from school and after that, life would never be the same. It was their first introduction to Joni and Friends and disability ministry. After a tour of the California office, Linda and her adoptive daughter, Morgen, met Joni and were moved by the work of the ministry and what God was doing through each ministry program worldwide! In 2014, Morgen signed up for a Cause 4 Life internship in Uganda to serve disabled orphans in an orphanage. Linda told us it was, “the most joyous and best two weeks of her life serving there!”

However, in September 2019, Linda got the call that no mother should ever receive… Morgen had passed away unexpectedly; she was only 25.

After their daughter’s passing, Linda and her husband gave a Wheels for the World™ Legacy gift (5 pediatric wheelchairs) in honor of their precious daughter, Morgen, and to continue on supporting disability ministry and her kingdom legacy.

Over the years and up until today, Linda continues to pray for, serve with, and give to the work of Joni and Friends. Linda shared, “I would encourage everyone to give to this ministry! Lives are touched—I’ve seen it with my own eyes [on Family Retreats and Wheels for the World outreaches]. A donation to Joni and Friends will 100 percent bless someone with love, dignity, and the Gospel!”

Why do you give to Joni and Friends? Have a story that would inspire others to give to disability ministry? We’d love to hear from you!

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Morgen (second from right) in Uganda during her Cause 4 Life Internship. Her mom, Linda, shared that it was “the most joyous and best two weeks of her life serving there!”

Linda holds her favorite photo of her late daughter, Morgen, from a 2014 Cause 4 Life internship to Uganda.
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