

## Did You Know?

In an effort to share with you all why we do what we do, here are some statistics regarding people with disabilities we think you'll find interesting.

1. **POPULATION** – Over 54 million people in the US are living with a disability and over 43 million have what is termed a severe disability requiring assistance with one or more daily living activities.
2. **EVANGELISM** – Only 1 in 10 people with a disability attend church. This is due to a variety of reasons but mostly because of a lack of outreach, invitation and focus by Christians today. If you take away other identifiers such as race, ethnic background and geographic region and view people with disabilities as a single global group they then represent the largest unchurched people group in the world.



3. **EMPLOYMENT** – Of people with disabilities ages 21 to 64 over 54% are unemployed and nearly 70% of those with a severe disability in this working age group are not working. Getting a job for someone with a disability is an uphill battle with negative perceptions, false stigmas, accessibility barriers and government disincentives all hindering participation.
4. **FAMILY LIFE** – 4 of 5 marriages affected by disability end in divorce. This includes situations where the husband, wife, son(s) or daughter(s) have a disability and clearly shows that disability affects more than just the person with the disability.



These statistics are staggering when you think of the fact that there are human lives attached to each one that God wants to touch, redeem and use for His glory and kingdom.

We want to encourage each reader to personally be praying that God would bring them in contact with someone living with a disability with whom they can share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember the Golden Rule is the best rule as people with disabilities want to be treated just as you do – as a person created in God's image!

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## 2012 Ministry Schedule

- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Access-Life Expo in South Florida
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Access-Life Expo in Jacksonville, FL
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Access-Life Expo in North Texas (New Addition for 2012)
- June and July – Fishing with Friends Summer Camps Support
- August 26<sup>th</sup> – Access-Life Expo in East Tennessee
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Access-Life Expo in Central Florida

**Participant and Volunteer Registration for All Expos as well as Flyers, Pictures and Waivers can be found online at [www.access-life.org/ALE](http://www.access-life.org/ALE)!**

**Checkout our new ministry song by Music for the Soul: "Whole in the Sight of God" at [www.access-life.org](http://www.access-life.org)!**