REAL-WORLD PEACEMAKING

A series of opportunities to share an informal meal and hear first-hand about the work of peacemakers from around the world. Most guest speakers will have names unknown to the mass media, but they do the hard job of bringing together factions in conflict and healing the wounds of war. Your presence will aid this work essential to a humane future by connecting us locally with those who suffer and those who try to help them, wherever in the world they may be.

August 26, 2012  potluck meal: 6 pm, presentation & discussion: 7 - 9 pm
Palo Alto Friends Meetinghouse, 957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto (between Louis & Greer)

Tim Nafziger, Outreach Coordinator for Christian Peacemaker Teams, Chicago

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) <http://www.cpt.org/> places teams at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of lethal conflict. These teams seek to follow God's Spirit as it works through local peacemakers who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action to confront systems of violence and oppression. CPT’s Steering Committee is drawn from the Mennonite Church USA & Canada, Church of the Brethren, Congregation of St. Basil, Friends United Meeting and Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Tim Nafziger is an activist, writer, organizer and web developer. He is the administrator for the Young Anabaptist Radicals blog and has served as Outreach Coordinator for CPT since 2008. He has also been involved with organizing young people in the Mennonite church in the US. Tim recently spent a month in Colombia with the CPT project there. He will be sharing stories from Las Pavas, a CPT partner community struggling to remain on their land in the face of pressure from multinational agribusiness. < http://www.cpt.org/work/colombia/> .

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