



# Special Time

"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." *Matthew 25:36*

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## ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

In the December newsletter, we encouraged you to pray for this ministry in terms of:

- "more of us" for the teams
- "more of us" on the Kairos Board
- "more of us" on the donor role.

You prayed -- and He answered. Each of the teams this Spring has had new members. All 15 positions on the Board are now filled. And several of you made generous, special gifts at years end. Praise God! And thanks to Him for all of you who prayed and all of you who were responsive to His leading. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

An early blessing in 1989 was our second 2-day retreat at Skyline, 7/8 January. The team had more members than ever before at that facility -- seven, including two new members. Some 30 inmates participated. One of them wrote an account of the retreat, which we have reprinted on page 5.

There were also new members among the 36 on the Fremont #13 team (9-12 March) and the 25 on the Women's #12 team (13-16 April). There are also new members on the team now forming for Territorial #7 (18-21 May). Opportunity abounds! If you feel led to receive God's blessing by serving Him on a Kairos team, just pick up the phone and tell

- Bob Goss (719-685-2226) for Fremont #14 (14-17 September 89)
- Lorraine Harding (303-798-9238) for Women's #13 (5-8 October 89)
- Bob Sears (303-663-2753) for Territorial #8 (16-19 November 89).

Although the final score can be known only to the Lord, it does appear to us mortals that both the Fremont and Women's weekends this Spring were highly successful -- that is, in terms of having touched dozens of hearts, many for the first time, with God's love and in God's special way for each one. 40 men and 30 women completed the full weekends. Many who were there are saying that this Women's Kairos was the most powerful yet -- the first CWCF weekend where the candidates stayed outside the regular prison environment for each entire day, including the mealtimes.

Contributing to all of this, of course, is the warm support of the outside community, especially your attendance at the Closings. THANK YOU!

## THE NEW BOARD

In the last newsletter we indicated that the Board of Directors for Kairos of Colorado, Incorporated, would be undergoing some changes in 1989. That has now happened. The Board now consists of 11 elected members and 4 appointed members (the Facility Coordinators for the 4 facilities in which we now have Kairos programs). Each of the 15 members has a vote. All of the 15 seats are now filled. From the 11 elected members, the Board has elected Donna Bolte as President, Al Rodriguez as Vice President, Gerry Lam as Secretary, and Jim Waters as Treasurer. These are the four officers and the Executive Committee for 1989. From the remaining elected members, the Board has chosen:

- Father Dave Jones as Representative to the National Kairos Board, in addition to his continuing as Spiritual Director for Kairos of Colorado
- John Keiser to continue as Properties Chairman
- Jan Wilkowski as Palanca Chairman
- Ed Junghans and Mary Sogan as Team Building/Training Chairmen
- Clifton Boone as Fundraising Chairman.

The 11th elected member is Art Wise, who provides wise counsel. The 4 Facility Coordinators are Bob Goss for Fremont, Lorraine Harding for Women's, Bob Sears for Territorial, and Jim Strub for Skyline.

THANK YOU, LORD, for leading these 15 of your flock to serve now in this way. And THANK YOU, LORD, for those who have been serving on the Board in the past. Our new President has privately thanked all those recently going off the Board for their loving support and countless contributions during many years of service on the Colorado Kairos Board. She and the Board also want to take this opportunity in the newsletter to say it again: "THANK YOU!! Thank you, Moses Archuleta! Thank you, Sandy Browning! Thank you, Andrew Kaminski! Thank you, Barbara Kleinert! Thank you, Sue Martinez! Thank you, Polly Rodriguez! Thank you, Jack Scott! Thank you, Muriel Urban! And thank you, Vic Urban!

## FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising efforts continue to focus on the objective of reducing the dollar burden on individual team members. From the beginning of Kairos in Colorado, almost all of the financial support has come from the pockets of our Kairos team members -- from God, yes, but through those personal pockets as part of their household stewardship. For some of us, this has been relatively painless; for others, it has been a considerable sacrifice. Indeed, for some it has been the reason for dropping out of the Kairos program. We are now convinced that many of our former team members would still be participating on teams if they had not been asked to contribute \$50 toward the expenses of each Kairos weekend they served on, and \$35 toward the cost of each 2-day follow-up retreat. (Each Kairos and retreat together cost about \$3000.)

In the last two years we have been encouraging team members to arrange a sponsor to cover the \$50. Many team members have done this -- from their own church, from a friend's church, or from a friend (you can use the Sponsor Form on back page). Some have brought in sponsor checks of \$100 or more, which helps cover others. But there is still this responsibility on every member to either donate the \$50 or arrange a sponsor -- and it is this responsibility, in addition to all of the other personal responsibility and time commitment, that deters some team members from working their second or third team. It is this financial burden that we must remove from the backs of the team members.

Please pray about this, earnestly. As God inspires you with ideas for OTHER means of fundraising, please call Clifton Boone at 303-696-7207.

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## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING.....

I've been thinking a lot, lately, about "why Kairos?" For that matter, you can extend the same question Cursillo, Koinonia, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, etc. I really believe that the whole purpose behind any of the short course weekends is to form the Christian Community into small "prayer and share" groups, or reunion groups. If everyone who went through one of the short course weekends was committed to two or three other Christians to pray together and share together, what a strong, vibrant, and healthy Christian community we would have. Of course we've all heard about the fundamentals of Spirituality (Piety), Discovery (Study), and Action, but how many of us have put those principals to work and applied them in our own lives? Perhaps we should take another look at them and see what they mean to us today and every day.

It's in those small groups where things really happen. We can learn. We can grow in our walk with the Lord. We can discover that Jesus is with us all day, every day. We can learn the meaning of prayer and how we can talk to God -- and how He can talk to us. We can learn so much from our brothers and sisters in the Lord. We can learn from people who have just recently asked the Lord into their life, and we can learn from those who have been walking close to the Lord for many years. We can share in the growth process of someone else and we can learn to be vulnerable enough to let someone else share in our own growth process -- the joys and the pains. That's where our Spirituality really takes shape.

The same thing is true with our studies. Often the Holy Spirit will have shed new light on a piece of scripture that can have a really important meaning in your own life as well as someone else in the group. If it was revealed to someone else and you weren't there to share, just think of the blessings you would miss, and vice versa.

Enthusiasm and action on the part of one person in a group can inspire others to similar action. Or it may inspire them to do something that they feel more comfortable with. Often people in sharing groups with Kairos team members are inspired to bake cookies and share in their own way the apostolic action of the Kairos weekend.

Suffice it to say that the small prayer and share group is something we all need. If you are not part of one, I heartily recommend that you join one or start one of your own. If you are in one, remain committed and be a witness to the blessing that you derive from it.

Fr. Dave Jones

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## FEEDBACK FROM THE INSIDE

"I cannot begin to tell you the effect Kairos 13 has had on me. Trying to put it all into words is difficult. But let me say I have spent thousands of dollars over the past 20 years on self improvement courses and this Kairos was the best I have ever attended -- and to think it was free, and I had to come to prison to experience the "best of my life" -- Praise God!....Kairos 13 helped me realize how much a part of my life our Lord should be. The tugging at my heart and mind was completed that weekend. All my doubts and fears of what I should be doing disappeared during Kairos 13. God had the Spirit complete the task of capturing me....Praise God for finally penetrating my shield!"

After Fremont #13 (9-12 March 89)

### "GOD GAVE US OUR KNEES"

In the days of old, when life seemed a breeze,  
Who ever knew I'd be brought to my knees.  
I'd gone thru this time, just trifling along,  
Not ever knowing where I really belonged.  
I had loved, and I had lost; I had tried and I had cried,  
Thinking I was living, when really I had died.  
I'd never been willing or able to be me,  
Yes, the Devil, he had me, where I really couldn't see.  
I longed for being on the other side,  
Where life, I knew, was better, and I wouldn't have to hide.  
But Satan's snare, it surely runs deep,  
Had it not been for Jesus, I'd have been his to keep.  
It happened on a cold and lonely summer's night,  
How or why I do not know, sometimes I try with all my might.  
Maybe some things are better not known!

Yes, in the days of old, when life seemed a breeze,  
I never knew I'd be brought to my knees.  
But it was on that coldest and lonliest night,  
The death of me came, and left room for some light.  
Today I thank Jesus, who came for us all,  
Who will take the sick and the lonely when they call.  
He fills our needs and washes away our deeds,  
All that He asks is that we spread His seeds.  
So run, little one, thinking life is a breeze,  
And when you realize that this world can bring you down,  
Please remember -- God gave us our knees!

Author: Daniel Immel, Fremont #12 (Sept 88)

"I just wish the outside team could be here for days after and mingle with the candidates in the living units so you can experience what I am experiencing! It's wonderful -- the change in certain people is remarkable. Praise God!..... Our 'family' has a group scheduled each Saturday for a couple of weeks and then we will change our group to an evening after everyone gets schedules straightened out..... God was among us this weekend and we all felt his presence. He touched me in a way that I can't describe."

# WORDS TO LIVE BY

The week-end of January 8 proved to be another very successful retreat for the Kairos team. Twenty-five participants representing Skyline, Four Mile, and the Piggery attended. This was the first time that more than one facility has been represented at any one given time. A special thanks to Skyline Chaplin, Jim Whitson, and his staff for their hard work, and a very special thanks to the Kairos team of seven members for their love, dedication and concern for the spiritual lives of men in prison.

Retreat is the second phase of the Kairos program; the first is a three-day program, and by experience I can say that the one I attended was the most spiritual event in my life next to the day that I received Jesus Christ into my life. If you ever have a chance to attend Kairos, do so, and your life will be greatly changed.

Kairos is a Greek word found in both the Old and New Testaments meaning a special time that God uses for His purpose. The purpose of Kairos is to present the Word of God in such a way that it will allow the participants to think about their lives and how they can use their message and the Word of God to walk closer to God.

The theme for the retreat was, "Just a Closer Walk With God". Saturday, the main focus was on sin which is interpreted as bad news. Jim Strub started the day with songs, prayer, and a very inspirational message. Others who spoke were Rector Bob St.Clair on The World, Jack Scott presented a message on The Flesh, Hodge Hartley and Bob Reilman talked on the Reality of Sin, Jim Waters about Mr. Satan, and Mac Tschanz's ending message was Denying the Reality of Sin. Time was given for group discussion of each message. Max Tschanz stressed the fact that everyone minimizes sin. A little white lie is not little, and not white; it is sin. As God's Word tells us, we are not to lie.

Sunday Chaplin Jim Whitson moved the morning church services to the meeting and gave a very inspirational message on Taming the Tongue taken from the 3rd chapter of James.

The Kairos topic for Sunday was, "God's Word--The Good News". Jack Scott spoke on Accepting God's Forgiveness, Bob St.Clair about Dying to Ones Self, and Bob Reilman combined three different subjects into Prayer, Action, and Study. Hodge Hartley concluded the program by giving a message on The Christian Community. Some very inspirational comments were also given by some of the participants.

Once again, thanks to all, and thanks to the participants whose attendance made it possible to present the program.

God bless all of you,

Tom Washman

The above is reprinted from "POOR ALLEN'S JOURNAL". It was written by an inmate who attended Skyline Correctional Center Retreat #2, 7/8 January 1989. Skyline is a minimum security facility with a relatively small population. Due to Skyline's size, a 3-day Kairos Weekend has not been held there, but there are several inmates there who have attended Kairos at Fremont or Territorial. Since January 1987, Kairos has been extending its ministry to SCC with yearly 2-day Retreats and regular monthly fellowship and sharing meetings open to all.

## "CHRIST HAS NO HANDS..."

Christ has no hands but our hands  
to do His work today.  
He has no feet but our feet  
to lead men on their way.  
He has no lips but our lips  
to tell men how He died.  
He has no life but our lives  
to lead men to His side.

From "The Church", Women's #12 (13-16 April 89)

## BUTTONS

We have all enjoyed receiving the round metal buttons with the rooster and rainbow and the number of the Kairos. These have been hand made -- a special palanca from a very small number of loving brothers and sisters. With six Kairos weekends per year, and the potential for adding more, the Board has decided to limit distribution of these beauteous buttons to just the candidates and first-time outside team members. In other words, it is the Board's intent that each participant will be able to wear a button representing his/her first Kairos weekend, either as candidate or outside team member. (PS: we don't have to turn in our excess buttons.)

## COFFEE POT

We lost track of the Kairos 100-cup coffee pot immediately after the Territorial Kairos weekend last November. If you had anything to do with transporting or storing the equipment from that weekend -- well, thank you for helping, and please try to think of where that coffee pot might have travelled to, or where it might be resting. Yes, we have another one, but we still need the old one, too.

## TANGY SWEET POTATOS

In response to requests from Women's weekends, here's the recipe:

	Servings:	6	12	24/5
* 29 oz cans of cut sweet potatoes or yams *		----	----	-----
(drain and rinse off all syrup)		1 can	2	4
Flour $\frac{1}{4}$		2Tbbsp	$\frac{1}{4}$ Cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ C
Orange juice $\frac{1}{4}$ blend together, cold		$\frac{1}{2}$ C	1C	2C
Lemon juice $\frac{1}{4}$		2T	$\frac{1}{4}$ C	$\frac{1}{2}$ C
Brown sugar		$\frac{1}{2}$ C	1C	2C
Butter (or margarine) melted		2T	$\frac{1}{4}$ C	$\frac{1}{2}$ C
Salt		$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp	1t	2t
Nutmeg		$\frac{1}{2}$ t	1t	2t
Optional: Brandy (Triple Sec is best)		$\frac{1}{8}$ C	$\frac{1}{4}$ C	

Boil syrup ingredients (except Brandy) together, stirring, until thickened. (Then stir in optional Brandy.) Spread sweet potatoes out in baking pan. Pour syrup evenly over sweet potatoes. Bake at 375 degrees, uncovered, basting occasionally, until hot and bubbly. Can make syrup ahead and refrigerate in ziploc bag/s until needed. Multiply large batches as needed for Kairos.

\* Vacuum packed cans or fresh-cooked, peeled and cut, is even better.

KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND --- CHAPEL AT WOMEN'S PRISON --- \$32,500 COST

PROGRESS REPORT --- APRIL 1989 --- \$15,500 TO GO

To bring our readers up to date, a summary: Kairos and other large Christian programs at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility were put on indefinite "hold" after Spring 1987 because of lack of space due to asbestos, remodeling, rapid expansion, etc. The future for these programs looked bleak, since the state of Colorado cannot spend money on Chapels. So, we joined Chaplain Jim Whitson's DREAM for a separate CWCF CHAPEL. A suitable modular building turned up. In March 1988, we started this fund drive.

In response to funding appeals, donations started accumulating in the separate bank account for this purpose. (No Kairos ministry funds can be used for a project such as this.) Just as we had enough for site preparation costs and some toward building purchase, St John Chrysostom Charitable Trust (Episcopal church, Golden) joined the dream and lent us \$23,500 at NO interest. That loan completed the \$32,500 we needed for action. We proceeded with site preparation on CWCF grounds (with full approval and cooperation of prison officials), then purchased, moved, and set up the building in July 1988. Then we joyfully resumed our full Kairos program -- semi-annual 3-day Weekends followed by 2-day Retreats -- in addition to our monthly "Ultreyas" and fellowship meetings. Prison Fellowship looks forward to using that new Chapel for its next Seminar, too. Praise God for His blessings through the generosity of His people!

This fulfilled the action part of our and Chaplain Whitson's DREAM -- the CWCF Chapel dedicated to God's work there through regular programs and Sunday worship. Now, "THAT DREAM MUST BE PAID FOR"!!! Thanks to about 50 donors in 1988 (gifts ranging from coins in a Sunday Special Offering to \$1000), by mid-January we had repaid \$8,000 of the \$23,500 loan, leaving \$15,500 to go.

One recent gift that really touched us was from a small mission church on the Western Slope. They sent \$120.77, which was 5% of their entire February plate and pledge income. Their letter said, "Church of the ..... is an Episcopal mission that feels strongly about a portion of our income going to worthy causes to help humanity. Your project is an exciting one and our prayers and wishes for success go with this check. Blessings and Peace, ..... Outreach Director". I feel confident that God will bless that little mission mightily for their attitude toward Outreach giving. It's simple arithmetic to see that their entire income for that month was only \$2415.40. I suspect that most of the churches which can be reached through this newsletter have at least that much income most months, and many have much, much more. This fund drive could be wrapped up very quickly if every church hearing about this need would respond like the faithful, generous people of that mission!

Now, 25 April, we STILL have \$15,500 to go, with \$431.62 in the bank toward the next \$1,000 payment. So, fellow Christians, WE NEED YOUR HELP! How about it, dear readers... Please take this plea to Pastors, Priests, Outreach-Missions-Social Concerns Committees, friends, and your hearts.... for prayers to commit something, or something more, to this cause. It's up to the Christians of Colorado to minister to their incarcerated sisters (and brothers). Christ is truly their only hope for a meaningful life behind bars, after release, and for all eternity. This is one concrete way to show them HE CARES, and SO DO WE!

!!! Please --- GIVE or PLEDGE GENEROUSLY! --- Thank you !!!

Make checks payable to: "KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND"  
Send to: Peggy Strub, 2821 N Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

KAIROS SPONSOR FORM --- PLEASE HELP!

Some Kairos team members need SPONSORS to help cover the donations needed from or thru them - \$50 each per Weekend and \$35 each per Retreat - toward the costs of this ministry. Your tax-deductible donations will really help -- thank you! Please print: AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FREQUENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

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