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Joni and Friends outreach and impact continues with recent appointments Steve Bundy and Billy C. Burnett promoted to Vice President and Executive Vice President, respectively

AGOURA HILLS, Calif., Jan. 6, 2011 – With a new year brings new appointments as the [Joni and Friends International Disability Center](#) names Rev. Steve Bundy and Rev. Billy C. Burnett to vice president and executive vice president, respectively. With these promotions and their progressive expansion, Joni and Friends continues their outreach to thousands of families affected by disability around the globe.

Having previously served as managing director of the [Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability](#) (CID), Steve Bundy is well-equipped for this charge with his experience in the educational and public policy arm of Joni and Friends, collaborating with universities and seminaries across the U.S. and around the world.

Before joining Joni and Friends in January 2007, Bundy was vice president of business and finance at William Carey International University in Pasadena, Calif., where he developed a 10 year master development plan for the city. He also served five years as the program director at Woodland Park Home, Inc., a 100-bed intermediate care facility for adults with developmental disabilities.

Bundy was also pastor and founding director of “In His Image,” the special needs ministry of First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, Calif. Equipped with firsthand knowledge of the challenges of parenting a child with special needs, he launched the ministry to provide support for families with special needs children.



Steve Bundy

Bundy lends his experience as adjunct professor at Master’s College, where he lectured on disability ministry at educational institutions and conferences around the world. He

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frequently appears on “Joni and Friends” television episodes, and is a published author and contributor to “Life in the Balance: Biblical Answers for the Issues of Our Day.” He is also co-executive producer with Joni Eareckson Tada of the Telly-Award winning television episodes, “Making Sense of Autism: Myths That Hide the Truth and Truth for the Church.”



Billy C. Burnett

Billy C. Burnett previously served as vice president and CFO for Joni and Friends and has contributed significantly to both the financial success and workplace environment of the organization. Under Burnett's supervision as vice president of finance and administration, Joni and Friends was nationally ranked as a “Best Christian Workplace” in organizations of like size by an independent survey. They also rank in the top 6 percent of fiscally managed nonprofits in the country.

During his career Burnett – who is an ordained minister – has held significant engineering and management positions throughout the aerospace industry. He made meaningful contributions to a number of military and commercial programs such as Skylab, B1 Bomber, NASA Shuttles and numerous commercial aircrafts.

In addition, his passion for ministry and service has taken him to many places around the globe such as Mexico, the United Kingdom, and The Holy Land – both Israel and Egypt – and he has conducted business activities in Belgium, The Netherlands, and Ghana West Africa where he oversaw the staffing of a center established to restore wheelchairs to meet the ongoing mobility needs of families affected by disabilities.

For more than 30 years Joni and Friends has worked to accelerate ministry to the disability community, offering a wide array of life-affirming ministries to people with disabilities around the world. Joni and Friends does this through the International Disability Center; the CID; international radio and television programs filled with inspirational stories; Wheels for the World, which every year sees thousands of individuals receive wheelchairs and the life-giving message of the Gospel; and Family Retreats held in the U.S. and around the world, where families affected by disability learn that they are not alone. More information can be found online at the ministry's new website, www.joniandfriends.org.

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