

# LABYRINTH

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## SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Glenn commissioned this **beautiful piece of art by Leigh Williams** for my birthday. Leigh is a valued ArtsCharlotte Core Team member. I am so proud of it and it proudly hangs in our living room!

This summer's focus has been **Glenn's recovery** from his bilateral knee surgery. His knees have done

great, but he had about three weeks of difficult medical issues following his surgery. Thankfully, his body seems to have now recovered from the trauma of the surgery and he is making great progress in physical therapy. Thank-you for your prayers!

We are still waiting on the film production company to release the **short film** of our story

for sharing. It is called **Abstraction**. Their plan is to enter it in film festivals to determine the interest for the longer film and to make a distribution plan. We are so pleased with this short film that will be used in the fund-raising efforts for the longer version. I can't wait to share it with you! Hopefully it will be available soon.

## A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION— #52!

*We attended an art event, ate a seafood dinner and saw the play, Macbeth, for this special occasion.*



## Extended version of “I Choose to Forgive” update.

The extended version of my book brings the story up-to-date and includes the forgiveness journeys of Glenn, our daughter and Mike, the man who killed our son. It has been turned down by one publisher and is still under consideration by several others. Please pray that it will be accepted and published soon. The different perspectives on forgiveness are powerful!

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# NURTURING THE SOUL OF THE CITY

*Artists in Charlotte have initiated and participate in a unique, 3-part event to encourage acts of kindness and compassion throughout our city, following the protests and riots of last fall. ArtsCharlotte leaders participated.*

2500 boxes, each containing slips of colored paper were distributed throughout Charlotte with the instructions to write down acts of kindness witnessed or done. The boxes were collected and designed into a “Wall of Compassion” that is displayed throughout the city. The slips of paper are being used to interactively create art pieces, murals and quilts that will be shared in several events this fall. To learn more about this, click here:

[T.V. Report](#)

[Event Description](#)

[Newspaper Article](#)



Leigh Williams, Me, and Hannah Blanton, at one of the “Creating from Kindness” events in June. Hannah is a local gallery owner and was very involved in the conception of this project. Leigh (an ArtsCharlotte’s leader) distributed the boxes and is creating art pieces with the pieces of paper. All is done to encourage kindness and compassion in our city. May it lead to healing, as well.

## Partnership in Ministry: through giving, prayer and active involvement

I deeply appreciate each person who joins with me in this unique ministry of mentoring, encouraging and speaking God’s truth through the arts and alongside other artists.

To give a one-time donation or to join my support team, either go to my [donation page](#) or send your tax-deductible gift to:

**A.C.T. Intl**  
**P.O. Box 1649**  
**Brentwood, TN 37024**

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### Join me in Prayer

- ☀ Glenn’s full recovery from surgery.
- ☀ Job/Ministry opportunity for Glenn
- ☀ My trip to Madrid on 30 August for the Arts+Europe Round Table meetings.
- ☀ Fall projects planned by ArtsCharlotte.  
We are especially praying for more people to be involved in leadership.
- ☀ Financial support to increase. I am currently receiving around 30% of budgeted needs.
- ☀ Financial needs, protection and ministry opportunities of ACT Intl Europe staff.
- ☀ If you are in the Charlotte area, get involved in ArtsCharlotte activities.