



Friday 1 Pray for God to raise up additional staff with the skills, gifts, and experience needed to fulfill our 2021 initiatives for more effectively and consistently sharing the Gospel with and meeting the practical needs of people impacted by disability.

Saturday 2 International Outreach: Pray for our country coordinators and international partners as they recognize the ways God has already prepared them to establish [Joni's House](#) International Disability Centers in their country. Joni's House will provide sustainable wholistic ministry to and with people living with disability in cooperation with local church, community, and government partners.

Sunday 3 Joni is 14 days past her diagnosis of COVID-19 and continuing to recover well. Pray God grants her health, strength, and stamina for the new year.

Monday 4 Pray for God's blessing on the 2021 Family Plus initiative for meeting the spiritual and practical needs of families affected by disability through ongoing virtual and in-person events—support groups, worship gatherings, Bible studies, recreational activities.

Tuesday 5 Patty provides extensive administrative support for our regional coordinator for South America. Pray for God to heal Patti from stage 4 thyroid cancer.

Wednesday 6 Implementation of new ministry initiatives for 2021 requires staff to use new strategies and ministry resources. Pray the training required for these transitions is effective and easily transferable to church leaders around the world.

Thursday 7 In response to the recent upsurge in the cases of the coronavirus and the normal winter flu and cold season, please pray our staff and their families remain healthy allowing ministry to continue without interruption.

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Saturday 9 International Outreach: Pray for strategic partnerships between our international regional in-country coordinators and disability ministry leaders in nearby countries. May these relationships build momentum among churches and government leaders toward care and provision for people living with disabilities.



Sunday 10 Pray for those with disabilities who are high-risk for COVID-19 and in need of in-home healthcare to have their needs met in safe and creative ways.

Monday 11 [Radio Ministry](#): Joni spoke to the issue of [depression](#) this week, inviting those struggling to reach out for prayer. Please pray for the many people who responded to find hope through God's grace, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the promises of the Bible.

Tuesday 12 [Retreats and Getaways](#): Registration is now open for many of our domestic and international Family Retreats. Pray for the online registration process to go smoothly and for God to call each volunteer and family who will participate this year.

Wednesday 13 [Cause 4 Life](#): Pray for our global internship leaders as they prepare to oversee teams of interns learning to serve people with disabilities through hands-on domestic and international ministry experiences.

Thursday 14 [Joni's House](#): Ministry leaders in 8 countries have shown interest in opening Joni's House International Disability Centers. Pray for God's leading on which Centers to develop first.

Friday 15 Metro Ministries: Pray for God to confirm the cities and local ministry leaders that will pilot our new Metro Ministries initiative for serving the disability community in urban centers.

Saturday 16 International Outreach: Praise God for the 9 of 11 municipalities in Nepal who have granted approval for Joni and Friends and our ministry partners to actively provide in-home spiritual, medical, and practical care to people living with disabilities.

Sunday 17 [Joni and Friends Missouri](#): Pray for God to bring encouragement and a fresh understanding of his promises to those attending a new support group for parents raising children with disabilities. And thank God for the church that is hosting this group.

Monday 18 Thank God with us for each of the friends of the ministry that gave generously in 2020, providing the funds needed to begin implementing our 2021 ministry initiatives. Pray God will bless each one for their faithfulness to follow his leading in their lives.

Tuesday 19 [Retreats and Getaways](#): Praise God for a smooth registration process for the first 720 people attending Family Retreats in 2021. Pray for the leadership of each Retreat as they work with families and volunteers in preparation for this year's events.



Wednesday 20 [Cause 4 Life](#): Pray for the nursing student interns from the University of Northwestern to gain life-changing insights into families living with disabilities as they provide weekly in-home respite.

Thursday 21 Metro Ministries: Join us in thanking God for confirming the pastoral leadership for beginning our Metro Ministries initiative in South St. Louis. Pray for God to confirm one to two more cities and local ministry leaders that will pilot this effort to better serve the disability community in urban centers.

Friday 22 Donnie, a young man with cerebral palsy, had been living with a couple serving as his caregivers. When COVID-19 took the life of one of his caregivers, a new family welcomed Donnie into their home. Pray for God to bring comfort in this time of loss and a smooth transition for Donnie and this family of four.

Saturday 23 Plans for more actively serving families living with disabilities throughout the year include a Ministry Relations Academy for Joni and Friends staff. Pray this training will result in a growing number of churches actively evangelizing, discipling, and serving people impacted by disability.