



Joni Eareckson Tada's Art Survives Fire

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Joni and Friends, Agoura Hills CA. – Joni and Friends, the international ministry and disability outreach of Joni Eareckson Tada announced today that a collection of original art by Mrs. Tada survived the devastating fire that destroyed the Biblical Arts Center in Dallas Texas on Tuesday.

“When I learned that the museum storing virtually all of my original paintings was engulfed in flames, I was stunned and shocked to think that 30 years of my artwork was about to be destroyed. A few minutes later I remembered ‘Joni, God wants you to hold all things lightly.’ Joni Eareckson Tada was quoted as saying.

Remarkably, the six alarm fire that was fought by fire fighters for hours resulted in a small section of the basement where the Tada art was stored to be spared of severe damage.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of such wonderful art giving glory to our Christian faith and yet we Praise God that there were no injuries or loss of life,” said Doug Mazza, President of Joni and Friends.

Joni Eareckson Tada's art had been on display in the art center in the fall of 2001 and has been stored by the Biblical Arts Center by agreement since then.

Joni and Friends is the disability outreach of Joni Eareckson Tada accelerating Christian ministry to the disability community world-wide