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One Weekend at a Time*

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## Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference in Germany, a great success!

By: Anne Arthur

As many of you may know, Rachel's Vineyard has been well established in Hildesheim, Germany since 2010. Our vision for Germany was to plant new Rachel's Vineyard sites in many cities so that we can offer easier access to post-abortion healing for our prospective participants. This would also facilitate an efficient aftercare with higher attendance numbers. We are very pleased to see our ministry steadily growing as we are grooming new team members. For 2015, we already fixed the dates for two retreat weekends at a new Rachel's Vineyard site in southern Germany.

Back in 2013, we began to discuss the need to have a leadership conference in Germany, and we finally made it happen!

As always, when great things lay ahead, opposition proves to be fierce and shocking. Right after Dr. Theresa Burke's arrival in Germany, Christiane Wiedebusch, one of our Co-leaders, fell seriously ill and fainted at the dinner table. We had to call for an ambulance and she was hospitalized for an entire week. No conference for her! Christiane Kurpik, the German leader from Hildesheim and I suddenly had to manage on our own.

We had to facilitate travel for teams from Germany, Austria, and Poland; and we were pleased to be able to hold this international conference on the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Dietershausen, a small town in the middle of Germany and located close to highways and train stations. With forty-three participants, the retreat house was fully booked.

We invited individuals and pro-life organizations to the sessions on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and were pleased to see that 14 persons travelled from cities very far away to participate. Some of them had to drive 5 hours one way to attend! Of course, Dr. Theresa Burke was the drawing card, as she led the conference and training sessions. Among other themes, she presented her classes Crash Course in Trauma, The Aftermath of Medical Abortions, Brain Functions in Relation to Trauma, and the Rachel's Vineyard Method of Healing to an open-minded public.

We were greatly surprised with *who* showed up this weekend! It

was very obvious that the Lord had his hand in the planning and was clearly leading these participants. We did the advertising for the conference but the Lord did the rest, leading these interested people to us who clearly had a desire to “be part of Rachel’s Vineyard”. The variety and quality of participants was amazing: from all walks of life, gifted with a multitude of charisms, and from different organizations and cities.

**Positive results** did not take long to manifest. Only two weeks after the conference a new site team has been formed in the city of Fulda. This group told us: “We have been observing your work in Germany for a good while, and we want to be part of it.” We met with them, visited their organization (called “Vater-Haus” = Father’s House) and it was concluded that they were a wonderful addition to Rachel’s Vineyard in Germany. We promptly gave them our approval to start a new Rachel’s Vineyard site. We will mentor them through the process and they will have their first retreat in February 2015, which will be in addition to all other retreats planned for that year. We are overjoyed about this development.

**The Berlin Group:** We had been praying from our early days to be given the opportunity to get into contact with Evangelicals in order to spread Rachel’s Vineyard to these communities. Our prayers were surprisingly answered and a pastor from Berlin, Germany’s capital attended the entire weekend with three women of his congregation. Friendships were forged, and we are planning to visit Berlin in the very near future to discuss how to implant Rachel’s Vineyard in this city where healing is greatly needed. The Lord ensured that we take His call seriously. Only one day after the conference, and out-of-the-blue, we received phone calls from post-abortive women residing in Berlin who had seen our website “by coincidence” and decided to ask for help. We will soon train an interdenominational team in Berlin. Praise God!

**Switzerland:** Dr. Josef Lingenhölle, a gynecologist from Switzerland was another surprise participant. Apart from being a most wonderful human being, he impressed us all by presenting himself to any new acquaintance by saying that he is a *Catholic ob-gyn*. His personal journey as a doctor sticking firm to Catholic teaching is amazing. He is very active in Switzerland’s pro-life movement and desires to work with Rachel’s Vineyard. He invited the German team to organize a similar conference and training weekend with Dr. Theresa in Switzerland in 2015. He already has a host of persons at hand who are very interested to offer healing for post-abortive women. Dr. Lingenhölle will attend training weekends in Germany with a colleague prior to starting his own site in Switzerland.

Our international conference was a God-given, Spirit-filled amazing teaching event. We are grateful to Theresa for making the journey. I was happy to be working again in Germany and seeing the fantastic Austrian and Polish teams in person, which I

usually mentor via email and phone. Glory to God for what he is doing in Europe!

A little side note: the Slovakian team held a retreat during that same weekend in Slovakia, and reported great wonders. God is good, and we give him praise for letting us grow in Europe in a truly miraculous way.

*Anne Arthur  
Rachels Weinberg Deutschland,  
(Mentoring Austria, Poland, and Slovakia)*



**“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”  
- Henry Ford**



**The Unpublished Interviews:  
Meet the German Speaking Leaders of  
“Rachel’s Weinberg”  
By: Dr. Theresa Burke**

Without a doubt, my favorite part of traveling to do Leadership Conferences for Rachel’s Vineyard is having the opportunity to meet and thank the outstanding people who began our ministry in different parts of the world. Especially where language translations are necessary, starting up a Rachel’s Vineyard site requires massive efforts which can take years to complete including the tedious and time consuming layout of materials and the translation of all our training resources and classes. Because we have so many “missionaries” throughout the world who help start up new branches of Rachel’s Vineyard and assist with mentoring new sites, I don’t always have the privilege of meeting these extraordinary workers. It is a joy, however, to hold a Leadership conference and public lectures in places where the vineyard has been planted and is bearing extraordinary fruit as it starts to spread throughout the country and beyond the borders where the first seeds were originally planted.

The connections and unexpected links that make this miracle of growth possible could only be orchestrated by the Master Sower and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as He guides and directs each of us in our efforts. We rarely see or could anticipate the perfect picture plan that God has already ordained as He connects us together in a rapidly growing vineyard that simply can’t be contained once the soil has been carefully tilled and

planted. In many cases, the seeds for this ministry could only take root after years of prayers, suffering and many untold sacrifices. This is truly the gift of Rachel's Vineyard and each leader has a unique story that I simply cannot resist hearing about in all its astonishing details!

So today I'd like to introduce you to the women who brought Rachel's Vineyard to Germany and share the ways God has used every aspect of their personal histories to prepare them for this mission of love and healing.

### **Meet Christiane Wiedebusch!**



Christiane was born in Madgeburg, Eastern Germany. World War II had just broken out and her family fled the large city for safety in a small rural village protected from the intense bombing nestled along the border in what initially appeared to be a safer zone of Communist Germany. At times it was very frightening because the Russian soldiers came and occupied her little town. She recalls that the police were very brutal. She watched neighbors being hunted down as the police sought to intimidate villagers into submission. There were also raids on the farm, the militia frequently breaking window panes and terrorizing old women. As a result, she suffered many fearful dreams about Russians coming and taking away her beloved grandmother and other family members.

But despite the years of war, Christiane finished school in Halberstadt and became a dental hygienist. She married her husband in 1964 at the age of 20. She gave birth to two sons, Thomas and Stephan. Although they were raised in an atheistic culture, Christiane believed that bringing a child into the world was the most thrilling and special experience a woman could have – to see that a human being could come out of her body was amazing and she always cherished her experience of

motherhood.

Sadly, her life was made difficult because her husband was abusive and wanted her to abort their second child. Fortunately, abortion was not legal and Christiane was grateful that option was not accessible to her at the time.

In 1972, the Helsinki Conference took place and for the first time Christiane learned that they had human rights and were entitled to a life of freedom. Immediately, they began the paperwork to legally depart Eastern Germany. The only other option was to flee and risk being killed as they attempted to cross the border where the soldiers walked the fences everyday with vicious hunting dogs. The militia had shooting orders to kill anyone attempting to cross. The family could not take that risk.

Although she filed several requests to leave the country... permission was always denied. Thankfully, a friend working at the United Nations from Western Germany wrote a letter to the government advocating for their rights and they were finally given clearance to depart the country with the understanding they would never be able to return to their homeland. Christiane could not even travel to visit her own mother in another town. The political oppression was unimaginable.

When Christiane moved to Hidesheim, she was enduring a difficult marriage and had traumatic memories of the war. To make matters worse, when her older brother died at the age of 31, the communists would not allow her or any family member including her mother to attend his funeral or to bury him. Although Christiane had been baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith, it was a distant memory and her belief in God was abandoned during the horrors of war and ongoing persecutions.

Although Christiane had obtained freedom from political oppression, she carried the scars within her broken heart. She had no interest in knowing anything about a God who allowed such sufferings.

Christiane went back to school to become a physical therapist and then went to work in a hospital. A co-worker whom she described as a "Jesus crazed hippie" always had a bible handy and was constantly quoting it. She found him irritating and annoying and confronted him one day... "What does a hippie like you know about the bible?" Expecting a long rebuttal she was surprised that he responded, "Christiane, all you have to do is open your heart to Jesus and He will teach you the rest."

Despite her best efforts to avoid him, the guy kept talking to her about God and invited her to a 5 day conference with Billy Graham in 1993. On the third day there was an "altar call" and Christiane was surprised that she found herself weeping

uncontrollably and going up to be prayed over as she opened her heart to Christ.

Overwhelmed with a new spirit, Christiane joined an evangelical church and spent two years studying the scriptures and learning about Jesus. This was a new world, but she had a nagging inner longing to return to her Catholic roots. Around this same time, a friend invited her to attend a talk given at a Catholic Evangelization Center called “The Eucharist with Eyes Popped Open.” Christiane shared that as she listened to the talk that “her eyes popped open!” That night she met Christiane Kurpik, who was destined to become her best friend. Mrs. Kurpik invited her to weekly prayer meetings and RCIA instruction and the two eventually became inseparable ministry partners after she returned to the Catholic Church at the age of 50.

Her close knit prayer group began praying for mothers who were contemplating abortion and became interested in pro life issues. As a group they felt called to help, but had no idea how to go about it, so they continued to pray....for many years!

Meanwhile, believe it or not, the Lord was arranging a plan for Germany from the other side of the world. Mary Ann McNeal who coordinated the Rachels Vineyard retreats in Atlanta, Georgia traveled to Jamaica with her Rachel’s Vineyard team to help mentor a new site for the Diocese of Kingston in 2008. A member of the new Jamaican team was Anne Arthur – a German native who left the country 40 years earlier after she married her husband who was from Haiti.

In 2009, one year later, I was invited to Jamaica to do a leadership Conference and public clinical training for the Diocese of Kingston. This was the first time I met Anne Arthur. We sat up late into the night talking like two mothers in a “visitation” experience. I told Anne that I felt such a strong connection to her and recognized her as being a soul sister in our expanding ministry but I had no idea what the Lord had in mind. Anne told me that the people in Germany needed Rachel’s Vineyard so badly... and she was already envisioning herself working on a translation but had no idea how it could be implemented. We hugged goodbye and I whispered in her ear... “May Gods perfect will be accomplished!”

“Soon” was the understatement of the year. Only three days after our Leadership Conference ended, Anne received word that her mother in Germany was sick and boarded the first flight she could get to return to Hildesheim, Germany. She had no idea when she would return to Jamaica but knew she needed to care for her mother. When she arrived in Hildesheim, she found herself attending the prayer meetings run by another woman also named Christiane, who had been involved in the work of healing for many years – but was praying about how to help those who had abortions.



**Anne Arthur, Christiane Wiedebusch and Christiane Kurpik**

**Meet Christiane Kurpik**



Christiane Kurpik was born in East Berlin in 1948. Growing up in Communist Germany was difficult and the family decided to flee when Christiane was only 9 years old on Christmas Day. They knew that if they had gift wrapped Christmas packages that it would look as if they were going to visit relatives for the holiday and not raise suspicions as they made their way to the border. Christiane remembers dressing in three layers of clothes which would be her complete wardrobe in the life ahead. They knew that if they were caught her parents would have been put

in prison and she would be placed in an orphanage. She remembers being terrified! They took the train and spent 6 months in a refugee camp. Eventually they made it to her mother's sister's house in West Germany.

Christiane became an administrative assistant. She met her husband and had a son. Sadly she was divorced two years later because her husband was an abusive alcoholic. She remarried and her son was adopted by her new husband and she gave birth to a daughter.

She was always active with the church and organized a vast number of humanitarian missions through Caritas during the war in Bosnia and Croatia. She was responsible for sending medicine, food and clothing for the victims of war.

One day she read about a prayer service sponsored by the Charismatic renewal. She decided to go and check it out. She was surprised to find herself crying throughout the service! A priest who noticed her crying approached her and said, "I see you have been crying here in the church, many tears – if you ever want to talk I have time for you." She decided to meet with him and found herself pouring out the grief and pain of her whole life. She realized she had been a "busy bee" her whole life trying to run away from her past traumas, trying desperately to rebuild up her shattered self esteem. She decided she only wanted to live for God now. She went back to school and studied geriatrics and concentrated her work on caring for the elderly.

After meeting Christiane Wiedebusch and bringing her into the church in 1995, they both decided to create a new ministry. She organized a charitable organization called "Jacob's Well" which was to provide prayer meetings, counseling and spiritual direction. As she watched her ministry grow she was amazed by how many people started coming forward for help after abortions. Christiane explains that we did not seek this. We prayed for people – we never discussed it, it just happened and we kept stumbling on people who needed help. It became a big job!

What are her thoughts about being the German speaking Leader for all the new Rachel's Vineyard sites? Christiane sighed with a smile. "We see its growing! Now we realize this has the potential to be HUGE!" She noted that she "always had a heart for those who were distressed." But what she loves about Rachel's Vineyard is seeing the visible changes in people. "It's just amazing to see their eyes after all the work of the retreat. You can see the sun sparkling in their eyes and they look so happy! Rachel's Vineyard has really complemented my work with "Jacobs Well" and made it very fulfilling!"

Her lifetime work in the healing professions, administration and organizing mission work prepared her for her labors in Rachel's

Vineyard. Christiane Kurpik's dream is to help spread both Catholic and Interdenominational Rachel's Vineyard sites throughout Germany and to continue to assist and mentor those starting Rachel's Vineyard in Austria, Switzerland and Poland.

As for me, after teaching and fellowshiping with all of our prospective new leaders that I met at the Rachel's Vineyard leadership Training Conference in Germany – I feel nothing but gratitude for how the Lord plants a seed and a dream in our hearts. After that, with time and sacrifices He eventually lights the spark in accordance to His perfect will – bringing a lifetime of experiences into motion to be used in the service of His Glory. This spark of the Holy Spirit ignites a passionate fire that unites all our leaders with one mind and one life of service for Jesus Christ -- to bring healing to those who have suffered the loss of a child because of abortion. I am eternally blessed to watch this story unfold again and again as so many nations and tongues look to Rachel's Vineyard to create the most blessed fruits of healing, redemption and restoration.



**“I can promise you that women working together - linked, informed and educated - can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet.”  
- Isabel Allende**



**Synod on the Family:  
Abortion Is a Stealth Missile Attacking  
Marriage and Family  
By: Kevin Burke**



The much anticipated [Extraordinary Synod on the Family](#)

opened Sunday at the Vatican. In the opening mass for the Synod Pope Francis [shared this](#) with the assembled Bishops:

*Assemblies are not meant to discuss beautiful and clever ideas, or to see who is more intelligent... They are meant to better nurture and tend the Lord's vineyard, to help realize his dream, his loving plan for his people. In this case the Lord is asking us to care for the family, which has been from the beginning an integral part of his loving plan for humanity.*

The Popes comments reflect the urgency of the situation and the challenges facing the family. We do not have the luxury of a synod that merely debates “beautiful and clever ideas” that are disconnected from the real world experience of families in our contemporary society.

The issues central to Churches in the developing nations (where the majority of Catholics reside) will often differ from those in the Western world, where we find a preoccupation with possible changes on ministry to Divorced Catholics. There is a danger that in our focus on this contentious issue...we are missing the very large and very influential *elephant in the family room*.

### **Understanding the Impact of Abortion on Marriage and Family Life**

With the continued pressure from Western nations to [expand the access to abortion](#) in African, Asia and Latin America, it is essential for the Synod to be aware of the relationship between the symptoms of complicated grief after abortion and marriage and family life, especially here in the United States. A failure to understand and learn more about this intimate connection between abortion and the challenges facing couples and families...would be a tragic missed opportunity for the Church and its leaders.

Since 1973 the United States has experienced an unprecedented historical event...a self-inflicted population reduction of over 55 million of its people through the availability of widespread legal abortion. What we have learned during this time is that abortion not only takes the life of an innocent child, it also has a powerfully toxic effect on relationships, marriage and family life.

### **Sharing the Heart of Christ**

This should be no surprise. [Sharing the Heart of Christ](#) is an excellent resource for clergy, counselors and laity in ministry with those suffering after abortion. In this book we learn that abortion is very much a “*relational wound*”:

*These symptoms of post-abortion loss do not occur in isolation and can significantly impact marriage and family life. Abortion creates a relational and spiritual wound. A healthy marital*

*relationship is marked by a deep bonding between husband and wife with a foundational trust that leads to vibrant and satisfying emotional, spiritual, and physical intimacy. Abortion is a traumatic death experience that is closely associated to relational/sexual intimacy, creating a profound fracture of trust that strikes at the heart of a relationship. Because of the nature of this wound, secrets, [trust and anger issues] and extra marital affairs are not uncommon for persons with abortion in their history. – [Sharing the Heart of Christ: Chapter Two Cultivating the Seeds of Trust](#)*

Later in that same Chapter you will find this following excerpt from an article originally published in the *Fairfield County Catholic*. As you read this brief account, consider how essential this information is to the Synod on the Family, where in the United States alone, there have been over 55 million abortion procedures:

*Fairfield County Catholic (FCC):* Why don't you begin by explaining the circumstances that drove you to an abortion?

*Mary:* Joe and I were both in college, and had been dating a couple of years. The first time we had intercourse, I got pregnant. I came from a large family and my parents, who were devout Catholics, made a lot of sacrifices for my education. I was too ashamed to tell them I was pregnant. There was no one to reach out to.

*FCC:* Couldn't you reach out to your boyfriend?

*Mary:* I told Joe I was pregnant, and that I would have to get an abortion. I was waiting desperately for him to say something, to tell me we'd manage somehow. It never happened.

*Joe:* I knew it was wrong, but I was silent. I never stood up for the baby. I prejudged her, and decided that her mind was made up. I was angry with her for choosing an abortion.

*FCC:* Most couples break up after an abortion because the guilt and pain are so great. Yet you stayed together and got married. You were clearly very much in love. How did the aftermath of the abortion affect your marriage?

*Mary:* We still loved each other, and we were committed to our marriage. My feeling of anger at Joe was pushed down for so many years that I didn't even recognize it. But it was there all the time. I took my anger out on him without ever recognizing where it came from.

*Joe:* There was a lack of trust in our relationship. I blamed her for the loss of the baby. I did things that purposely hurt her. I drank a lot, I gambled, I did a lot of things to escape into a private world where I wouldn't feel pain.

FCC: You are both practicing Catholics, raising your children in the faith. Didn't you talk to a priest about what happened?

*Mary: After years of this, it became apparent that it was something I had to deal with. I had confessed my abortion to three priests over the years. After the fourth priest, I began to accept that God could forgive me.*

*Joe: There were years and years of anger and heartache and being distant from God... I think men are so proud, they don't see what they've buried. It was all kept inside and it was destroying me. I deliberately did things to keep my own self-esteem down. I considered suicide. At one point, I remember walking downstairs with a gun and a suitcase; Mary stopped me.*

FCC: What happened when you went into the [Rachel's Vineyard retreat](#)?

*Mary: It felt confidential, safe, welcome. There was an overwhelming sense of peace knowing that so many people were praying for us. Everybody there, although each story was different, the pain was there. With them, we were able to let our guard down.*

*Joe: I didn't want to go to Rachel's Vineyard to begin with. I walked in there on a Friday evening thinking, "I'm going to re-live all this stuff I've been avoiding for so long." I think men are reluctant to go to these things openly and be part of it.*

FCC: Why was this retreat so effective, when you had both already been to Confession and received absolution years ago?

*Mary: My big breakthrough came when I was able to express my anger at Joe. He had never realized that the abortion had any connection to our behavior. We were able to forgive each other, and to have our baby forgive us.*

*Joe: I sat there and literally cried during some of the sessions. I was able to express my anger of myself at my total lack of courage...I feel reborn. I've been accepted by God, by my wife, and, most of all, by myself...*

FCC: Where do you go from here?

*...Joe: I'd like us to be as close as we can possibly get. I'd like to re-kindle a courtship, to walk hand-in-hand, spend more time together – and more time together in prayer.*

### **The Family Impact**

In many of the [testimonies of women and men after abortion loss](#), you will find similar themes; mistrust, displaced anger, resentment, difficulty with intimacy and sexual dysfunction.

When a mother or father has an abortion in their past, and it is drawing upon so much negative emotional energy...does this impact parenting and family life?

It would be impossible that it would not have a significant impact. All of us know how challenging it is to maintain a healthy marriage and family life in today's culture. It is all the more daunting when a mother and/or father are deeply compromised in their capacity for healthy communication, trust and intimacy because of an abortion loss. Keep in mind that nearly half of all abortions are repeat procedures. Also consider that many grandparents, siblings and extended family may have been involved in some way in the abortion decision/procedure of their family member and depending on their role in the child's death can also suffer emotionally and spiritually.

As I read these words of the Pope from October 4th, I thought of the millions of couples with an abortion in their history:

*May the wind of Pentecost blow on the Synodal works, on the Church, on the whole of humanity. May it loose the knots that impede persons from encountering one another, may it heal bleeding wounds, and rekindle hope. May it grant that creative charity that make us love as Jesus loved. Then our proclamation will rediscover the vivacity and dynamism of the first missionaries of the Gospel. – [Pope Francis' Discourse](#)*

**Saturday October 4th at the Vigil of Prayer for the Synod on the Family**

Let all Catholics and Christians of every denomination join our Holy Father in this prayer. May the Holy Spirit inspires the leaders of the international Catholic Church, so that they may be convicted of the importance of healing the "bleeding wound" of abortion and so protect and strengthen our families, both in the West and in the developing world.



**"God never hurries. There are no deadlines against which he must work. Only to know this is to quiet our spirits and relax our nerves."**

**- A.W. Tozer**



## **A Thanksgiving Appeal**

This Thanksgiving as you reflect on all the blessings you have received this year, consider giving someone suffering the blessing of attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. Your

donation will make it possible for someone to experience joy in the Lord and forgiveness in their hearts.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a non-profit organization. We are able to minister to those hurting after abortion through your contributions and prayers.

Online: [www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate)

By Phone: 610-354-0555 or By Mail: P.O. Box 140130 Staten Island, NY 10314



**Job 33:4**

**The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**



### **Note from the Pastoral Director**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was a pleasure to share with you recently the vision of the new healing project for 2015 called *Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion*. This initiative of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign will help so many groups of people articulate, with greater awareness and understanding, the wounds they have been suffering for many years because of someone else's abortion.

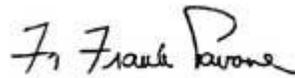
As we know from the experience of individuals who pursue the path of healing, a big aspect of that journey is the realization that problems they were already aware of *were in fact caused or aggravated by the abortion*. Then, dealing with the abortion gives them a new way to deal with -- and even overcome -- those other problems.

Now we will see the power of taking that dynamic to the level of our whole society. How many public, national, and international problems and conflicts -- seemingly unsolvable -- can be traced to the shockwaves of abortion? As people examine what these shockwaves are, they will begin to connect, on a grand scale, what individuals in healing have learned how to connect for decades now.

And as we raise awareness, we need to keep raising up the tools available for the healing. That is why the integral relationship of Rachel's Vineyard, a ministry of Priests for Life, with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (also a ministry of Priests for Life) is so crucial here. We look forward to close collaboration

between the RV site leaders and teams and the Silent No More Regional Coordinators. God bless you all!

Sincerely,



Fr. Frank Pavone  
Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries  
National Director, Priests for Life



**"Oh to fully realize the littleness of time and greatness of eternity!"**

**- Thomas Chalmers**



## **Rachel's Vineyard Social Media**



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Check out our YouTube videos:

[www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)



**"Say something worthwhile and people will listen."**

**- Germany Kent**



## United in Prayer

For *our sites still in development*. May the Lord bless them and guide them into the vineyard where one day they will be able to bring healing to those hurting.

During this month of remembrance let us pray for all the souls of those who have labored within the vineyard. May they all rest in peace, residing in the presence of our Lord.



**“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”**

**- John Bunyan**



## Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats Healing the Wounds of Abuse Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org)

**Kelowna, BC, Canada** – November 13-16th, 2014

Contact: [G2GKelowna@shaw.ca](mailto:G2GKelowna@shaw.ca) or

Call: 250-878-7603

**Minneapolis, MN** – January 12-16, 2015

Contact: Jeanne Haines at [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) or by calling 610-203-2002

*Dr. Theresa Burke will be the lead facilitator.*

**Phoenix, AZ** - February 1 - 6, 2015

Contact: Jeanne Haines at [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) or by calling 610-203-2002

*Dr. Theresa Burke will be the lead facilitator.*

**Philadelphia, PA** - June 28th - July 3rd, 2015

Contact: [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) 610-203-2002

*Dr. Theresa Burke will be the lead facilitator.*



**Psalm 107:19-21**

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!**



## **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Training Events**

**Lander, Wyoming** - Wyoming Catholic College  
On **Friday, December 05, 2014** Dr. Theresa Burke will be speaking at Wyoming Catholic College's Formal Lecture Series. For more information please contact: Kyle Washut at [kyle.washut@wyomingcatholiccollege.com](mailto:kyle.washut@wyomingcatholiccollege.com)

**Houston, TX** - Clinical and Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator and Team Training On **Friday April 24, 2015** Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a **Clinical Training** for Mental Health Professionals.

On **Saturday April 25, 2015** Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a **Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator and Team Training**. For more information please contact Stephanie Walker at [mktginperson@yahoo.com](mailto:mktginperson@yahoo.com) or go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/2015-Clinical-Conference-HOUSTON/1482716128663939>



**"The wound is the place where the Light enters you."  
- Rumi**



## **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

**Maidstone, Kent**  
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[pamnelson566@gmail.com](mailto:pamnelson566@gmail.com)  
Friday, October 31, 2014  
Sunday, November 02, 2014

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Sunday, November 09, 2014

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