If it were possible to gather all of the disabled people in the world into one nation, that nation would number 650 million men, women, and children. That nation would be the world's third largest country, after China and India. (WHO statistic)

That nation would also have a number of unique characteristics. For example, that nation would:

- have the least access to education (the disabled receive little to no education in developing countries);
- have the lowest employment rate in the world;
- be the poorest nation on earth;
- have the least access to any sort of transport;
- be the least evangelized nation with the lowest church involvement rate.

According to the statistics of Latvia Ministry of Welfare, 148,919 people with different disabilities live in Latvia (December 2011), and their number continues to grow. Many have been forgotten by Latvian society, and they are not getting sufficient attention from Christian society, either.



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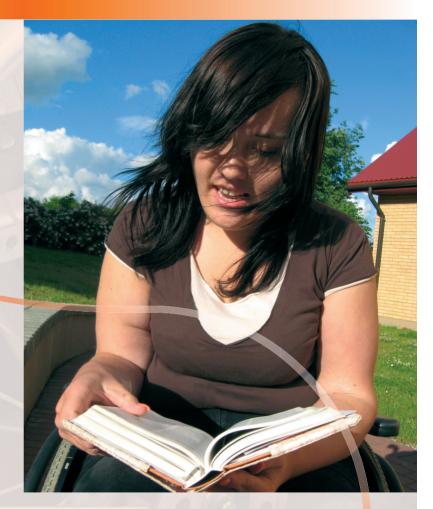
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A Ministry for People with Mobile Disabilities

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#### What is Wings for Wheels?

Wings for Wheels is a ministry that was started by YWAM Riga in 2007 with the goal of reaching out to the disabled, to give them a chance to hear the Gospel and attain eternal life.

#### Our vision

The vision of Wings for Wheels is to see people with various disabilities come to know Jesus Christ, experience His strength in their weakness, and become Christ's witnesses, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, in their homes, churches, and society.

## Wings for Wheels Goals:

- To help people with disabilities grow closer to God and understand His unique plan for their lives;
- To draw the attention of Christians to this "invisible" part of society by informing, educating and encouraging.

We encourage people with mobile disabilities to dare to be active and improve their abilities to advance their quality of life.



#### Camps

A time away from daily life, where people with mobile disabilities are given a chance to get to know God better and participate in different creative and physical activities, while having fun together.

## **Physiotherapy**

With a qualified physiotherapist on staff, we are able to offer physiotherapy services, as well as consultation and guidance on how to develop a personalized set of exercises.

## **Bible Study Groups**

Wings for Wheels organizes small home groups, making it possible for people with mobile disabilities to be in fellowship with other Christians and study the Word of God.

## **Raising Disability Awareness in Churches**

We aim to inform Christian churches of the needs of the disabled, and advocate on their behalf.

#### **Individualized Attention**

We seek to individually visit those who cannot participate in small groups due to their health condition or other reasons, studying Christ's teachings with them and providing spiritual encouragement for them.

# **Networking**

We promote the vision of Wings for Wheels in various ways and seek prayer, practical, and financial support for the ministry.

### Wings for Wheels Camps Assistants' Testimonies:

- "By helping them, I was strengthened."
- "People with disabilities are just like us.
   They can do many things, sometimes even more than "healthy people" can.
   They just need to be encouraged to do everything they can, and we need to help them to do what they cannot accomplish by themselves."
- "I have discovered that the outer shell of a person doesn't reflect how beautiful his inner being is."

## Wings for Wheels Camp Participants Testimonies:

"The fact that I met Jesus in this camp changed my life forever. I will not lie; having God in my life does not make it easy, nor do the pain and wounds caused by Satan heal very fast. But, our camp is called "Challenge", and to trust God and people every day — it is a challenge for me."

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"My relationships with God grew deeper through the camp and its lectures, because I understood that the only place I can go, no matter how badly I feel at times, is God. In addition, prayer is my daily source of strength. For this, I'm eternally grateful to the camp, as it helps and teaches how to develop an even closer relationship with God."

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