

# GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Volume 23 #1 KAIROS OF COLORADO Spring 2005

## FROM THE CHAIRPERSONS

### Outgoing Chairperson

Dear Kairos Community in Colorado,

This message marks the transition to a new State Chairperson -- Bob Reilman. It has been a privilege to serve you these past two years, and we are blessed to have the strong, compassionate leadership of Bob and the other State Committee members.

God has truly blessed Kairos in Colorado over the past 23 years, and now we stand on the threshold of very exciting developments. Sterling has just expanded into a third quadrant, we are starting new programs at Rifle Correctional Center and Brush Women's Correctional Facility later this year, and some Sterling team members may soon enter a collaborative after-care effort with Shekinah Ministry. God is good! All the time! We pray that He will continue to bring us the dedicated leaders and volunteers to support these activities.

Our volunteer base continues to be our #1 problem (and opportunity). We are averaging 12% new team members each weekend, but the goal is 33% to sustain a healthy program. What success we have had this year is due to the efforts of our State Recruiting Coordinator and to the inclusion of Qualifying Tables ("8th tables") on weekends. Also, by using newly established guidelines, some Advisory Councils are including volunteers who don't yet have 4th Day experience.

Once again, our finances are sound and our fiscal procedures comply with all ministry requirements. Our State Committee administration improved this year as we adopted job descriptions and clergy guidelines. We began implementing new State Operating Procedures, which include the sub-committee heads as Members of the State Committee and require that the AC Representatives not also be AC President or Coordinator.

Finally, a new Kairos weekend manual is on the way in May. It includes a fantastic software package for Weekend Leaders (aka Rectors). We're shooting to implement this update in the Fall Kairos weekends.

May God richly bless you for serving God's precious ones in prison (Matthew 25:36).

Steve Gabriel,  
Chairperson until 2 March 2005,  
Kairos - Colorado State Committee

### Incoming Chairperson

Dear Kairos Community in Colorado,

My name is Bob Reilman. I made Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo #21 in April 1986 and sat at the table of St Paul. That weekend changed my life. I fell in love with Jesus. I committed my life to Him and to introducing Him to others. There was a letter from Kairos of Colorado on the wall. It seemed to jump off the wall at me. I knew nothing of Kairos, but I was moving to Colorado in two weeks. The first Sunday in Colorado, I went to church and over coffee and donuts, I asked the first two people I met if they knew anything about Kairos. They happened to be two of only three people in that whole congregation who were involved in Kairos. I can't say I always recognize God's will, but even I can't miss something that obvious. I was able to attend the closing for CWCF #8 and CTCF #1 and first worked a weekend on FCF #9. Since then, I have been blessed by being able to work as rector, facility coordinator, and twice on the state committee.

The Holy Spirit gave the fourth day communities to His church as a gift to build it up. He has asked us to take that gift into the prisons so He can use it to build up His church there as well. Paul tells us to encourage each other, and I find great encouragement in my prayer and share group on the street and in God's church in prison. Prison is a difficult place to walk with Christ, and those men and women who do are my faith heroes.

I also believe He has also given us the gift of ecumenism to increase this work and to be a better witness. I praise Him and thank Him for that. I am continually astounded by how well we work together. Jesus prayed that we be one as He and the Father are one. I don't know of anywhere in Christ's church that there is as much ecumenical unity as there is in Kairos.

Please tell other Christians about God's miracles in Kairos. Do it because God deserves glory for it, and because we ought not put that light under a basket.

Thank you all for doing God's work in the prisons of Colorado.

Bob Reilman,  
Chairperson after 2 March 2005,  
Kairos - Colorado State Committee

## NEW START AT RIFLE

On 25 March Bob Reilman and Bill Bennett met with Warden Johnson at the Rifle CC for the signing of the Institutional Agreement to bring Kairos into Rifle. PTL!

Over the years the Lord has graced the Delta team with top-notch leadership, an abundance of able and willing team members, and a wonderful spirit of servanthood. Out of this has now come the spawning of a new Kairos program in another Western slope correctional center, thanks especially to Bill Bennett and Roger Quary who have been the point men. Roger will serve as the Facility Liaison. The leader for Rifle #1 is Kairos veteran Scott Graham.

## THANK YOU FROM HoE

Dear Kairos Community –

The 29 January Kairos Volunteer Outreach and House of Emmanuel Benefit at the Radisson in Aurora went very well. Our heartfelt thanks to:

- ◆ those who brought a potential Kairos volunteer.
- ◆ those who donated an item for the Silent Auction.
- ◆ those who bid on a Silent Auction item.
- ◆ Elaine Wise who organized a wonderful group of musicians to lead us in music.
- ◆ Mary Sogan who organized the whole Silent Auction with the help of 2 Hospice friends. Great job!!!
- ◆ John Thompson and Victoria Hearst who blessed us with their speeches.
- ◆ Chaplain Bill Potter who brought Kairos to Colorado, and for his tremendous work behind the walls.
- ◆ Corby Wise for his great help with the audio-visual part of the evening.
- ◆ Bob Reilman for facilitating the Kairos Outreach presentation.
- ◆ Steve Gabriel who was the master of ceremonies.
- ◆ all of you who continue to pray for and financially support Kairos and House of Emmanuel.

We feel truly blessed to be a part of both of these Godsome ministries!

In Christ Always, Joseph and Jean Mares

## ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING

Your State Committee is planning to sponsor this training in Colorado Springs on the weekend of 15 - 17 July. Jim and Carolyn Richardson are working out the

## INMATE GROUPING PROGRAM

By the grace of God and the chaplains, and spearheaded by Lt. Paul Carreras, the staff at Fremont is now providing a sanctioned place where inmates can meet regularly in small groups. Until now it has been up to the men to figure out how they can meet in groups and still satisfy security regulations. Now they will have a classroom set aside for them for two hours each Saturday morning, with a chaplain present in the room. The room is big enough for several groups, of varying sizes.

As most of you know, in Kairos as well as in all of our “street Kairoses,” small groups are the key element of our fourth day Christian life. In Kairos the Instructional Reunion gives direction and encouragement to this end. But then comes the practical matter of where to congregate and still satisfy security regulations. Fremont

## FROM THE CLOSINGS

- ◆ We arrived undernourished, uninspired, uncertain; we found brothers in Christ, love, forgiveness, religious roots; we are going away with self worth, new awareness of God, and forgiving hearts.
- ◆ We arrived with a fear of the unknown; we found family, how important people are, how to share good things and bad things, and how to share Jesus Christ; we are going away being able to see God in new way.
- ◆ Walls came tumbling down.
- ◆ We are taking away renewed relationships with God, new direction to get back on the right track, rekindled joy, and new purpose and energy to do God’s work.
- ◆ I made a lot of changes in my life, recently decided to follow Christ but thought I could still do the gang stuff. Now I’ve got rid of all that stuff. I see God’s finger prints on all of you.
- ◆ This was a weekend of discovery, of discarding. I wasn’t pushed out or rejected (as at birth: my parents grieved they had given birth to me). I found a loving God, people telling God not to accept my resignation, then throwing the paper into the water; now I’m a new person.
- ◆ I grew up in a broken home. My father was a drug abuser, my mother committed suicide. God has restored me. I came to him just as I was, didn’t have to clean up first. I pray that you, my brothers, will hold me accountable
- ◆ Satan has lost me. I now belong to the Kingdom of God. The Word of God, Jesus, is alive.

We don't rejoice in successful service — the great secret of joy is that we have the right relationship with Jesus. (Paraphrase of Luke 10:17-20)

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Our mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to the incarcerated, and to assist them in building up the body of Christ in each prison. We are volunteers. There is no paid staff. We depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. We encourage you to use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries. Please make checks payable to "Kairos."

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Our volunteer printer is First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. Thank you, FUMC!

## STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ◆ 11 May, Wednesday evening, in the Denver area
- ◆ 23 July, Saturday, at Kulbitski condo in Keystone
- ◆ 14 Sept, Wednesday evening, in Colorado Springs
- ◆ 9 Nov, Wednesday evening, in the Denver area.

At its bimonthly meeting on 2 March the Colorado State Committee elected new members and began to adjust its organization to that required by the new KPMI "Operating Procedures." The Chapter list above reflects these changes. More may be coming.

## ADVISORY COUNCILS

New Kairos International "Operating Procedures" stipulate that each Advisory Council will have a minimum of seven members — to include a Chairperson, a State Committee Representative, and a Facility Liaison. Some AC's also include a Treasurer, Secretary, and the three current team leaders (aka rectors). Along with God, the AC is responsible for detailed management of its team, including selection of leaders.

**AC's are vital to the ministry. Please pray about offering to be a member of your team's AC!**



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<b>CAÑON WOMEN'S#42</b>	14-17 April	Lee Kulbitski
<b>DELTA #27</b>	14-17 April	Dan Love
<b>LIMON #4</b>	14-17 April	Jim Fitzpatrick
<b>STERLING NORTH #9</b>	5 - 8 May	Doug Nelson
<b>TERRITORIAL #39</b>	19-22 May	David White
<b>BRUSH WOMEN'S #1</b>	2 - 5 June	Mary Lou Hernandez
<b>RIFLE #1</b>	4 - 7 Aug	Scott Graham
<b>STERLING EAST #2</b>	8 -11 Sept	Randy Beal
<b>FREMONT #46</b>	22-25 Sept	Bob Bentzen
<b>STERLING SOUTH #8</b>	29 Sep-2 Oct	Bert Morrison
<b>CAÑON WOMEN'S#43</b>	13-16 Oct	Kathy Awtrey
<b>LIMON #5</b>	20-23 Oct	Bob Reilman
<b>DELTA #28</b>	27-30 Oct	Alan King
<b>STERLING NORTH #10</b>	3 - 6 Nov	Ted Leber
<b>TERRITORIAL #40</b>	17-20 Nov	John Bengé
<b>BRUSH WOMEN'S #2</b>	1 - 4 Dec	TBD
<b>DENVER WOMEN'S #6</b>	1 - 4 Dec	Liz Castillo

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(Deadline has passed)  
 Ann Weida, by 1 Apr  
 (Closing is already full)  
 (Deadline has passed)  
 Andrew Sisneros\* by 22 Apr  
 Gary Kulbitski, by 1 May  
 Jan Loesch, by 13 May  
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 Andrew Sisneros\* by 26 Aug  
 Jim Strub, by 28 Aug  
 Andrew Sisneros\* by 16 Sep  
 Ann Weida, by 1 Oct  
 Dick Evans\*\*, by 23 Sep  
 Bill Bennett, by 2 Oct  
 Andrew Sisneros\* by 21 Oct  
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 Jan Loesch, by 11 Nov  
 Gabriella Ramirez, by 4 Nov

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3 Apr, 4:00 pm  
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