

Community Peace Radio - Kathy Kelly and Mary Burton Riseley

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Topic: Voices for Creative Nonviolence -- "Eyewitness to War, Witness for Peace"

Participants: Kathy Kelly (Co-Coordinator, Voices for Creative Nonviolence), Mary Burton Riseley (Friends Committee on National Legislation)

Co-Hosts: Pat Leahan, Michaela Rodriguez, Arielle Hawney (via phone)

Summary: Kathy Kelly co-coordinates Voices for Creative Nonviolence, an organization that believes that "where you stand determines what you see." She has recently visited Gaza (during Operation Cast Lead, Jan 2009) and Pakistan (May-June, 2009), and was in Iraq during the U.S.-led "Shock and Awe" bombing campaign. She talks with us about her experiences and eyewitness accounts of the realities and sorrows of war.

As a co-founder of Voices in the Wilderness, Kathy and her colleague Mary Burton Riseley and others, helped form 70 delegations, from 1996 – 2003, to bring medicine to children and families in Iraq because the country was being severely affected by the U.S.-led blockade. Kathy and Mary believe that non-violence involves simplicity, service, sharing of resources and nonviolent direct action in resistance to war and oppression.

Mary, in a pre-sentencing statement on 4 Feb. 2008 for her arrest at an Army Intelligence Center (Ft. Huachuca), stated: "The problems that humanity faces now are so vast that they can only be solved by working together, by making our scope of justice into an 'I that is we,' with 'we' including every human being, everywhere on the planet."

Resources:

Voices for Creative Nonviolence

<http://vcnv.org/>

Peaceable Assembly Campaign

<http://www.peaceableassembly.org/>

pac [at] vcnv [dot] org

(773) 878-3815

National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee

<http://www.nwtrcc.org/>

Friends Committee on National Legislation

(A Quaker Lobby in the Public Interest)

<http://www.fcnl.org/>

G.I. Rights Hotline

<http://www.GIrightshotline.org/>

877-447-4487

505-404-6427

800-394-9544

Pat's Extra Notes:

Thank you, David, for our CPR intro music, and for the song "The Village Where Nothing Happened," which we play during this show:

<http://www.DavidRovics.com/>