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Wheaton College motto:  
"For Christ and His  
Kingdom"

## From the Director's Desk

Living in the midst of postmodern American culture we often grow weary of hearing about various causes. Everyone seems to be fighting for or against something or someone. If we don't understand or articulate our purpose well, MNA Special Needs Ministries will be misunderstood as "just another cause in the cacophony of voices." Let me explain...

My oldest son just finished his freshman year at Wheaton College. There are a lot of things I really like about Wheaton, but it is their motto that captures my attention and grabs my heart: "For Christ and His Kingdom." It inspires me every time I see it or hear it. And it tells me more than *what* they do—but *why* they do it. It helps me know where their passion lies. At MNA Special Needs Ministries, the heart of our work is very simple: It is the Gospel. Our motto could read like this: "Making the Gospel—the good news of the coming of the Kingdom—accessible to all, in word and deed." And that inspires me too—because the Gospel captures my attention and touches my heart. It reminds me *why* we do what we do.

When we learn to see people with diagnosable disabilities through the lens of Scripture, all of us end up seeing ourselves more accurately as a result. When we are used of God to make the Gospel more accessible to people with special needs—whether through community outreach, church inclusion, mercy ministry or specialized discipleship—in God's kindness—the Gospel ends up becoming more deeply meaningful and accessible to those of us with less-noticeable-disabilities as well. All of us need the good news of the coming of the Kingdom—all of us need to experience the Gospel every day in word and deed. And that is, at the core, what MNA Special Needs Ministries is all about. In His Name, Steph Hubach

## Meet Lynn and Doug Wheeler



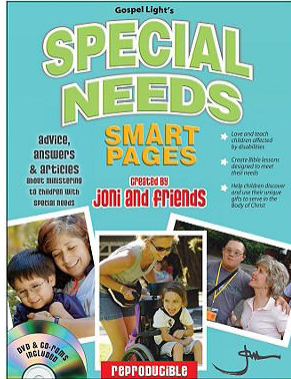
Fred and Steph Hubach,  
Lynn and Doug Wheeler,  
March 2009

In March 2009, my husband Fred and I had the privilege of meeting Lynn and Doug Wheeler from Covenant Presbyterian Church (Fayetteville GA) and came away deeply moved by our time with them. Lynn experienced traumatic injuries in a car wreck on Christmas Day, December 2005. Paralyzed from a high-level break in her neck, and now breathing with the use of a ventilator, life took a huge turn for Lynn and her entire family on that significant day. Some might consider the Wheeler's situation to be "Mission Impossible" but Doug and Lynn don't see it that way. Doug and Lynn clearly understand their new situation to be a loving God's sovereign "assignment" to them—for their good and His glory—and they continue to actively engage in accepting the mission one day at a time.

As Doug wrote in a prayer shared with their church family: "Father, thank you so much for your protection of us. Nothing we go through is outside of your divine design for our lives. As we desire to walk closer with you, you sometimes ask us to go through situations which we would not choose; but they are designed for our own good. So we ask you, Father, for the grace necessary for each of these trials; that we would walk through them with strength and faith, knowing that you are there with us...Grant us a faithful walk with you all our days...Amen."



## New! Special Needs Smart Pages



Special Needs Smart Pages is available at

[www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

Joni and Friends have partnered with Gospel Light to produce a hefty 331-page volume called *Special Needs Smart Pages*. Complete with a DVD and a CD, each page is designed to be reproducible. *Special Needs Smart Pages* is essentially a manual. Each page covers a distinct topic area along a broad spectrum of subjects. The major categories include:

- Needs and Definitions
- Recruiting and Training
- Teaching Strategies
- Communication Skills
- Family Ministry and Outreach
- Medical Concerns
- Spiritual Growth and Service
- Bible Studies on Disability

- Read Aloud Stories
- Resource Information
- Teaching Resources

*Special Needs Smart Pages* is designed around a great concept (reproducible, topical, educational materials) and provides a good starting point for educating and equipping volunteers to minister more effectively to and alongside of children touched by disability and their families.

That said, for those disability-related issues that require deeper theological understanding and reflection than a one-page handout provides, the manual also offers a recommended reading list in the back.

**Go to [www.pca-mna.org/specialneeds](http://www.pca-mna.org/specialneeds) !**



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Disability Ministry Conference  
**17 October 2009**  
Lancaster PA

God has a way of using paradox to get our attention at times, and the **Joni and Friends Disability Ministry Conference in Lancaster PA** is no exception to that! When you think of “cutting edge transformational ministry,” you probably don’t think of Lancaster County PA—home of the Amish—whose motto could be “Change Is Never Good.” But when it comes to special needs ministry, even in Lancaster County, we know that Spirit-led change is absolutely necessary if the body of Christ is going to look anything like it was intended to.

The conference theme is “*Transforming the Church to Look More Like Jesus.*” Keynote speakers are Stephanie Hubach

and Mike King. Featured workshop leaders include:

- Barbara J. Newman (author of *Autism and Your Church*),
- Nella Uitvlugt (Director of Friendship Ministries),
- John and Martie Kwasny (Pear Orchard PCA), and
- Joel Wallace (Briarwood PCA) and many others (30 workshops!)

Conference cost is only \$35 per person; \$25 per person for groups of four or more from the same organization. Please go to the website above and sign up today to receive registration information by email. Don’t miss out!

Questions? Email [shubach@pcanet.org](mailto:shubach@pcanet.org)

## Your Prayers Matter...

*“Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”*

*Psalm 5:3*

- Please pray that the Gospel will be central to all that we do at MNA SNM. Pray that our hearts in the PCA will continually be changed by the power of the Gospel—as God’s transforming work touches the lives of people with disabilities and their families and those who minister to and alongside in the body of Christ.
- Please pray for a growth in the number of ministry partners who will commit to giving to MNA SNM financially on a **regular** basis—to minimize the time spent on support-raising, and allow Steph Hubach the freedom to pursue the new opportunities God has given to us. (See attached cover letter).