



# A Ministry Whose Time Has Come

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# The Mission of Special Needs Ministries


- ▶ Special Needs Ministries seeks to inspire, equip, and mobilize those who are differently-abled to serve God and community as expressed in the mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

# Character Development

- ▶ “I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character.” 3T:511

# Ministry Areas of Concentration

1. Deaf
2. Blind
3. Physically Challenged
4. Mentally/Emotionally Challenged
5. Orphans/Vulnerable Children
6. Caregivers

A photograph of an older man with glasses and a dark suit sitting at a round wooden table, smiling and looking towards a woman. The woman, who is in a wheelchair, is wearing a floral patterned top and is looking back at the man. They are in a room with large windows in the background. A blue text box is overlaid on the image.

“As a person with a disability, God has given me abilities too. Right? So if you’re smart as a church, you’ll look at me and say, ‘What are Joan Bova’s abilities?’”

- “I’m not a disability . . .
- I am a person!”



# Disability vs Differently-Abled

## Possibilities





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**A Lot Has Happened  
Since 2015**

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# Camp Meetings in Zimbabwe Burundi

- ▶ 34 baptized in Zimbabwe
  - ▶ 18 Deaf
  - ▶ 10 Confined to Wheelchairs
  - ▶ 2 Others
- ▶ First Deaf Baptized in Burundi (42)



# Historic Meeting of Blind in Brazil!



The 1st Meeting of Ministries for the  
Visually Impaired South American Division

# More Than Awareness at Montemorelos




# An Inviting Campus for All






# 2018 Young Adult Impact

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
CAMPUS SYMPOSIUMS**




# 2018 Union Advisories to Reach Local Churches



“Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence.”

3T:511



" Kindness is a language  
which the deaf can hear  
and the blind can see "

- Mark Twain