

August 2011 News from the Circle

By Ched Myers

I was at the annual gathering sponsored by www.JesusRadicals.org, the “flagship” of young Christian anarchists in the U.S. Thanks to **Christine and Steve Clemens** for their hospitality in Minneapolis. Speaking of younger activists, we worked this summer with student environmental filmmakers at **UC Santa Barbara** on their documentary on the Ventura watershed. We also continue to collaborate with the nearby **Abundant Table Farm Project**, with whom we are currently studying **Ellen Davis’ Scripture, Culture and Agriculture**. The **Word & World Mentoring Program** goes well; we’ll next meet at Stony Point, NY in October as part of events around the opening of the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice. And we’re pleased that **Elaine** is increasing her hours at the **Pasadena Peace and Justice Academy** this coming school year.

After 10 days with family in Saskatchewan, Elaine and I attended the **Creative World Justice and Arts Festival** in Mission, B.C. Thanks to the help of Mennonite colleague **Steve Heinrichs**, we were able to learn and share about the grim legacy of the Indian Residential School at that place. Cree activist **Brander McDonald** gave us a poignant tour of the haunted corridors of the old buildings (see www.brandermcdonald.blogspot.com). We



*stressed how important it is for Christians to get involved in the **Canadian Truth and Reconciliation** process around the Schools legacy. At the festival we also really connected with native Christian musician **Cheryl Bear** and her family (left; see www.cherylbear.com).*

Joyce Hollyday spent August at our place in Oak View working on her novel, and helped harvest and dry grapes. We’re grateful that **Murphy Davis** is recovering well from breast cancer surgery (*right, with **Eduard Loring***), and we congratulate **Jill Shook** and **Anthony Manousas** on their upcoming nuptials.



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OK, I *know* I said last month that we’d take a break from the August E-News—but there’s just *too much good stuff* happening! Late summer blessings to all.

