Renata is two years old and has Down syndrome. She and her parents have been blessed beyond belief by Joni’s House El Salvador, where they have access to top-notch doctors, therapists, counselors and pastors.

Can’t you just hear her saying, “All this is for ME?”

Read their incredible story inside!
Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:15-17

You’ve heard it said many times that faith without deeds is dead. It’s why your Joni and Friends team rolls up its sleeves and backs up the Gospel with hands-on ‘muscle’ that shows the kindness of Jesus Christ. After all, how can we say to an impoverished mother of a sick disabled child, “Jesus loves you,” yet do nothing about her urgent plight?

It’s why Joni’s House ‘proves’ the power of the salvation message with evidence of Christ-centered compassion. I’m especially honored it’s called Joni’s House; to have my name “on the front door” is a privilege! My own quadriplegia has taught me that the loving deeds of those who help always make Jesus look wonderful!

Joni’s House is a beacon of hope for families who are barely eking out a living. Joni’s House gives the life-saving Gospel to the lost, and discipies them with Bible studies and hands-on encouragement. Joni’s House connects them to local churches so they can find their place in the body of Christ. At Joni’s House, we provide wheelchairs and on-site mechanics who offer wheelchair maintenance; we partner with local hospitals to provide wound care, physical therapy, and in-hospital care.

Finally, Joni’s House gives food supplies to the hungry, hygiene kits to the sick, and even housing to impoverished special-needs families whose shelter is little more than a wooden lean-to with a rusty tin roof.

Hurtting disabled people can have hope! At Joni’s House we throw open the door of welcome and respectfully serve them in the name of Jesus. And I just know that if you were given the chance, you’d reach out to that little family who lives in a wooden lean-to with a rusty roof. In fact, you are doing just that as you pray for and support Joni’s House! So God bless you for backing up your faith with deeds, all so that people with disabilities have a place in Christ’s kingdom on earth and for all of eternity!
Esmerelda’s husband abused her while she was pregnant, which she believes caused her sons to be born with significant disabilities. After Kevin and Jairo were born he coldly told her, “You all are dead to me. I asked God for a normal kid, not a disabled kid, so I’m leaving you.” Heartbroken and alone, Esmerelda felt the relentless sting of being the single mom of two boys with cerebral palsy. Her community saw her circumstances as shameful and ignored her. From time to time, strangers would stop her on the street and tell her they pitied her, but no one offered any help.

But when Esmerelda learned that Joni would be speaking in El Salvador, she gathered what little hope she had left and went to listen to Joni’s powerful words of encouragement. Esmerelda heard the Gospel and received her own Bible that day. She and her two sons were also invited to attend Family Retreat in El Salvador, and that’s when her entire life changed.

“After Family Retreat, life began to change because I finally felt like I belonged somewhere,” Esmerelda explains. “Kevin and Jairo felt like they had real friends for the first time, and we finally had a family after being forsaken for so long.” Esmerelda, Kevin and Jairo accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior at Family Retreat, and their lives have never been the same since.

Kevin and Jairo received custom-fitted wheelchairs through our Wheels for the World™ outreach in El Salvador, necessities that Esmerelda would have never been able to afford on her own. And now, this beautiful family is being blessed by Joni’s House El Salvador, as well! “At Joni’s House, everyone makes us feel like family,” beams Esmerelda. “The treatment Kevin and Jairo get at Joni’s House is something we can’t get anywhere else because it’s specialized to their needs. Everything at Joni’s House reflects Christ. That’s what makes Joni’s House different than everywhere else.” “Joni and Friends gives us support emotionally, spiritually, physically and economically throughout the year. Joni and Friends gives us the strength to face each day.” And while Kevin and Jairo get the physical therapy they so desperately need at Joni’s House, Esmerelda meets with a Christian counselor. “God speaks to me through her,” explains Esmerelda. “He shows me that he knows my burden.” “Joni and Friends empowers me and taught me that I can do anything – and I have a support system to back me up!” declares Esmerelda.

Scan here to watch Kevin and Jairo’s incredible story!

Thank you for supporting single parents and children with disabilities all over the world through your prayers and support! God is doing miracles through you!
A Testimony to the Power of God!

Joni’s House is an international disability center located in the poorest areas of the world, designed to serve and equip families struggling with disabilities. At Joni’s House, we are providing medical and mobility support, essential resources and therapies, and Christ-centered spiritual care to entire communities.

Even though little Renata is only two years old, she and her family have become an important part of Joni’s House El Salvador. Renata has Down syndrome and was born prematurely with a heart defect that required open heart surgery when she was just four months old. Her parents, David and Monica, could not afford the heart surgery Renata required if she was to survive, but the national children’s hospital in El Salvador had mercy on them – providing the surgery that saved Renata’s life.

When Renata was born, David and Monica were devastated by her diagnosis. They asked God to show them what they had done wrong. Why was their baby born with Down syndrome?

But at Joni’s House, not only does Renata receive the educational and enrichment therapies needed in order to help her be all she can be... David and Monica have access to Christian counseling and gained a biblical perspective on disability. Sharing through an interpreter they explain, “We now can see that Renata’s life is a testimony of the life and power of God!”

David and Monica have now fully accepted Renata and her disability. “We thank God because now we think differently and want to help other parents who have children with disabilities, too.” At Joni’s House, whole families come to understand their value as God’s image-bearers, and entire communities come to see that we are all equal in the eyes of Jesus.

“You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Psalm 139:13-14

Your prayers and support alleviate the spiritual, physical, social and economic burdens of families struggling under the strain of disabilities all over the world. Thank you for your incredible faithfulness!
Serving All Over the World, 365 Days a Year!

From Ohio

7-year-old Grecia has hydrocephaly and a permanent shunt in her brain that was surgically implanted after she was born. She has struggled with asthma and seizures for most of her life and is extremely weak. One of her family’s greatest struggles is keeping Grecia safely out of danger. They desperately needed a wheelchair for Grecia, but would never be able to afford one on their own.

But when Grecia’s sister, Rosa, brought her to our Wheels for the World outreach in El Salvador, life changed for their whole family! Our Joni and Friends Ohio team worked tirelessly to custom fit Grecia’s new wheelchair, and Rosa looked on, beaming with pride and joy.

“If not for your help my sister would not be able to have the wheelchair she needed. I speak for my whole family when I say thank you for helping people like my sister with disabilities!”

Now that Grecia is safely able to leave her house in her new wheelchair, Rosa plans to take her to church! God is using you to be the hands and feet of Jesus - delivering wheelchairs, Bibles and eternal hope to the darkest corners of the world!

MATTHEW 25:40

From Mississippi

After having four children, Ryan and Lindsey adopted four more – all with disabilities – and their entire family came to our Family Retreat! Their experience was nothing less than life-changing!

“I watched my older children grow as they served as volunteer buddies to other children with disabilities,” shares Lindsey. “And I witnessed my four special needs children ministering to people simply with their presence – by reflecting God their Creator! Family Retreat was a glorious place where my special needs children were also ministering to others. Through hugs, smiles and time spent with other families, my children were encouraging people in the Lord! What a beautiful thing to behold!” Because at Family Retreat, we understand that everyone is created in the image of God, and everyone has spiritual gifts to share with the body of Christ!

God built up this remarkable family’s desire to serve through Family Retreat. So much so that Ryan and Lindsey decided to take all eight of their children on a mission trip to Guatemala where they visited impoverished families impacted by disability. Jesus used every member of their family to share the Gospel and teach the biblical truth that we are all God’s image bearers.

Through Family Retreat, Jesus showed Ryan and Lindsey’s family that we are all God’s masterpiece, created on purpose for the wonderful purpose of sharing the Gospel with others!

From left to right: Penny, who has cerebral palsy; Andrew, who has cerebral palsy; Shepherd, who has Down syndrome; Asher; Benjamin; Trueitt, who has Down syndrome; Elliott; Evelynne

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10
**Putting on the Full Armor of God at Warrior Getaway**

**From Fresno**

"Being married to a combat Veteran and pastor can be very lonely and isolating. The spiritual battle of ministry combined with the mental battle caused by war is often overwhelming," confesses Danielle. Her husband Nick is a Marine Veteran living with the trauma of combat in Iraq. Their whole family joined us at our Fresno Warrior Getaway, looking for a place to heal. And they found it!

“This week has been the BEST blessing for our family! Our biggest takeaway is this: We are not alone in our suffering and our healing! Jesus is right beside us and has connected us to families who understand the life of a combat Veteran. We are growing and healing together.” Praise God for the impact of Warrior Getaway on this beautiful family!

**From Dallas**

After two deployments as a sniper in Iraq and Afghanistan, Travis returned home broken – suffering from depression, Post-Traumatic Stress and a traumatic brain injury. His wife, Farrah, and their two daughters walked on eggshells around Travis – never knowing what might trigger him. In Travis’s mind, suicide was his only way out.

“As a man and as a Marine, I couldn’t get any lower,” explains Travis. “But the gun jammed, and then it jammed again! How in the world could a gun jam multiple times in the hands of a weapons specialist?” There was only one answer. “God intervened,” says Travis. And the very next day he packed up his family and headed to our Texas Warrior Getaway, where his hopelessness was turned into hope.

Farrah discovered a supernatural peace that came only from the Lord, and Travis came to the realization that he couldn’t win his battle on his own. Even though the word “surrender” is not part of a soldier’s vocabulary, Travis declared, “Lord, I need you!” He surrendered to Jesus and started his journey towards a new life and healing in Christ!

**From Minnesota**

Eli is 11 years old and has autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and developmental delays. His whole family was blessed at our Minnesota Family Retreat. As his mom, Amy, explains, “We really needed a heart change, and at Family Retreat we got it!”

Amy shared candidly with the other special needs moms at Family Retreat. Within the safety of that support group, Amy realized that she had been stuck in resentment and worried about what life might be like when Eli gets older and bigger and has larger meltdowns. But bringing her fears out into the light with a group of moms who completely understand the unique challenges of disability gave Amy a new sense of freedom in Christ. As a result, Eli’s entire family has a new appreciation for their unique circumstances.

Your support of our Retreats & Getaways is making an eternal difference in the lives of special needs families all over the country and all over the world!

**From New Mexico**

Jeremy, his wife Eltheya, and their daughter Ronin were blessed when they attended our New Mexico Warrior Getaway. Jeremy protected our freedoms for eight years in the Marines. He experienced trauma that only other Veterans can understand, leaving him with a lifetime of unwanted memories and the struggle to manage Post-Traumatic Stress. “It’s a daily fight,” confesses Jeremy. And when Veterans find themselves on the battlefield of Post-Traumatic Stress, their spouses and children fight that battle right alongside them.

At Warrior Getaway, we understand that the entire family needs the healing touch of Jesus. And according to Jeremy, that is why Warrior Getaway is so necessary and life changing. “It brought us to a place that’s Veteran-related, family included, and spiritually focused – these three ingredients come together at Warrior Getaway. Here I was able to see what it’s been like to walk in my wife’s shoes all these years, and she has seen more of the Veteran’s experience. Here we feel peace.”

Thank you for praying for our Veterans and for your support of Warrior Getaway. Your love helps Warrior families put on the full armor of God!
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