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CHRONIC ILLNESS MINISTRY PARTICIPATES IN DISABILITY CONFERENCE

APRIL 2002 / They came in wheelchairs, with canes, scooters and walkers. Some came who appeared to be "the healthy ones," but they were in deep pain. Rest Ministries, a chronic illness Christian ministry participated in the Christian Council on Persons with Disabilities annual conference April 19-21 in Orlando, FL.

"I think it's important that chronic illness and chronic pain be acknowledged and represented at disability conferences," says Lisa Copen, founder of Rest Ministries who has lived with rheumatoid arthritis for nearly ten years. "CCPD encompasses all disabilities, including the invisible ones," Copen has served on the CCPD board of directors since 2000.

Rest Ministries is the sponsor of National Invisible Chronic Illness Awareness Week September 23-29, 2002.