



K A I R O S O F C O L O R A D O

FROM OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

Hello to all. I'm humbled by the support shown to me by this Kairos community. I know that without the good people around me I would be able to achieve nothing. The broken road that has lead me to being the new State Committee Chairman was lined with loving brothers and sisters encouraging me through rough patches. Mary Sogan, the out-going chair and new International Rep, has set a wonderful example of servant leadership that I hope to emulate. Andrew Sisneros, a true man of God with a

heart for Kairos, was the first to get me to a State Committee meeting, and sly Randy Borden was the one to trick me into car pooling with him to a Sterling Reunion which led to my first Sterling Advisory Council meeting. Many others in this ministry are full of the love of God and have given compassionate encouragement.

As the new chair, I just wanted to briefly introduce myself to those that do not yet know me. I'm a native of Boulder, before it was weird. I went to CU, received BS in Electrical Engineering and MS in Telecommunications. I design microchips for IBM. I have a 16-year old daughter – the joy of my life. We do karate together and are both black belts and teachers. She's a National sparring champion and I'm a National referee. I fly airplanes, ski, climb mountains and ride dirt bikes. I'm going to be married to a wonderful woman Sara this June. She's a kindergarten teacher, has 4 kids, and does Chrysalis, Emmaus and Kairos. We go to Broomfield United Methodist Church.

As a pilot, every time I pilot an airplane, I assume risks. If I don't do my job of pre-flighting the airplane, I could overlook a potential problem that could lead to a catastrophic result. I'm not an airplane mechanic, so I depend on him to have done his job well. I don't own the plane, so I depend on the club to have properly certified the plane. Once in the air I depend on the air traffic controller to give me proper instructions, and on the other pilots to also obey the ATC. All down the chain, the system depends on everybody cooperating and completing their assignment, with wisdom and integrity. If just one link in this chain fails, the whole rest of the chain collapses.

Similarly, Kairos is a very interdependent ministry. Every level of the organization depends on the other level to operate. Every volunteer depends on the other volunteers to make the weekends, the reunions, and the retreats run smoothly and effectively. The residents depend on us to bring the light of Christ to them and God depends on us to be his hands and his feet to carry His message and His love to those in prison.

As the AC Rep for Sterling to the State Committee, I'd hear a lot of comments at the AC meetings along the lines of "Why is *state* doing this to us?" Ironically, at State Committee meetings, I'd hear similar comments of, "Why is *KPMI* doing this to us?" We must remember that at each level – the ACs, the SCs, KPMI – everyone of them started out as plain old Kairos volunteers, wide-eyed and scared at the loud "clack" sound of the prison door closing and that room full of "criminals" that first Thursday night. We elected them to represent us and to run the ministry according to their best abilities and knowledge.

There is an exciting development at the International level. The board has been working towards creating a new organization called the KPMI Foundation. This Foundation will be a fund-raising arm, independent with its own members to go after large donors. The decision to make it a separate entity from KPMI was to keep large donors from having a direct influence over the core ministry. In addition, changes may also be happening with the KPMI board. They are looking at down-sizing the board to make it more agile and able to quickly react to changes, such as their plans to double the ministry over the next few years. This is very much in line with other non-profit organizations. From my own experience as a National Karate Referee, I have inside knowledge of the re-organization of the USA National Karate Federation where the same board down-sizing was mandated by the US Olympic Committee in order for the USANKF to get NGB or National Governing Body designation over the sport in the US. The USOC had similarly had to do the same after its own scandals that came to light during the Salt Lake City Olympics. Over all, down-sizing of non-profit boards is a major trend driven by a desire to make these organizations more responsive and transparently run. We'll know more after the Summer Conference.

Locally, we have an even more exciting development. We are in the process of creating a Kairos program targeted specifically at veterans of the Iraq war who have become incarcerated in Federal prison in Englewood. We have already started making contacts within the prison and will be working through the issues of dealing with the Federal Corrections system. I'll keep you updated as it develops. If anybody, especially veterans out there would like to be involved, please contact [Peter Kufeke](#) or [Jim Graven](#) or [me](#).

I'm a little long this first time, but we have so much going on. This is a great time for Kairos, and I'm excited to be a part of it. We have been given the greatest gift and greatest challenge of all, the opportunity to carry out His will in one of the most difficult and needful places on earth. We must carry that responsibility with grave minds and joyful hearts.

I look forward to meeting all of you at some point. Peace and Grace be with you.

M. Jeffrey Holley

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HIGH PLAINS (BRUSH) #4 CLOSING

The High Plains # 4 closing was a very spirit filled afternoon, not to mention the heart felt emotions that were share by the ladies. This was the first weekend to support seven full table families at the High Plains Facility. The warden and several others worked very hard to remove a wall and create a room big enough for 42 women plus the team. The team over came many obstacles like the cancellation of the weekend, a management change over in August, a new warden that was not sure what Kairos was or what good it could do, and to move from four tables families for 24 women to a full complimented weekend for 42 women and to host the new scheduled weekend at the end of February. The flue attacked the weekend and caused 4 residents to drop off because of illness and only two ladies choosing to not complete the weekend. The team made themselves available and God did the work. The over all feel was one of a Loving Family, Acceptance, and belonging to a Community of Christ.

One Lady shared she had not felt love like this since she was a little girl staying at her grandma's house.

Another lady stated she felt safe here and it had been a long time since she felt safe or loved anywhere. She said every woman should have the chance to experience this kind of weekend before she leaves the facility.

Another shared she never felt in her 30 plus years like anyone cared about her let alone loved her. But, after this weekend and all the food you brought us, and I do not mean just the nourishing food, but also the spiritual food. You showed me love like I have never known, unconditional love, agape love I think you called it, a love of belonging to a family that you want to love back.

Yet another said she could never trust anyone because every time she tried she got used or abused. She now knows God loves her, has always been there with her and has just shown his love in an indescribable way. I now know I have at least 40 new sisters I can go to and I am part of a family.

Another lady shared I have seen a lot of you on the yard and around but as you know I do not talk to others. I always stay to my self. Well after this weekend I feel like I have known all of you for all of my life. I am part of something much bigger than myself. I now what real love is now, and how to show it to others, so if any of you want to talk, I am here to listen or pray with you. I know God is with me and always has been. I want everyone to have the personal relationship I now have with Christ. I want everyone to know His love.

Submitted by Randy Borden

TERRITORIAL #45 CLOSING

- Our spiritual lives were like yo-yos. Found honesty and love we never learned about
- We arrived spiritually famished. Found a rightful path. Taking away God's love.
- Our spirituality was in our heads. Found spiritual growth in our hearts, an opening up to deeper relationships..
- There is a reason for being here. God is reaching out to me, but Satan has had a shackle on my leg holding me back.
- God is so awesome and powerful. He has changed my life forever.
- Before Kairos I tried to face life by myself. Glory be to God – it's all about him!
- I was living in a world with no way out – no expectation other than thug, dealer, gangbanger, convict – looked around and saw all the "white-picket-fence" life – now know that even I can be a regular citizen.
- We all have our ups and downs, but in the "Life Lines" everybody had themselves at the top of an upswing today.
- Found what I've been looking for for a long time – that all the ups and downs were in God's plan. It's hard to do right because I'm used to doing wrong. I can't go back to "doing it on my own." This time I'm giving it to God.
- A friend wrote my name on the Kairos sign-up list. Now I found Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- *(from a deaf man)* I hope our attitude and actions will show the other men how to live. They'll see that they don't have to live with their anger and unforgiveness.
- My heart is not full yet because there is much more.
- I was especially touched by "The Wall." I relate to it, was starting to break down my wall. What came to me was: don't let the wall get built. Pain comes from all the things that contradict God's will, the "good things."

Fourth day speaker to the "audience:" Keep praying for these men.

Fourth day speaker to the graduates: The Lord did a wonderful work in you this weekend....You guys are warriors....These Kairos men came in here to equip us to be leaders, but it's up to us to go into the cell houses and share this.

STERLING EAST #5 CLOSING

- We came with our bags full – anger, unforgiveness, confusion, resentment, questions, etc. We gave the whole bag to the Lord. We received a full bag back from the Lord.
- I have let peer pressure control how I share Christ. I now want the world to know I love Jesus.
- There are genuine people out there that care; many of us never have received this care before. I have confidence now to face the outside world.
- This weekend has been a joy. I have come closer to the Lord in four days, more than in 40 years. I was lost. Kairos taught me how to soul-search about the tasks in my life. It's not about being happy – there are still struggles. Kairos came and I am still unsure but it was an excellent experience.
- I didn't know where my walk was. I now want a relationship with Christ. I got a lot of tools on how to do this and to know what to do for the rest of my life.
- I have never felt this much love in my life.
- In prison, I have had to watch my children grow up with just pictures. I got a lesson on how to be a Dad from prison.
- I had turned my back on Jesus. Now I know the simple gift of forgiveness.
- I had incest in my background. I wasn't worthy of my name (Emmanuel). I came to prison very angry and violent. In CSP I got to learn to like myself – I met God. He molded me into a different person. He changed intimidation into love. Now I see God in others. Now I am Emmanuel (God is with us).
- I came seeking with many questions. I found answers. I was able to forgive myself. I had thought I was unforgivable – burning in hell. Now I won't. Thanks to Kairos for making that possible.
- As a kid I was rebellious – especially against the church. I was a drug dealer and user – at risk of killing others. In Kairos I saw people who really care. It changed my opinion. Now it's time for me to help others on the street.
- I had a horrible family. I was beaten as a child and as a result I refused to accept others into my life. I rejected Jesus. Still I have had a wife and family that have been praying for me for over 20 years. The guys in Kairos never judged me. They showed me how to receive love. The gift I received was priceless.
- I have experienced three miracles of Jesus. I was lame – couldn't walk for him. Now I can. Now I can see the things I couldn't see before. Also I was deaf and now I hear Jesus. I hope I can be a minister if that is what God wants of me.
- I grew up in a big family. I left home as soon as I graduated. I was raised Catholic. I was a problem. I used to tell my wife that if I was asleep I still could get into trouble. I was shot by the police but survived. I asked why I was saved but never got an answer. Then, later I took a life and was sent to prison. I completely shut down. I was selected for Kairos but didn't expect anything. Last night I asked for forgiveness; some way God forgave me. Since last night there have been changes. I have a brother I haven't talked to in 20 years – the same with my children. Now I want to be in touch with them. My life now has direction.
- In Kairos I learned to open up and to communicate with others. Now I know that I am not alone. I have children. I have learned that there are guards here that care. They have helped me. I know that I will be a better Dad.
- I have had a hard time trusting and forgiving people – kept things stuffed inside. Through Kairos I can begin to trust. I know that there are people who love me.
- It's been a long time since I went to church – not since I was ten. I was a spoiled little kid. God put me in prison. I now have a new attitude. With Kairos, this morning I woke up feeling good – and actually opened up my Bible. I have had a lot of hate – Kairos showed me I need to let it go.
- I have had two experiences in life with church. When I got tattooed the church rejected me. Here in prison I experienced a jail-house church. In Kairos I saw real people that showed me God is real. The challenge to all of us is that we need to take this with us, greet each other, hold each other accountable, and help each other get out of here.
- I want to tell the world about Kairos. I was able to talk about things, let them out. I want to walk the walk tomorrow.

Fourth Day Speaker: I attended East #3 and had a similar experience as you guys. You don't have to get off the mountain. There are Bible studies and other Christian activities to keep you going. Don't give up. You need to work on relationships. Keep fighting and use each other. Depend on Jesus. It won't be easy but don't give up.

31 July 1938 — JOSÉ HERNANDEZ — 3 April 2008

José Hernandez left this world peacefully, on April 3rd at his home in Milliken. He had been suffering various ailments for some time — some of them almost all his life. We knew him as a courageous survivor, always ready to share Jesus with us and the inmates. “Friends of José Hernandez, co-owner of Joey’s Taco Factory, will tell you he was the kind of man who filled stomachs, hearts, and souls.” (*The Johnstown Breeze*)

José asked that the memorial service be upbeat — Mariachi and Hawaiian shirts. Another Milliken Kairos man,, Pete Keohane, said that “José knew where he was going. The grieving is for us who are left here.”

José’s began working Kairos teams on Fremont #10 in September 1987. Before long he was also working on the Territorial teams, often with Mary Lou and (then) young Joey working the kitchen team. He was always ready to share his life story, warts and all — and how Jesus had carried him so many, many times when there was only one set of footprints in the sand.

In more recent years José became part of the Sterling Kairos family, being on team whenever his body would permit. Mary Lou and Joey have been there even when José’s body just couldn’t.

We will miss him, but Heaven will now have better tacos.

15 January 1929 — ELIZABETH M. FRANTZ — 4 April 2008

Some of you will recall Father Scott Frantz as one of the “founders” (we all know that it was really the Lord) of Kairos in Colorado, and as a long time team member in the Cañon City prisons. You may also have had the privilege of knowing his wife and fellow Christian worker, Betty. After many years of various ailments, Betty left this world peacefully, on April 4th at her home in Manitou Springs. Betty and Scott were an inspiring team for over half a century, with her main agape coming forth in the form of organ and piano music — and love. God’s comfort for Scott and family.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

**The closing scene in John’s Gospel changed Peter’s life.
If you don’t feel “good enough,” it could change yours, too.**

In John 21 Jesus, in His resurrected body, appears to seven of the disciples along the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, tells them where the fish are, fixes breakfast for them, and then publicly restores Simon Peter. Verses 15 thru 17 record the exchange:

Jesus: “Simon, son of John, do you truly **love** me?” (Here, the Greek word is agape — unconditional Godly love.)

Peter: “Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you.” (Here the Greek word is phileo — brotherly love.)

Jesus: “Feed my lambs” (even though you don’t think you’re up to my kind of love).

Jesus: “Simon, son of John, do you truly **love** me?” (agape)

Peter: “Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you.” (phileo)

Jesus: “Take care of my sheep” (even though you are sure that you are not up to my kind of love).

Jesus: “Simon, son of John, do you **love** me?” (phileo, now at the level Peter can deal with)

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “do you **love** me?” (phileo)

Peter: “Lord, you know all things; you know that I **love** you.” (phileo)

Jesus: “Feed my sheep” (even though our relationship is not yet up to what you think it should be).

Jesus restored and commissioned Peter publicly -- right where Peter was, not where Peter thought he ought to be. Jesus meets us where we are, even though we might think we’re not good enough. When someone revealed the underlying meaning of this passage to me, I became able to let God use me without being concerned about being good enough. I will never be good enough. Only Jesus is good enough. It is His goodness that empowers us, not ours.

Soli Deo Gloria

UPCOMING EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u> (click for email)
<u>2008</u>		
25-27 April	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING Wheatridge (American Motel & Conf Center)	Randy Borden
1-4 May	STERLING SOUTH #11 Al Behaeghe	Andrew Sisneros
5-8 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #9 Shirley Brown	Glenda Condon
31 July-3 August	HIGH PLAINS #5 Barb Thorne	Karen Salzman
5-9 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE Oakland, California	Mary Sogan
7-10 August	RIFLE #7 John Ratcliff, Jr	Skaught Graham
12-14 September	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR COURSE Tedford Cabins, Allens Park	Jack Olafson
2-5 October	DELTA #34 Tim Brady	Bill Bennett
9-12 October	TERRITORIAL #46 Bob Bentzen	Bill Durfee
16-19 October	CAÑON WOMEN'S #48 Aileen Engel	Kathy Awtrey
30 October – 2 Nov	STERLING NORTH #13 Mike Ramirez	Andrew Sisneros
14-16 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Jean Mares
4-7 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #10 Linda Stewart	Glenda Condon
2nd Fridays, 7:00pm	STREET GATHERINGS Warren United Methodist Church 14th and Gilpin, Denver Similar to Monthly Reunions we do inside. A great way for us to minister to Kairos graduates when they come outside. Our intentional contact with ex-inmates is limited to seeing them at group functions such as this. Bring spouse, friend, potluck dish, grouping card, and/or musical instrument.	Glenda Condon
<u>2009</u>		
19-22 February	HIGH PLAINS #6 Mary Young	Patty Morrison
20-23 February	FREMONT #47 Rueben Duran	Tom Guidera
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Jean Mares
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11 TBD	Glenda Condon

OPPORTUNITY AT FCI ENGLEWOOD

As Jeff mentioned on page one, the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Englewood has asked the State Committee to consider implementing a Kairos program there for incarcerated military veterans. There is a lot of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress/Depression) out there, and this has led to many returning veterans becoming incarcerated.

Some of our Colorado team members have already volunteered to take part in the program. We encourage any of you men out there who are military veterans, no matter when or how old – please pray about this unusual opportunity. Contacts are Jeff Holley ([email](#)), Peter Kufeke ([email](#)), or Jim Graven ([email](#)).

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Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay-led Christian ministry which conducts a highly structured program designed for use in male and female correctional institutions. The Kairos program starts with a weekend event which allows participants to witness Christ's love through the servitude of Christian Kairos volunteers. During this event participants are given the opportunity to experience a religious renewal accepting God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another during their stay in the institution, and beyond. Participants are encouraged to establish small, three-to-five-person "Fourth Day" Prayer and Share groups within the institution. The groups meet regularly to share their lives on a deep spiritual level and to pray for one another, other residents, and staff in the institution.

Kairos is currently in 33 states and six other countries (Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua). The course materials are available in English and Spanish.

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