



**Advance Notice – Please Reserve these dates**

## **HEALING HEARTS TRANSFORMING NATIONS**

**A programme for those concerned for reconciliation  
in an increasingly broken world**

Workshop Wednesday (evening) 22 February – Saturday 25 February 2023

Training of Facilitators Monday 27 February – Thursday 2 March 2023  
*(For those who want to run the workshop)*

### **Background to Healing Hearts Transforming Nations.**

In the weeks following the end of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, while there were still unburied bodies lying on the ground, Dr Rhiannon Lloyd, a British Christian Psychiatrist was asked to travel there to help establish a counselling programme to start the process of reconciliation. What she found, in this deeply Christian country, was totally overwhelming. Not just a nation destroyed, but a church discredited and implicated in what had happened, with its leaders bitter, confused, angry and in despair. In a land of eight million people, up to one million had been killed in the most terrible way by their neighbours in towns, villages and churches.

It was clear that, above all else, the church needed healing. The church should have been the expression of God's love grace, peace, and refuge, but for many, it had been a place of killing. As Rhiannon tried to speak to gatherings of Christians, she was faced with an explosion of pain, anger, recrimination and rage. Nothing in her training as a psychiatrist had prepared her for this. So, in the midst of this outpouring of grief and anger, she prayed. God began to show her that people in such pain cannot begin to forgive until they have had their pain dealt with. She saw that the cross of Jesus was not just a place to find forgiveness for sin, but also a place where people could bring all their grief, pain, and sorrows. She saw that in Isaiah 53, before sin and iniquity is mentioned, scripture talks about Jesus bearing our griefs, carrying our sorrows and paying the price for our healing.

And so began the development of a three day workshop based firmly on the truths and principles established in the Bible. In the most astonishing and outrageous ways men and women who had suffered abuse or were abusers were reconciled. The destroyed nation of Rwanda took notice. The workshop, originally called Healing Wounds of Ethnic Conflict, was used throughout the nation, and spread to neighbouring countries and beyond. In the years that followed, it has changed the lives of millions around the world.

This workshop was born in Africa. It has been developed in Africa in the wake of multiple violent conflicts. It has proved the power of God's truth to change lives, stop wars and reconcile different groups within nations. This is an opportunity to let God's truth, distilled through the pain of Rwanda, speak into other conflicts and broken hearts.

### **Principal Speakers/ Workshop and Course facilitators**

**Dr. Rhiannon Lloyd** (Healing the Nations UK) The original creator of the workshop while working in association with Le Rucher. She has introduced it in many countries throughout the world. Copyrighted translations (*held by Le Rucher on behalf of HHTN*) exist in English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Welsh. Many more translations have been made from these into local and tribal languages. She is supporting the growing ministry of HHTN workshop through HHTN Global

**Rev. Joseph Nyamutera** is a Rwandan pastor who lived through the pain of the genocide. He became Le Rucher Ministries director for Rwanda and East Africa. After 2016 Le Rucher stepped back as an NGO and Joseph continued as director of the Rwandan NGO, Rabagirana Ministries based near Kigali, with full support of Le Rucher. He has worked for many years with Rhiannon and now spends much of his time training others to lead workshops throughout Africa. But has also been used on other continents. He has been and still is supported by Le Rucher, through Mercy Ministries International. He is key to the development of HHTN Global. He is a member of WEA Peace and Reconciliation Network

**Rev. George de Vuyst** is an American pastor with Resonate Global Mission. He has been serving in Ukraine for over 20 years. After Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014, he began to run the HHTN workshop across the front line between Ukraine and Russia. He also developed the Eurasian School of Reconciliation to train other to run the HHTN workshop from all over Europe and the nations of the former Soviet Union. He is involved with the development of HHTN Global and has been running workshops and training courses in the USA. He completed the 2015 International School of Reconciliation in Rwanda.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Healing Hearts Transforming Nations Workshop**

Wednesday 22 February – Saturday 25 February 2023

**One evening and three full days – all need to be attended.**

This workshop begins with an evening meal at Le Rucher at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, 22 February, with the introduction to the course immediately following. Thursday – Saturday will begin at 8:30 AM and will end after dinner each day. We would like all those attending, whether they are lodged at Le Rucher or not, to stay for the dinner. For those staying at Le Rucher and not planning to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, please plan your departure for the morning of 26 February.

**All are expected to attend this workshop before undertaking the facilitators training course.**

The objective of this workshop will be to enable participants to genuinely open their hearts to God's word as it speaks about our own need for healing and reconciliation. It will deal with preconceptions and wrong attitudes and help us to find our own healing.

**Warning** – although there will be opportunity to look at the theology behind the workshop, it is not an academic exercise. All the pain, trauma, healing, and reconciliation of many peoples have been poured into this workshop. You will be touched by God. You may be changed.

### **Training of Facilitators Course**

Monday 27 February – Thursday 2 March 2023

**Four full days – all need to be attended.**

**Completion of the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations Workshop is required for participation in the Training of Facilitators course.**

This course will begin at 8:30 AM and will end after dinner each day. We would like all those attending, whether they are lodged at Le Rucher or not, to stay for the dinner. For those staying at Le Rucher, please plan your departure for the morning of 3 March.

The objective of this course is to train facilitators. Participants will be taken in detail through what has been learned over 25 years; the best approach, the pit falls, the joys and difficulties, in short, all the learning from running the workshop in many different countries. There will be plenty of time for discussion and practical sessions.

### **Venue and Accommodation**

- **Venue** : Le Rucher, 2067 Rte de Tuteigny, 01170 Cessy, France
- **Nearest Airport**: Geneva
- **Accommodation**: There is limited overnight accommodation at Le Rucher. If this becomes full, there are local hotels in the immediate area and in Geneva.

## COSTS

- Healing Hearts Transforming Nations Workshop only, with lodging at Le Rucher (22-25 Feb): €575
- Healing Hearts Transforming Nations Workshop only, without lodging (22-25 Feb): €350
- Workshop followed by Training of Facilitators, with lodging at Le Rucher (includes stay over the weekend) 22 Feb – 2 Mar €1,250
- Workshop followed by Training of Facilitators without lodging (27 Feb – 2 Mar): €750

Please email [rosie@healingthenations.co.uk](mailto:rosie@healingthenations.co.uk) for more information and registration materials.

## Supporting Organisations

**Le Rucher Ministries** first got involved with the ministry of reconciliation in Rwanda in 2001 and opened a regional office in Kigali in 2006 run by Joseph Nyamutera to serve the many teams working around the region in reconciliation. The goal was always to see the team in Kigali operate as a separate entity. In 2016 Le Rucher were pleased to release them to open a new ministry called “Rabagirana Ministries” doing even more in the region and expanding beyond Africa. From an initial European NGO in Rwanda this gave the freedom to develop an African based international reconciliation network. Joseph Nyamutera still represents Le Rucher Ministries as the International Reconciliation Consultant, now based in Kenya. Le Rucher continues to work with Rabagirana and others in the region as a partnering organization. Le Rucher staff regularly travel to East Africa’s reconciliation projects to support, train in biblical worldview and provide member care / trauma care.

**Rabagirana Ministries** has grown into an independent Rwandan ministry since being established by Le Rucher. It is influential throughout Rwanda and increasing numbers of countries throughout Africa. It has its own modern training premises near Kigali from which many training programmes are run, including the International School of Reconciliation that is attended by participants from all over the world. In Rwanda it contributes to the country’s ongoing national programme of reconciliation. It works throughout the country, including prisons, schools, universities as well as churches. Joseph has been able to increasingly pass on the local work of Rabagirana so that he may spend more time encouraging the development of HHTN internationally.

**Healing the Nations** In 2012 an informal organisation called Healing the Nations was established in the UK to specifically support and cover the expanding ministry of Dr Rhiannon Lloyd. Through Healing the Nations, the translation of the workshop has been commissioned into many other languages. Rhiannon has been supported to pioneer the use of the workshop in many non-African nations and help establish International Schools of Reconciliation where future leaders of reconciliation can be trained.

**HHTN Global** As the work of HHTN grew globally, many who had no relationship with either Le Rucher or Healing the Nations, began to use and teach the workshop. It became clear that a Network needed to be established that was international, non-denominational and reflecting the principles of reconciliation learned at great cost over the years, especially the “Bible First” principle. The Network is to be a place of genuine networking and encouragement where resources can be held, information disseminated, and standards of material and teaching maintained. In January 2022 HHTN Global was formally accepted as a ministry of and became accountable to “The Forerunner Charitable Trust”, a Trust registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

**Resonate Global Mission** is the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, Resonate Global Mission supports George and has released him to spend a large part of his time developing HHTN and using its material and approach. It has supported George in developing workshops and training courses in the US as well as Europe.

### **Resources and useful information**

- **Fire Lilies: *Finding Hope in Unexpected Places*.** This is **Rhiannon’s** story. It demonstrates that for God’s children, nothing is wasted, and that He can skilfully craft all our experiences to eventually bring blessing in totally unexpected ways. Kindle and Audible audiobook available from Amazon. Paperback copy available through Healing the Nations web site.
- **The HHTN workshop workbook** is given away freely to those who would like to use it. It is downloadable from the websites of HHTN, Le Rucher and Healing the Nations.
- **hhtnglobal.org**
- **lerucher.org**
- **rabagirana.org**
- **healingthenations.co.uk**
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The Healing Hearts Transforming Nations approach is also recommended by

