



Celebrating 5 Years  *2019-2024*

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CASE STATEMENT

Disability is relentless. So is hope.

This is the message Luke 14 Exchange has been sharing since 2019. People with disabilities are largely absent from society, including the church, and many are not using their God-given gifts. In Luke chapter 14, God tells his followers to go out and find people with disabilities and compel them to come to God's eternal banquet table.

Hope is the antidote to the high rates of homelessness, joblessness, divorce, abuse, and suicide among people with disabilities. They are also among the least evangelized. (Joni Eareckson Tada). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 15% of the world's population has disabilities. This represents 61 million adults in the United States.

In the parable of the banquet in Luke 14, we learn God isn't satisfied with a partially full banquet table. Hope compels us to bring people affected by disability to the table.

Mission:

We coach Christian communities, mentor people affected by disability, and encourage their families until God's table is full.

Vision:

- Relationship: To exchange a life without God for a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- Community: To exchange a life of isolation for a life in community.
- Purpose: To exchange a life of low expectation for an abundant life with purpose.

We will accomplish this by:

- Mentoring individuals with a disability.
- Facilitating Page 42, a writers' critique group designed specifically for Christian writers with disabilities.
- Strengthening marriages affected by disability.
- Encouraging and pointing to resources.
- Serving in camps for families affected by disabilities.
- Speaking at conferences and on podcasts related to disability.

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MENTORING

Receiving constructive feedback is very difficult when one has a disability. There is a sense among many who know someone with a disability to sugar-coat or even avoid telling the truth, in the name of compassion. They think the person already has enough to deal with and is probably doing the best they can. But we all need accurate feedback to grow into who God created us to be.

In 2023, we led 75 mentoring sessions with 19 different individuals. In 2024, we hope to add a group mentoring opportunity that is currently in the beta testing phase.

To mentor one person for one-hour, the cost is \$180. This covers intake, preparation for the meeting, and follow-up.



Tim Doran,
Film Editor and Nonprofit Founder

Jerry has the same disability I do, which makes it easier to talk to him because he gets it. We talk every other week. He is one of the few mentors I have who makes sure he understands every word before answering.

- Tim

PAGE 42

Page 42 is a monthly virtual critique group for fledgling Christian writers with disabilities. The group's goal is to help people with disabilities share the message God has given them and to provide a community to support them in those efforts. The group provides mentoring to members to enhance their communication skills in writing. We are excited to partner with Word Weavers International to help people with disabilities share the words God gives them.

We've been facilitating Page 42 since November 2021.

Members pay a nominal fee to Word Weavers. Because of the additional support offered to this group, it costs our staff \$7,200 for a year for up to 6 people. It costs \$600 to plan for, facilitate, and follow-up one monthly meeting.

Page 42 helped remind me I am never alone. Through hearing the stories of others who share similar experiences, I was both inspired and deeply resonated with the other members of the group. Page 42 showed me we all have a voice and we all have a story.

- Chad

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MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Marriage is hard. Living with disability is hard. Whether disability was known before the wedding, or blindsided the couple later in life, there are extra challenges for couples to live a biblical marriage model. And each couple's experiences are different. Few pastoral or professional counselors understand these dynamics.

Joan Borton authored *MarriageAbility: Embracing the Richness of a Marriage Affected by Disability*. This book shares examples from the Bortons and

couples across the nation who live with disability in their marriage. These stories, woven together with biblical marriage principles, help the reader strengthen and grow their relationship. Each chapter ends with questions for the couple to consider together. Also included are tips for the friend or church who want to come alongside in support and encouragement.

MarriageAbility released in late 2023. We are continuing to find families who would benefit from the book, and we are looking for opportunities to share the book with an even wider audience.

It costs \$19.13 for one book to be gifted and mailed to a family or church. It will cost about \$3,000 to produce an audio version of the book.

"As a Director of Disabilities Ministry in my church, I am always on the lookout for useful resources for our families. This is a book that will be so helpful for couples deciding if marriage is for them when disability is involved, as well as a great reminder to those who are already married. Joan writes with humor and shares honestly the joys and struggles of marriage and caregiving. This is definitely a book to include in a Disability Ministry's basic library."

- Brent

ENCOURAGING AND POINTING TO RESOURCES

Many times, families and people with disabilities don't know where to go to get the resources they need. Sometimes that resource is a listening ear. Other times, it's a connection to an organization or person who can speak to that need. We have over 40 years of experience in disability ministry and an extensive nationwide network from which to draw.

In 2023, we provided 28 referrals. We've already made 20 in the first three months of this year.

The cost for the right referral, listening ear, or someone to pray with them is priceless!

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CAMPING FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DISABILITY

Luke 14 Exchange partners with two ministries who host summer camp for the entire family affected by disability. Some of those who attend refer to these weeks as “a pocket of Heaven,” or “coming home,” or “a big family reunion.” Camp is a place where families feel safe and know they are not alone.

Our focus is to use our years of experience to provide counsel, support, community, and accurate, applicable Bible teaching.

Our two camp partners raise scholarship money to help cover the costs for the families to attend, and cover all the programming costs. There is very little left to bring in speakers or a resource team with our experience.

Each summer, we minister to approximately 70 families at two camps.

The cost for Luke 14 Exchange to take part in each week of camp is \$12,625. This includes time, travel, registration, preparation, follow-up and leadership meetings.

- \$230 allows us to minister to the spiritual needs of one family affected by disability at camp.
- \$902 pays for one day of our ministry at camp.
- \$90 pays for one-hour of our ministry at camp.



I am thankful that you have so fully allowed God to lead your life because you have such a gift for communicating from a place of empathy and compassion. Thank you for choosing to spend your week with us.

- Valerie, Camp Attendee

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SPEAKING

Jerry and Joan speak at Christian and secular conferences and podcasts on the topics of disability, marriage, and leadership. Many of these conferences cannot afford to pay for speaking fees or travel expenses. We believe that speaking and taking part in these conferences allows us to influence a wider audience. Some of our topics include:

- How to Silence (or at Least Muffle) Your Inner Critic
- To Live an Unrealistic Life
- Intro to Church Disability Ministry
- MarriageAbility: Embracing the Richness of a Marriage Affected by Disability
- Caregiving When you Just Don't Care
- Leadership Lessons from a Lifetime of Disability
- Anger, Disability, and the Hope of the Gospel
- Life Hacks for Living with Disability
- Two Things My Wheelchair Can't Do (for children)

In 2023, we had 23 speaking opportunities. In the first quarter of 2024, we've booked 14 opportunities. Our cost ranges from \$60 - \$2,000.

GIFT CHART

Gift Amount	No. of Gifts	Total Raised
\$20,000.00	1	\$20,000.00
\$15,000.00	2	\$30,000.00
\$10,000.00	6	\$60,000.00
\$5,000.00	3	\$15,000.00
\$1,200.00	25	\$30,000.00
\$500.00	30	\$15,000.00
\$250.00	22	\$5,500.00
\$120.00	10	\$1,200.00
		\$176,700.00

"Joan and Jerry Borton bring a wonderful gift set to life and to ministry. As a couple, not only do they have a depth of collective wisdom and experience—they are also rooted in the love and grace of God. Firmly believing in the transformational power of the gospel, they possess the all-too-rare quality of being fully present with people as they navigate life alongside others. I have benefited from the time spent with the Bortons and I'm sure you will too!"

STEPHANIE O. HUBACH , Research Fellow in Disability Ministries,
Covenant Theological Seminary



How to get involved...

Give

We need partners to contribute gifts of all sizes. This includes regular monthly giving and one-time donations of any size. For more information or a breakdown of the many programs and support services we provide, please contact Jerry at Jerry@Luke14Exchange.org.

To make online donations visit us at luke14exchange.org/donate/
(or scan the QR code)

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Volunteer

There are several ways for you to get involved. We are always looking for people to help us grow the ministry. We need in-office help with typing, scanning and mailings. Or you might volunteer to go with us to one of the many ministry programs we do alongside other ministries. For more information, contact Joan (joan@luke14exchange.org) or Anna (Anna@luke14exchange.org).

Pray

Our website shares ideas to help you pray for Luke 14 Exchange and people with disabilities in your community and around the world. Stop back often and choose another point to focus your prayers on for that day or week.

You can submit a prayer request for our team to lift in prayer here: luke14exchange.org/prayer/
Or scan QR code



Profile of Leadership



Jerry
Cofounder

Jerry Borton has traveled around the country leading seminars on disability awareness, theology of suffering, leadership, and fundraising—all from his power wheelchair. Born with cerebral palsy, his mother said he came from the womb with a suitcase in his hand, ready to take on the world. Jerry is devoted to helping people with disabilities discover their gifts and talents and learn how to use them in their local church and community. He builds bridges between people with disabilities and those without. He is a sought-

after, humorous, and passionate speaker to groups of all ages.

Jerry has an M.S. in Organizational Leadership and is an ordained minister. Email him at jerry@luke14exchange.org.

Joan
Cofounder



“Easy” is rarely a word that is used in relation to disability ministry. But long-time disability advocate, Joan Borton, loves to show people how easy it can be to start a friendship with someone with a disability. Disability ministry has taken Joan to Ghana, West Africa, and all around the U.S, where she has taught on topics ranging from disability awareness to soul care to caregiving to marriage and disability.

Joan has been joyfully married to Jerry since 1995. She is passionate about strengthening marriages affected by disability. She is an award-winning published author who frequently blogs, writes, and speaks on this topic. Joan recently published *MarriageAbility: Embracing the Richness of a Marriage Affected By Disability*. Email her at joan@luke14exchange.org.



Anna
Administrative Assistant

Anna Galbreath is a helps-oriented person who enjoys attention to detail. She experienced years of ministry as pastor's wife during which time she derived fulfillment serving others using her organizational skills in administration, leadership, public speaking, and even music. While her passion is to get behind a worthy cause and assist in its efforts to achieve its goals, her ultimate passion is to see the love of Christ expressed and His hope shared in tangible ways, and that's why she enjoys working at Luke 14 Exchange. Anna also relishes every moment she can spend with her family.

Profile of Leadership

Jerry and Joan Together

Co-founders Joan and Jerry have a broad history of engagement with people with physical, intellectual, and mental health disabilities. They have ministered in residential, camping, recreational, church, and educational programs. The Bortons understand from personal experience how disability affects the entire family. Today you will find them mentoring, writing, and speaking on topics of family support, discovering your giftedness as a person with a disability, and the influence of the disability movement and the Church.

LUKE 14 EXCHANGE BOARD

Dave Shoemaker *Board President*

Dave Shoemaker, has led multi-national technology companies for over thirty years. He currently serves as the C12 Area Chair for greater Philadelphia. One of his joys is helping others discover the value formula: Do the next right thing, place the other person's desires ahead of your own, and make them proud to refer you to their friends.

John L. Stancil *Board Treasurer*

John L Stancil, is a former college professor and retired CPA living in central Florida. He holds a DBA from the University of Memphis. When not working or serving in his church, John enjoys sports, concerts, and live theater. He loves to travel, especially on cruises. You can follow John on his blog at LiftUpMyEyes.com.

Jerry Borton *Board Member at Large*

Jerry Borton, is also one of the co-founders and directors of Luke 14 Exchange, Inc. Jerry Borton, born with cerebral palsy, has been an overcomer and leader-in-the-making since early childhood. With a master's degree in Organizational Leadership, Jerry is skilled at focusing on the vision and development of the ministry. He also mentors others with disabilities and helps them to develop the leader within. Jerry married Joan in 1995. Together they have moved about the country, but now call central Florida home.