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# Labyrinth

## A Meeting with the Mayor

Two ArtsCharlotte Core Team members joined with me in hosting Mayor Vi Lyles for lunch and to give her this giclee print of a painting done by Eva Crawford (on left). We wanted to thank Mayor Lyles for her humble, servants' heart for our city and to encourage her in her role. We also discussed many possibilities of nurturing the city through the arts.

## Exciting Family News!

Our granddaughter, Kendra, accepted a marriage proposal on Easter weekend from her long-time boyfriend, Ben. We love their commitment to Christ and to each other. The wedding will be in November. Pray for this young couple!



### **California Family/Ministry Trip**

We will fly to California on 15 May and return home on 14 June. The goal is to spend time with Glenn's mom and give his sister and her husband time for a vacation. Plans are a little flexible right now because Glenn's mom fell yesterday and broke her hip—so we aren't sure what her living status will be by that time.

We are also speaking on the weekends. Here's the basic schedule:

Staying in Coarsegold or Fresno during the weekdays.

Sunday, 20 May a.m.: Campus Bible Church, Palm Ave campus, Fresno

Sunday 03 June a.m.: Epiclesis Church, Fair Oaks (Dianne speaking)

Sunday 03 June p.m.: Home meeting of Epiclesis (showing Abstraction)

Friday/Saturday 08/09 June: "Recalculating Life's Journey" Seminar;

Calvary Baptist Church, Lompoc



#### To Think About. . .

"There are four "voices" that echo in the human subconscious: the longing for justice, the quest for spirituality, the hunger for relationships, and the delight in beauty. . . For N.T. Wright, these four creational voices justice, spirituality, relationships, beauty—point us toward God because they have their source in him; they are expressions of the one voice that alone can lead us out of the multiple alienations and frustrations of human existence into an authentic and specifically Christian way of life. When we respond to these echoes, however faint they may be, we are opening ourselves to the activity and the energy of the Spirit, who knows no boundaries in reaching and restoring broken humanity. These four "voices" may actually help us glimpse the glorious possibilities of the new creation open up to us in Christ. Perhaps, then, we might interpret these voices as echoes of the Spirit. Wright states, 'Perhaps art can help us to look beyond the immediate beauty with all its puzzles, and to glimpse that new creation which makes sense not only of beauty but of the world as a whole, and ourselves within it. Perhaps." (Robert Johnston, reflecting on N.T. Wright in God's Wider Presence)

#### Praise/Praise

- Five new leaders joining ArtsCharlotte
  Core Team
- Glenn's Mom's recovery
- ◆ Effective ministry trip
- Increased financial support so that I might receive a salary
- ArtsCharlotte's opportunities
- ◆ A.C.T.Intl Europe staff
- New A.C.T. Intl staff in Israel under my care

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