

# GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

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## ¿ WHY ?

It's a new year. We are on new teams. Why are we on these teams? Why do we go into the prisons? Duty? Habit? Rut?

**Is there an unspoken reason?** In Psalm 139 David asks the Lord to "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." Have we done that lately? Have we asked God why we are going into the prisons on Kairos teams?

**Is there a spoken reason?** During the introductions on Thursday evenings, we stand up and say why we are there, what we expect to get from the Weekend. Some say they are there to receive a blessing from their act of giving. Some say they receive more than they give. Early on we are taught that "It is more blessed to give than receive." Later on we learn that it can be harder to receive than to give. Pride gets in the way. Self-sufficiency rears its head. We can manage by ourselves. We don't need or want anything from anybody else, not even from God. Not even God's grace? Eventually we learn that we are to receive blessings grace-iously, whether from God directly or through other people, such as the inmates on a Kairos Weekend. Are we there to receive a blessing?

**Is there a sacrificial reason?** Some of us say we are there to give, to be broken bread and poured-out wine, to be used by the Lord as He sees fit. Our response to the free gift of God's grace is to praise Him and thank Him — and then to give Him the only thing we have, namely, our self. Jesus told his disciples: "If any one would come after me, he must deny himself." (Matthew 24:16) "Here am I. Send me." (Isaiah 6:8) Let me be "a living sacrifice, holy

and pleasing to God" and let this be my "spiritual act of worship." (Romans 12:1)

**Is there an obedience reason?** The writer of Hebrews tells us to "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners." (13:3) Paul asks us to "Remember my chains." (Colossians 4:18) Jesus says that in the day of judgment, He will separate the sheep from the goats, the sheep being people who do things like going in to visit the prisoners. (Matthew 25:31-40)

**Is there a preachy reason?** During the Kairos Weekend we tell the inmates that they should go to worship services regularly, study the Bible regularly, pray regularly, and get into small groups that meet regularly. Many of them are doing these things already, but still, it is part of the program to tell them to do them. Is that why we go in, to tell the inmates what they should do? Does that give us a feeling of superiority, of being better than they are — even though, in some cases, we are not doing these things ourselves? Ask yourself: am I going to worship services regularly? Am I studying the Bible regularly? Am I praying regularly? Am I meeting in a small group regularly? Do I walk my talk?

**Is there a self-discipline reason?** Maybe we go in there to experience a community of Christians who do actually walk their talk. Maybe the hours and days in there with those communities bolster our own walks, give us increased motivation to worship, to study, to pray, to meet in small groups — to walk our talk. Is that why we go in?

Pray about it. There are lots of reasons to go into the prisons on Kairos teams. **Be sure you know which reasons are yours.**

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



Our beloved Moses has crossed his Jordan and gone on into the Promised Land. We will remember him as the Godfather of Territorial Kairos — a loving, persevering servant of Our Lord Jesus.

At the Funeral Mass he was hailed as “A True Hero” — which indeed he was to so many. An older brother remembered him as “always very competitive — and now he has beat me to Heaven!” Moses fought valiantly and with deep compassion in World War II. As a trucker, he was known as “Mighty Mo” and also as “Feather Foot” (because he would never speed). Through all his years family came first — not just Fran and the six children and then their spouses and children, but also the church family, the Cursillo family, and the Kairos family, including countless prisoners. This whole family experienced his love, his compassion, his love of life — and his good sense of humor. As with any truly loving parent, he could be stern when that was appropriate. The well-rounded leader and friend, that was Moses, “The True Hero.”

Moses started “passing it on” in the prisons in 1984 at the Fremont Correctional Facility. After we started at Territorial he gradually shifted his regular team work to that facility, including serving on a special Kairos Weekend just for the HIV men, who were then segregated from the general population. We didn’t know much about the disease then, but Moses was not afraid to serve these men and hug them just as we would anyone else. He also served on Kairos teams at Skyline, Ordway, and Limon; and as President of the Board, during which time Colorado hosted the Kairos National Summer Conference.

Through all this, Moses was buoyed up by “Eagles’ Wings,” just as we were by that song at the Funeral Mass. We trust that Our Lord Jesus will continue to buoy us all up as we carry on where Moses left off.

#### FROM A PRISON CHAPEL WALL:

Justice is when you get what you deserve.  
Mercy is when you don’t get what you deserve.  
Grace is when you get what you don’t deserve.

### KAIROS RECTOR TRAINING

One of the purposes of the Kairos National Board is to promote uniform and consistently high standards for the Kairos program worldwide. To this end they have developed a new training program for rectors, in which National Training Leaders will provide two-day seminars throughout the year at various locations around the country. The new training program has already received high praise from initial participants. The Kairos National Web site has details ([www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) -- then click on “Training” button).

National emphasizes that this training is mandatory for ALL rectors, beginning with those rectoring

Kairos weekends in Fall 2000. They also recommend it highly for everyone in leadership positions at the District (State) and Facility levels.

For the convenience of our local community, the Colorado Board is planning a session for June in Colorado Springs (tentative). Advisory Councils will provide additional details. Rectors for Fall 2000 must attend. Potential rectors for 2001 and beyond should also try to attend this one, possibly to avoid travel to a more distant location.

For additional information, contact Steve Gabriel, the Colorado Kairos Training Coordinator, at 719-282-1924, or at email: [jsgabriel@pcisys.net](mailto:jsgabriel@pcisys.net).

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### KAIROS of COLORADO

We are Christians reaching out to inmates in Colorado prisons with the Good News of God's love, forgiveness, and new life, which are available to all who repent of their sin and submit to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

We are volunteers, with no paid staff, who depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. Please use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries, or write to the address on this newsletter.

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### KAIROS KALENDAR — 2000

<b>Fremont</b>	#35	Mar 16-19	#36	Sep 14-17
<b>Women</b>	#32	Apr 6-9	#33	Oct 19-22
<b>Delta</b>	#17	Apr 6-9	#18	Oct 19-22
<b>Territorial</b>	#29	May 18-21	#30	Nov 16-19

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Archuleta and Mares families, Lorraine Harding, Cecelia Lobato, A.J. Luckey, tDuaine Medina, Jane Merritt, Matt Mueller, Gerri Quintana, and Bill Tipton. Some are healing nicely, others are waiting. Please pray for God's will and comforting presence.

### HOUSE OF EMMANUEL

This Christian Aftercare home in Denver operated by Joseph Mares is about to open an additional house in order to accommodate more parolees. Joseph needs your help with some of the furnishings — twin beds, bedding, silverware, dishes, towels, wash clothes, a set (hopefully new) of pots and pans.

He also needs to raise about \$8000 to complete the remaining interior work — finish carpentry, drywall, electrical fixtures, heating vents, etc. There have been many delays, some due to lack of support. Joseph says that the Lord is making it very clear that he **MUST** complete the new house. The parolees need it! Joseph's target now is 15 May 2000.

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### BOARD BUSINESS

On 6 January 2000 the Board elected Glen Burgener, Steve Gabriel, Tom Guidera, Jim Strub, the Reverend George Tewksbury, and Ann Weida to the six open positions.

On 22 January Jack Burson conducted an all-day Leadership Training seminar in Littleton for upcoming rectors and other leaders. Board members provided the presentations.

On 2 March the Board elected officers, Training Coordinator, and Supplies Agent as shown in the box above. George Tewksbury became a District Spiritual Director, along with the Reverend Dave Schoger. Joseph Mares remains as our National Representative.

Mary Sogan reported a delay in starting Monthly Reunions at Denver Women's, due to finding a suitable time for conducting the mandatory "female-specific" training. Earliest starting date at DWCF now is 11 April. As for starting Kairos at Buena Vista, Joseph reported that Monthly Reunions there would start no earlier than Fall 2000, possibly later, depending on how long it takes to organize and train the Cursillistas and Emmaus men from that area who are volunteering. Please pray that all of these efforts will be according to God's will and in His kairos time. The next Board meeting is Thursday 4 May. It is open to everyone, as is always the case.

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### OPEN MIKE TIME AT FREMONT #35

We came curious about Jesus. We found the Holy Spirit – stronger than we could have ever imagined.

Before Kairos I was wondering if God really does love me. Now I have experienced the love of God.

I'm studying to be a minister. I found I never knew what real love was until this time with you.

For the first time in my life I **KNOW** that there is nothing that can separate me from the love of God.

Kairos showed me Jesus' face and God's love.

I never "belonged." Everything that's happened

has broken down pieces of my wall. Now I belong.

I learned how Paul and Silas, while "in stocks and bonds," could do what they did, be what they were.

I always knew the door was open. You guys (inside as well as outside) took me to the door. (Rev 3:20)

I was able to cry out of joy and love instead of out of pain and shame.

I thought I was spiritually set, but there's a whole bunch more than I ever dreamed of.

I'd rather have met you someplace else.

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