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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Joni and Friends welcomes new Field Service Director

## Marc Stein to oversee ministry programs, regional offices

AGOURA HILLS, Calif., Jan. 10, 2010 – [Joni and Friends International Disability Center](#) has announced a key new officer for the New Year, Marc Stein as Managing Director of Field Service. In this role, Stein will administer such programs as [Wheels for the World](#) and [Family Retreats](#) and will oversee Joni and Friends [Field Ministry Offices](#) throughout the U.S.

“We are excited to welcome Marc to our team here at Joni and Friends,” President [Doug Mazza](#) said. “His passion and vision for disability ministry are contagious, and we look forward to serving together with him in 2011 as we continue to grow outreach to the disability community here in the U.S. and around the world.”

Stein brings an international perspective along with 15 years of strategic leadership experience to the ministry, gained through positions with both Gospel Light Worldwide and Bible League International. He was also the founder and CEO of his own communications company, providing organizations with management consulting and strategic planning services.

Early in his career Stein developed a passion for serving those with disabilities, leading to his role as an advocate for special needs children and group homes. He holds both an MBA and BS in business administration from California Coast University in Orange County.

“I’m so excited to be joining the team at Joni and Friends, and grateful for the opportunity to employ my skills and experience in serving those with disabilities and to increasing outreach and ministry to this important community,” Stein said. “

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



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Disability Center; the [Christian Institute on Disability](#); 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, <http://www.joniandfriends.org>.

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