

Pursuing Accountability from Israel

With Cindy and Craig Corrie



Monday, December 5, 7:00 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Simmerman Lounge - 2nd Floor

4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines (corner of Beaver and Allison, wheelchair accessible)

Cindy and Craig Corrie are the parents of human rights activist and observer Rachel Corrie. On March 16, 2003, Rachel was killed by an Israeli military Caterpillar D9R bulldozer in the Gaza Strip as she tried to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian family's home. Motivated by their daughter's work and example, the Corries have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of justice and peace in the Middle East and have made numerous visits to the region, spending time in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, and Turkey.

In March 2009, they traveled with a Code Pink delegation from Egypt through the Rafah Crossing to challenge the Gaza siege and to witness the aftermath of Israeli military attacks during Operation Cast Lead, which occurred several months earlier. In September 2009, the Corries returned to Gaza leading the first Rachel Corrie Foundation Gaza Delegation. "Rachel wrote of the importance of making commitments to places and initiated this one to Rafah and Gaza," says Cindy Corrie. "The commitment she made continues."

The Corries have continued to seek accountability in the case of their daughter's death and to challenge U.S. foreign policy in Palestine/Israel through efforts with the U.S. Congress, U.S. Departments of State and Justice, the Israeli Government, the Israeli and U.S. court systems, and at the corporate headquarters of Caterpillar Inc. Seven years after their daughter's killing, the Corries' civil lawsuit in Israel opened on March 10, 2010, in Haifa District Court, and proceeded with sporadic court dates until the final hearing on July 10, 2011. The case has entered a summation phase during which attorneys for both sides provide written arguments based on their interpretations of the law and evidence. The judge's verdict is expected in spring 2012. The position of the U.S. government remains that the case of Rachel Corrie has not been adequately investigated by the government of Israel.

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