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"GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"

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"I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:36

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By the time you receive this newsletter the Spring Weekends at Fremont, Women's, and Delta will have been completed, with Territorial's fast approaching. I want to say a BIG **"THANK YOU, LORD!"** for all who have been part of a team, who prayed, who sent others, sent finances and so on to make these Weekends possible. God is still on the throne changing and moving in the hearts and lives of people as was evidenced in the team meetings and the Closings of each Weekend. **THANK GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS, HIS LOVE AND HIS GRACE.**

I also want to take time to tip my hat, so to speak, to the guys going to Limon. Gentlemen, rest assured we DO want to be able to do Weekends there, as well as Centennial and other facilities. We are unable at this time because of a lack of team members. I would ask each Kairos supporter, men and women alike, to unite with us in prayer..... The harvest is large but there are few workers to gather it in. "Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38 GNB). Also, to each Kairos volunteer, I would like to encourage you with Galations 6:9-10 (GNB): "So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith."

On the practical side..... I believe one way to encourage the family and bring in more harvesters is through the Last Friday Reunions in the Denver area. This is an excellent time of fellowship and praise to God with potlucks, featured speakers and singers. This is a perfect time to invite prospective harvesters to come and meet the harvesters already involved and to learn what Kairos is all about. More information about these Reunions is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Secondly, I or any other Board member would be happy to come and share/speak with any group you find that is even remotely interested in Prison Ministry. That's what we're here for. Please call, we will be glad to help. Just a reminder, anyone is welcome to attend the Board/District Committee meetings. They are normally held the first Thursday of each month at Happy Church. You may call any one of us for further details.

I want to say I am really pleased to be a part of the Kairos prison ministry and to be able to work for our Lord with people like each of you.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL....

In HIS service, DAVE BUCKINGHAM

MAKE A FRIEND

BE A FRIEND

BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST

KAIROS RETURN FORM

___ Check here if new address.
Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Here is my gift of \$ _____ for Kairos Prison Ministry
in _____ prison.
___ wherever help is most needed.
___ I'd like to volunteer. Please send team application.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES

About a year ago the Board asked each of the four Kairos communities to form an Advisory Council for their particular facility -- i.e. one for Women's, one for Fremont, etc. This was to be initiated by the Facility Coordinators, who are the ties between the AC's and the Board. The object was for each AC to gradually assume some of the Board's (District Committee's) responsibilities -- all in the spirit of the general outline given on pages 407 and 408 of the blue Kairos Manual.

The **Delta AC** has, in effect, been functioning for some time, due in large part to the demands of geography. Almost from the start of Kairos at Delta, the Western slopers have looked after many of their own arrangements, independently of the Board. This has worked out quite well and is also serving as an example for the other AC's. Their current membership includes:

Coordinator:	Andrew Kaminski	Board rep and single point liaison with DCC
Chairman:	Danny Ramirez	convener and head of the AC
Treasurer:	Ray Hausner	team finances and liaison with Board treasurer
	Larry Helfter	
	Gordon Sorensen	
D-5 Rector:	José Lucero	traditional responsibilities, with strong AC help

In the Christmas 1993 issue of our Newsletter, we reported that the **Fremont AC** had been formed; and we listed the members and their responsibilities. Since then, this AC has been actively involved in the planning, preliminary tasks, and evaluation of F-23, and is now working on F-24. They have been meeting in an Elizabeth office arranged by Terry Kruse. Their current membership is:

Coordinator:	Jim Waters	Board rep and single point liaison with FCF
Chairman:	Dick Evans	convener and head of the AC
Treasurer:	Dan Halperin	team finances and liaison with Board treasurer
Stores:	Terry Kruse	palanca, food, "shed things", storage facilities
Recruiting:	Jim Strub	recruiting, aiding Rector in team formation
Training:	Jim Waters	training new members, refreshing the others
F-24 Rector:	Dave Tillack	traditional responsibilities, with strong AC help
Fund Raising:	Everybody	

The **Women's AC** has also been formed and has been active in the planning and preliminary tasks for W-22. Their current membership is:

Coordinator:	Gerry Lam	Board rep and single point liaison with CWCF
Chairman:	Donna Bolte	convener and head of the AC
	Louise Abeyta	
	Polly Rodriguez	
	Laurie Wells	
W-22 Rectora:	Dee Bargas	traditional responsibilities, with strong AC help

According to their Coordinator, the **Territorial AC** is in the thinking stage, with membership as follows:

Coordinator:	Gene Wilkowski	Board rep and single point liaison with CTCF
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If you are active in one of these prisons and feel that the Lord may be calling you to serve on that AC, please contact the AC Chairman or the Coordinator. We encourage ACs to send updates and other articles in to the newsletter.

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the promise of new life. The crocus, tulips and daffodils are starting to bloom and the birds are singing.

I'm reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 6 about being of more value than the flowers of the field or the birds that sing so beautifully. Yes, people are of much more value to the Lord.

As you go about your life, remember that your worth is more than all the world and so is every other person's. Value yourself and others and your life will be worth living -- that's the message of Kairos.

The Rev. Dee Pomerinke

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WRITINGS FROM THE "INSIDE"

Every so often we become aware of newsletters originating from within the walls of a Colorado prison facility. Some of them are intended primarily for brethren inside the walls, others for like-minded people on the outside, and some for both sides. One of the latter is called "INSIDE JOB". Under the title it says: "...the Word of God is not imprisoned.... II Timothy 2:9". At the end it says: "'INSIDE JOB' is coming from inside prison walls but the words of life are coming from inside a 'FREE' man."

God does an 'INSIDE JOB' on anyone who will confess and turn from their sin and receive the forgiving grace of God by receiving Jesus, the Christ, God's only begotten Son, as their Savior and Lord. By doing this, a person is changed from the INSIDE out and is set free to serve their Creator."

Now that's evangelism! If you want more information on "INSIDE JOB", please write to:

INSIDE JOB
P.O.Box 9153
Colorado Springs CO 80932

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JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

An attendee of Fremont #4 and his wife are publishing "Pastries by Prescription", a cook book of low-fat, low cholesterol pastry recipes, with sub-title "Just What the Doctor Ordered". The cost is \$4.25 each, plus \$1.75 shipping, for total of \$6.00 per book. For group orders of 10 to 25, the cost is \$3.00 each book, plus \$11.00 shipping for the whole order. Send check or money order to:

Dave or Lisa Kennedy
Pastries by Prescription
1120 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite 273
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

The Kennedys are contributing 10% of the proceeds from the cook book sales to Kairos of Colorado. Thank you, Lord!

KAIROS KALENDAR

Mark your calendars now for any and all of the following Kairos events in which you might wish to participate. *Teams* will soon be forming for the Fall 1994 Weekends. Please contact the specific Facility Coordinator (names and phone numbers are on page 2) to volunteer or for information.

Closing visitors are a vital part of each Weekend. For some inmates, they are the final convincer that God loves them enough to send even more of His people to show their support at that special time.

Fremont 24 Closing	September 11
Delta 6 Closing	October 2
Women's 23 Closing	October 16
Territorial 18 Closing	November 20

Remember that you *MUST* contact each specific Facility Coordinator two months ahead of time to ensure that your name will be on the admission list for a specific Closing. Each facility has its own security rules and we must abide by them. Our willing cooperation is part of our Christian witness to each staff.

Team members -- remember your commitment to the **monthly Reunions inside** for a year after serving on a team? Please make every effort to attend when it is your turn. God will bless you for your faithfulness.

LAST FRIDAY REUNIONS:

These Reunions are held in the Denver area every month, starting with a potluck at 6:30pm, followed by fellowship, sharing, witnessing and sometimes a special speaker. The Reunion location will change now and then, so please *call* Vice President *Joe Mares* for the current location and directions, and *bring friends!* See you there!

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FROM OUR DELTA COORDINATOR

A new Chapel is planned for the Delta Correctional Center starting this Fall. The target completion date is Thanksgiving 1994. A fund-raising dinner scheduled in March was headed up by the Rev. Bill Potter, Delta Chaplain.

The modular Chapel building no longer needed at the Shadow Mountain Correctional Facility, Canon City, has been moved to the Rifle Correctional Center. Chaplain Potter arranged that move to aid his ministry with those inmates.

Team formation has gone well for Delta 5, April 28 -- May 1. By the time you read this, we will be praising God for His Grace and work during "*God's Special Time*" for the men in the Delta Correctional Center.

Andrew Kaminski

..... CLOSING COMMENTS

FREMONT KAIROS #23

We arrived in Chapter 7 -- bankrupt, but all searching for something. We found love, joy, peace, renewal, touchy-feelys, hope, faith, people that know God, a loving safe community of believers. We're taking away with us: Jesus, forgiveness, cookies, new responsibility, a family that cares and is available. Our table family is from many nationalities and races; we became united in Jesus.

One of us found a new job -- he was a journeyman plumber, and is now a journeyman for Jesus.

I've taken Jesus into my heart with this guarantee: If I don't like it, after 90 days I can get my misery back.

The letters in my palanca bag really touched me -- I cried. I thought I knew what love was, but that was worldly love. I forgave all those people I hated, all those I hurt, even my cousin I was going to kill. God showed me He's got something better for me. Now I can learn with my brothers here, and don't have to show that macho image all the time.

Without Jesus we have nothing in this world. I received the Holy Spirit here, was forgiven and forgave all those people. When I saw all you people tonight, I felt so much of God's love here again. I'm going to walk that narrow path now -- the wide path got me in here.

When they gave us that extra cookie bag last night to give to the one we hated most or our worst enemy back there, I thought about several guys. But I ended up giving it to myself, because I've been my own worst enemy.

I've learned to discern, instead of to fault-find.

The palanca from all over the world made a tremendous impression of love!

I can't stand to be around love! It really scares me.

We had names, then we had numbers; now we have a new name: Forgiven.

We came to prison. We built walls. Now where are them walls?

It's time for us to be honest with ourselves, time to start forgiving, time to be assertive about Jesus Christ.

No matter how much you know about Jesus, it's love that holds us together in the body of Christ. And I saw that love in the palanca bags, the letters, and when we came in here and saw you singing 'Surely the Presence' with us.

"As the world grows darker and darker, the light of the saints grows brighter and brighter."

WOMEN'S KAIROS #22

I was a prostitute and was selling myself. Now I've received Christ and I'm going to be Baptized and I'm going to give myself away to Him!

I found a friend; we found a friend; the Lord our Savior is our friend.

If God loves and cares about us, and you love and care about us, maybe we can learn to love and care about ourselves.

I learned how much love there is in this world, and how Satan was trying to get to me thru hate and lies, but I found love here and my tears now are for joy.

I want everyone to know that Satan is a liar.

I want to tell Satan that Jesus took over!

The only way I can show my appreciation for all this love is to go back inside there and show that love to others.

I always know I'd be in prison ministry some day, but this way? Yes, I found my ministry here, so be careful what you pray for.

I've been down so many roads and turned my back on Him so many times, but He never turned His back on me. You don't have to run into the same wall so many times to know it's a wall. You've to serve only one master, Jesus, the Lord.

Before I came here, I didn't know there were people like you out there. There are people in here who don't see the person behind the number, but I know God sees me as a person and forgives me. I'm learning to forgive myself and I'm going to let my light shine.

I'm telling you we're all God's children and we're the best!

You always saw me with a smile, a mask. I'm going to try to let that mask down and let Jesus into my life.

I thought I could get through this being tough, but that doesn't work with all you guys loving me.

I used to want to just get out of here and get high, but now I just want the Lord. I've forgiven my Dad and Mom for raping me and this weekend has really helped me do that.

What they took away from me in here, that's nothing. They can't hurt me, because I have Jesus in my heart and I know He's always going to take care of me.

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