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of immortality.
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COLORADO KAIROS OUTSIDE #2

1 – 3 May 2009 at the Ponderosa Retreat Center,
near Larkspur and Monument.

**Please come and show and share God's Love
at one or both of the following events:**

THE WALK IN LOVE (a candlelight service) – Saturday evening, 2 May

The service will take place in the conference room under the Fleming Dining Hall.

Please arrive between 8:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Parking available behind Fleming Dining Hall (you will need to walk down the hill)

Parking also available at Glenn Chapel

There is limited parking available at the Office

THE CLOSING – Sunday afternoon, 3 May

Glenn Chapel

Please arrive between 2:00 and 2:15 p.m

Use Chapel parking lot

Directions to the Ponderosa Retreat Center:

Going North or South on I-25 take exit 163 (County Line Rd/Palmer Divide Rd. Go east on County Line Road 1.8 miles to Furrow Road. Turn north (left) for about 0.9 miles to Ponderosa sign on left. Follow road into the complex. There is good signage to both buildings.

FROM THE LEADER OF KAIROS OUTSIDE #2

There are times in our lives when Jesus asks us to humbly ask for help from our brothers and sisters in Christ. For me, this is one of those times. The Kairos Outside Weekends cost much more than the inside, as we have to provide the meeting space (not in a prison) and the lodging for the guests, as well as for the team. We were able to save over \$2,000.00 by holding KO#2 at the Ponderosa Retreat Center, but due to the economy, I suppose, we are struggling to raise the funds needed.

Besides prayer, there are two special ways you can contribute – \$3.00 meal tickets and direct donations. We will really appreciate your checks payable to "Kairos Outside of Colorado" and sent directly to me % P.O. Box 16113, Golden CO 80402.

Please pray and give, no matter how little, as a lot of those little ones can add up to exactly what we need. "You are loved."

The theme for the weekend is "His Grace is Enough." I truly believe He will provide exactly what we need to glorify the name of Jesus. Please join us in praying for that.

Love in Christ, Mary Sogan

FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Folks, I'm going to keep it short this month, as I'm preparing to go into Sterling next weekend. The only hot issue that has come up has been the excessive number of phone calls and the nature of those phone calls to DOC's Julie Ireland. Julie is a tireless and dedicated worker who handles our Form 900's and performs the clearances that allow us to go into the prisons. We depend on her to process our volunteers so that we can have weekends and reunions. It would stand to reason that we should be first grateful for her service and second patient and understanding with her time.

I personally had to call her because the post office destroyed my Form 900 and returned it to the Sterling Data Coordinator. This made me miss the BVT class that I wanted and was very frustrating. But mind you, it would have been no reason to take it out on Julie that the Post Office made a mistake. I asked if she could expedite my 2nd Form 900 and she rightfully told me that she needed to process them in order. I had to realize that someone else's mistake did NOT constitute an emergency for Julie. Why should it? She has many volunteers from many organizations that she must process. Kairos is not her only duty.

In talking with DOC, I have found out that others have done everything from hounding Julie mercilessly to actually berating her. Folks, this does not represent Kairos, let alone Jesus. Love is PATIENT, Love is KIND. Please do NOT call her directly. Work through your Liaison or Data Coordinator, whichever your AC uses for Form 900 signature authority. You will not have last minute emergencies if you get your forms in at least 3 months prior to the weekend or annual renewal. Your waiting to the last minute is NOT Julie's fault. We need to be very diligent about getting the Form 900's completed and mailed in a timely fashion, and then this problem simply goes away.

I'm sorry to have to have a "lecturing tone" this month, but we need to make sure that we are treating all of our DOC employees with the love and respect that Christian missionaries are called upon to show to everyone.

Enjoy this beautiful and varied Spring that God has granted us.

M. Jeffrey Holley

FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO KPMI

I feel as though I have been on a "Roller Coaster Ride", so to speak, for the past couple of months. Although what I am about to share really has nothing to do with International, this is what the Holy Spirit brought to my mind.

As many of you know I am to be blessed as the Lay Leader for Colorado Kairos Outside #2, May 1-3, 2009 at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur, CO (see announcements on page 1 about Closing and "Walk in Love"). Those of you who have been a part of Kairos ministries for any amount of time know how the "enemy" hates our serving our Risen Lord in this amazingly successful ministry. I would like to share how he has manifested this in my preparing for KO #2

When we get so busy "doing" and not enough time "seeking" and "resting in" the Lord, distractions of every sort tend to guide us down paths that are very unproductive. In my case, he used my "selfish pride" and that age-old "need to be in control and right." And the worst thing about it all is that I just about ruined a friendship which I at one time believed would never come to be. When it was all sorted out, if I had (#1) listened to my friend, and taken a bit of time to investigate what she had been trying to convey to me; and (#2) trusted that, as with most Kairos Volunteers, she only wanted to help me, not interfere; and finally and most importantly (#3); **REMEMBERED THIS WAS MY FRIEND, AND SISTER IN CHRIST, WHO I LOVED AND LOVED ME** — then the "enemy" would have never had this moment.

What did I learn? That the only way that this can happen is when I take my eyes off of loving others and allow "me" to be the focus, and that, when I no longer feel the "peace of Christ" within, I have opened the door.

This was a glimpse of the one whom I had hoped was put to death over 25 years ago, when I began this relationship with Christ. But what I am reminded of now is that I, nor anyone else still breathing, can not take my eyes off of the Risen Christ for even a second, without realizing that "the enemy" will prey upon the opportunity to cause conflict. Please pray for me, and the KO of Colorado #2 team.

Love in Christ.

ABSORPTION OF SCRIPTURE IS AN ESSENTIAL COUNTERBALANCE TO THE BACKGROUND NOISE OF THE WORLD – *Walter Henrichsen*

GOOD FRIDAY

The other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Lodged in the thief's statement are the two facts that anyone needs to recognize in order to come to Jesus... "We are getting what our deeds deserve. But that man has done nothing wrong." We are guilty and he is innocent. We are filthy and he is pure. We are wrong and he is right. He is not on that cross for his sins. He is there for ours.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

No stained-glass windows. No excuses. Just a desperate plea for help. At this point Jesus performs the greatest miracle of the Cross. Greater than the earthquake. Greater than the tearing of the temple curtain. Greater than the darkness. Greater than the resurrected saints appearing on the streets. He performs the miracle of forgiveness.

For the life blackened with failure, that Friday means forgiveness. For the heart scarred with futility, that Friday means purpose. And for the soul looking into this side of the tunnel of death, that Friday means deliverance. What do you do with....that Friday?

Luke 23:40-42, and Max Lucado in "Six Hours One Friday"

GOOD SUNDAY

Recently we celebrated the greatest message ever given: "Jesus is risen!" While reading the Gospels about that first resurrection day, many things stand out, but I would like to mention two things.

First, have you noticed that the people involved in this story are running about, not for exercise, but because of excitement? Matthew 28:8 tells us that the women who went to the tomb early that morning, after seeing the angel, "hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples." The apostle John has Mary Magdalene "running to Peter and the other disciple" (Apostle John). Then they go running to the tomb (John 20:2-4).

Luke tells the story of a "stranger" who walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Later their "eyes were opened" after Jesus had broken bread and they recognized Him. They "hurried" back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples: "The Lord is risen!" Excitement filled the hearts of Jesus' followers as they learned the Good News that Jesus really is alive and they were eager to tell each other about that!

How excited are we to share that exciting news to a lost and hurting world? What a blessing we have that we have the opportunity and calling to go to "one of the least of these" who languish in our prisons, rejected by much of society, to tell them that Jesus who died for us is alive and desires to be our Savior and Lord! The need is great and so is the harvest, but we need volunteers as well as cash to fulfill that mission God calls us to. As Jesus said: "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). We pray that some of you reading this may hear the call. We thank all of you who have given to the Kairos ministry. Your money is greatly appreciated. We can always use more to be able to reach more prisoners with the Gospel.

Second, along with the excitement and running, the disciples of Jesus were also filled with joy. The passage in Matthew, which tells of the women running, also mentions they were filled with joy. That is evident in the other Gospels as well. Luke tells us that after Jesus had ascended to heaven, and the disciples had "worshiped him" they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52). One would think they would be sad that Jesus had left them, but no, they were filled with joy because they knew He was alive and that He would be with them always. The joy they felt was a fulfillment of what Jesus had told them before He died, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Throughout Acts we read of Jesus' followers being filled with joy. Acts 13:52 sums up how they felt in Acts: "And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." The Apostle Paul also talks much about joy even while in prison. Peter in 1:8 says that though we have not seen Jesus, we "believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining...the salvation of (our) souls."

In these rather difficult times are we Christians still filled with the "joy of the Lord"? We have the best news possible, we have the promised Holy Spirit within us. We need to follow the Apostle Paul's advice: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). There is nothing more exciting and fills one with joy is to see a person commit his/her life to Christ. When we see hardened criminals turn their lives over to the Lord, what joy fills our hearts! Whether in prison or out, we Christians need to be known as those who love each other and who are filled with joy.

Elwyn Tedford, clergy member of State Committee

LIMON #9 CLOSING – 19 April

- The Lord told me to be cross-eyed. If you look closely into my eyes, you can see the crosses!
- I have reached a new level of fellowship – a new understanding of people.
- Kairos has made a change in me. Seeing brothers serving much more time than me is an example to me.
- I wasn't sure what I was looking for when I came to Kairos. Now I am leaving with an open heart.
- I need to live every day as if it were my last.
- I need to love even the unlovable.
- I am taking a bag of chips and a cookie for my roomie – he hasn't grown up and I am in my second childhood.
- There is no way a grown man would want to come here and spend three days with us unless the love of God were in him.
- I feel rejuvenated like a recharged battery.
- I have been torturing myself for the past eleven years. This morning, I flushed my name down the toilet.
- I want to be the best husband, father, grandfather and brother I can be.

Submitted by Tom Guidera

DELTA #35 CLOSING – 19 April

I came here skeptical and wondering what angle these Kairos men came here with. Everybody has an angle and wants something. After being here and observing what is going on I cannot believe what I observed. These men did not want anything from us. They had no angle they just wanted to help me.

During previous Kairos meetings here at the Prison, as the inmates went home I stood outside and cursed them out and berated them. Now look what has happened – I am standing up here before you. I can't believe how this is changing me. When I was a young boy, I accidentally killed my little brother. I have blamed myself and carried that guilt for 19 years. Maybe that is why I have been violent and in trouble all these years. Yesterday something happened at the forgiveness ceremony. I was finally able to forgive myself.

When I went to trial they pointed at me and said my name. That made me angry and I did not like it. At trial, I was being condemned and was ashamed. Today I feel both love and acceptance, and I like it.

I came here and I was spiritually flat-lined. I had been a Christian all of my life and I had never met what I considered a real Christian. That changed this weekend.

I've done it all in my life, traveled and seen the world. When I was told this would be the best weekend of my life, I laughed it off. Friday night I shared with my cellie what had been said. Now I can truthfully say that this was the best weekend not just in prison but in my life.

These are some pretty tough dudes in here, I've seen them shedding a lot of tears.

I've been in darkness, and I was opened to God's love

I had never really felt this kind of love before this weekend

I was required to be here through life learning. I didn't want to come and I almost quit twice, but I stayed and it changed my life. Now I don't want to leave.

One inmate took the microphone and publicly confessed Jesus as his savior before the audience at the closing.

Submitted by Glenn Kimbrough

REMINDERS

SECURITY – Avoid enmeshment

INSIDE/OUTSIDE – Keep Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside as separate as possible. This is very important.

REPORTING TO DOC – Inform DOC (719-226-4481) immediately of any changes in your “police record.”

TERRITORIAL #47 CLOSING – 19 April

Family Comments

We were not sure what to expect, open-spirited, full of questions, bankrupt, brand new like babies, worn-out, hopeful, in need of a place to belong in, doubtful, anxious, confident we would find something, conflicted, poor in spirit, hungry.

We found God's love, open hearts, open minds, open arms, compassion, hope, opportunity, relationships, family, belonging, God's promises, God's forgiveness, who Jesus is, how to look for Him, a brighter light, a tingling "hair-standing up on the back of your neck" youth-camp feeling.

We are taking away certain assurance of never being alone, that there really is a God and He lives, hope, renewal, new life and new beginnings, wholeness, love, peace, respect, how to ask questions when we don't know what's going on, change of minds and hearts, that change is possible in us and others, a renewed vigor to follow Christ.

Individual Comments

- Spiritually lost, bankrupt, searching. Part of an alcoholic, unstable family. Often shown better ways but too stubborn to receive it. Not deserving of all this weekend provided, but honored to be given this opportunity. This is a real turning point for me, the pinnacle of my life.
- My table family helped push me through this. I was lost and didn't care about God or who He was. Through baptism and this Kairos I am walking forward.
- The food, while really great, but secondary. The talks, encouragement, and multi-faith background of the team all focused on Jesus, on seeing Him better. He is no longer scary. I know I have (and have always had) an interceder.
- I had a chance to grow in Christ with my Family and friends. Please know you are welcome to come pray with me.
- The "food" was the spiritual food – the Word of God. Kairos was an experience – an indescribable experience.
- It was a moving experience. Things happened to me that I can not explain.
- God is love, so we're all about love. We can talk about the Lord, about anything that is hurting us.
- I know I am a sinner, and am going to continue to be a sinner. Most important, I heard in Kairos that I should go as far as I can go and God will come and meet me where I am.
- God showed me what agape love is through these guys who came in here.
- Thank God for this weekend and being in my life.
- Thank God that He put the past in the past and now I can look to the future.
- I know it will be difficult to change, but if I can't stand here in front of you, I won't be able to stand up out there. So here I am – ready to serve the Lord.
- I haven't had a family in a long time. Now I do. Kairos is my family. Now I have brothers.
- I feel like a newborn and ask all you Kairos brothers to bear with me if I start acting the way I always have.

4th Day Speaker

Men, it's all about love, unity, and being there for God. Isaiah 6: 6-8: "Who will go for us and who shall I send? Here am I, Lord, send me." When all the chips are down, we need to call on God.

Submitted by Glen Wiersch, Aileen Engel, and Jim Strub

2009 AKT/ACT

AKT (Advanced Kairos Training) was held at the American Motel in Wheatridge Co March 27th thru 29th. Seventeen participants from four different states (Washington, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado) attended their leadership training here this year. The trainers this year traveled in from California, Texas, and Alabama. This created a wonderful mix of experiences and lots of fellowship during the break and meal times. Many thanks to the music team and kitchen team for their servant hearts throughout the weekend. Also to all the individuals and organizations who donated podiums, equipment, and sound systems for our use. It was a beautiful learning and spiritual weekend.

ACT (Advisory Council Training) was held March 27th and 28th also at the American Motel. There were more than twenty AC members from across the state in attendance. Jo Chapman from KPMI led the training. They all enjoyed a potluck lunch and fellowship time on Saturday. It was an enlightening and learning experience for all.

Submitted by Randy Borden

REMIANING 2009 EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
24-25 April	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING Pine Creek Community Church, Colorado Springs	Jack Olafson
30 April-3 May	STERLING SOUTH #12	Greg Oliver
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2 Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur/Monument	Mary Sogan Jean Mares
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11	Ruthmary Lyons
28 July-2 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE St Catharines, Ontario (near Niagara Falls)	Glenda Condon Mary Sogan
6-9 August	RIFLE #9	Ace Chapman
1-4 October	DELTA #36	Rex Stucker
early October	STERLING EAST #6	Paul Benevides
8-11 October	TERRITORIAL #48	Terry Fitzgerald
5-8 November	STERLING NORTH #14	Scott Glahn
12-15 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #3 Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur/Monument	Linda Lauper Jean Mares
3-6 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #12	<i>Marti Casey</i> Glenda Condon

STREET GATHERINGS

These gatherings are similar to the Monthly Reunions we do inside and 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. We now have two venues:

Denver, 2nd Fridays, 7:00pm, Warren United Methodist Church, 14th and Gilpin . Bring spouse, friend, grouping card, and/or musical instrument. Volunteers also bring potluck dish. Contact is Glenda Condon.

Colorado Springs, 3rd Fridays, 6:30pm (note change in time), Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hancock & Boulder, Bus lines #5 and #19. Volunteers bring potluck dish. Contact is Jean Magnuson.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

KPMI requires a minimum of three ordained clergy on each 4-day weekend. There is to be a clergy member at each table family. We are to recruit toward that objective. The required minimum for a 4-day is three qualified clergy. We can fill out the clergy complement with Spiritual Advisors (aka "lay clergy"). (See the blue Manual, page II-22, 23.)

There is also a KPMI requirement that all inside teams be unisex – clergy as well as lay. It is especially hard for the women's teams to satisfy the 3-clergy unisex minimum, lack of which means cancelling the 4-day (which has happened).

To ameliorate this situation, there is a KPMI pilot program here in Colorado for certifying lay "Spiritual Advisors." – a program initiated last year by our own Chaplain Jack Olafson. He has already conducted two sessions of this "Spiritual Advisor Training" pilot course, using a training manual he developed and then modified using feedback from the first graduates. He is conducting a third session this weekend (24/25 April) at Pine Creek Community Church in Colorado Springs. He plans to conduct a fourth session in **Grand Junction** on 15/16 May. At the conclusion of the course you are commissioned as a "Certified Spiritual Advisor." Contact Jack Olafson at 719-590-9639.

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* On hold pending possible relocation to another site.

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 receive Christ's love through the servitude of Christian Kairos volunteers. During this event participants are given the opportunity to experience a spiritual 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, two-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 eight other countries – Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru. The course materials are available in English and Spanish.

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2009 STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Face-to-face Meetings (all on Saturdays):

9 May
27 June
19 September

Teleconferences (in the months between the face-to-face meetings, on third Sundays at 7:00 pm, with 1.5 hour time limit)

Agenda: we encourage you to make Jeff Holley aware of any items you would like the SC to consider or resolve.