


God's Special Time



"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." Matthew 25:36

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KAIROS OF COLORADO, INC.

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Are you new to, or curious about KAIROS? See "WHY KAIROS" on page 7.

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

As this season comes to a close I pray that each of you have had a joyous, refreshing, spirit-filled summer.

As we approach Fall we again are looking to renew friendships in Christ as teams come together for FREMONT, WOMEN'S, and TERRITORIAL. In fact by the time this letter reaches you some of the teams will have already been formed. Please keep these team members lifted up in your prayers.

There are many needs for each of the weekends, none of the least being cookies! Please try to rally people of your church, family, friends or anyone to help with our cookie ministry. And don't forget Palanca! See Sue Martinez's article on page 5.

I have just returned from the Second International Kairos Conference and it was a special coming together in the body of Christ. The workshops I attended enriched my spiritual life and broadened my understanding of what it means to be part of this program. In future newsletters I will be able to share more with you about this conference.

In August of 1987 the Third International Kairos Conference will be hosted by our district and held in Colorado Springs, CO. It will require a tremendous amount of effort from all of us. There should be approximately 250 people here from all over the U.S.A. and Canada. We need people to coordinate the following: Total conference, transportation, food, youth activities, housing logistics, music, and other areas necessary to the success of this event. If you feel you can be of help in any of these areas, please call me and let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

On His Hook,
Bill Potter, Director

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

LISTENING--AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

IN EXODUS 2:24 & 25, WE READ: "AND GOD HEARD THEIR GROANING, AND GOD REMEMBERED HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, WITH ISAAC, AND WITH JACOB. AND GOD SAW THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND GOD KNEW THEIR CONDITION."

GOD ACTUALLY HEARS. GOD ACTUALLY IS LISTENING. GOD ACTUALLY IS CONCERNED. GOD ACTUALLY KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON. WHEN YOU READ OF ISRAEL AND THE EXODUS, YOU READ ABOUT A PEOPLE THAT MOANED AND GROANED. DESPITE WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED COMPLAINING, OR AS THE SCRIPTURES SAY "GROANING", GOD CARED.

LET US LOOK AT IMPLICATIONS OF A LISTENING GOD.

1. GOD HAS TIME FOR US. IN THE BUSY SOCIETY IN WHICH WE LIVE WE HAVE NO TIME FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE ARE CAUGHT UP IN THIS IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION, INSTANT FOOD, QUICK FIXES, AND ON IT GOES. JESUS SAID "COME UNTO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,..." HE HAS TIME FOR US.
2. GOD HAS A CONCERN FOR US. PETER WROTE TO THE SCATTERED CHURCH IN ASIA MINOR THESE WORDS, "CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU." NO MATTER WHAT THE CARE MAY BE, NO MATTER WHAT THE BURDEN, CAST IT ON GOD. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOU.
3. HE KNOWS WE ARE IMPORTANT. PAUL TELLS US, "GOD COMMENDED HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US." WE MATTER, WE COUNT IN GOD EYES. IF HE TAKES CARE OF THE SPARROWS, AND THE LILIES OF THE FIELD, WILL HE NOT ALSO TAKE CARE OF US. WHY? WE ARE IMPORTANT TO HIM.
4. GOD IS AVAILABLE TO US. DAVID, IN THE 145TH PSALM HAS SAID, "THE LORD IS NIGH UNTO ALL THEM THAT CALL UPON HIM, TO ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM IN TRUTH." CALL AND HE IS THERE WAITING TO HEAR FROM US.
5. GOD SEES VALUE IN US. IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT JESUS TALKS ABOUT CLOTHING THE GRASS OF THE FIELD. THEN HE ASKS THE QUESTION, "SHALL HE NOT MUCH MORE CLOTHE YOU, OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH?" JESUS REPLY TO THAT QUESTION IS "SURE HE WILL." AGAIN, WHY? GOD SEES VALUE IN US.
6. GOD KNOWS OUR SITUATION. AS THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE MAKING THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO BE GUIDED. WHAT DID GOD DO? HE PROVIDED THE PILLAR OF CLOUD BY DAY AND FIRE BY NIGHT. WE LATER READ, "HE TOOK NOT AWAY THE PILLAR OF THE CLOUD BY DAY, NOR THE PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT, FROM BEFORE THE PEOPLE." GOD KNOWS OUR SITUATION.

AS WE MINISTER AND LABOR IN GOD'S VINEYARD, WE MAY THINK ALL IS FUTILE AND LOST. BUT IT IS NOT, WHY? BECAUSE GOD IS LISTENING.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE,
VIC URBAN

1986 KAIROS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Sep 18-21 FCF#8 Jim Strub
Oct 9-12 CWCF#8 Polly Rodriguez
Nov 20-23 CTCF#2 Al Rodriguez

RETREATS:

Nov 1-2 FCF Jim Strub

REMINDER: Each weekend is followed by a RETREAT about 2-3 months later. Part of our commitment as a team member is to be available for the retreat team, also.

ULTREYA -- IS ANYBODY THERE?? -- M.A.Barton -- FOURTH DAY

Where are you my brothers and sisters?
I know that you care,
For you opened the door
To my imprisoned soul.

You helped me to know
I'm a person of worth.
You showed me a Love
That I never had known.

You helped me forgive
Myself and my neighbor.
You helped me to know
There's a reason to live.

You gave to me hope
And a peace deep within,
For you gave to me Christ
And eternal life.

I know that you're busy
With family and job,
But I long so to see you!
Just to know that you're there!

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Schedulers for ULTREYA attendance are Ron & Ann Barton (796-7414), our Fourth Day Section of the Secretariat. Assisting them for the Colorado Springs area are Jim & Peggy Strub (634-2821). When you are asked, please make every effort to attend. If you don't know when you're scheduled, please call Bartons or Strubs. Participating in the prison Ultreyas for one year following your membership on a team is a COMMITMENT YOU MADE BEFORE GOD. Our normal Ultreya schedule is:

EVERY month: FIRST Sunday: Fremont & CWCF, THIRD Sunday: Territorial

Women's Ultreya Team Schedule (til Oct Kairos):

SEPTEMBER 7

Collette Kiger	Polly Rodriguez
Priscilla Lopez	Loretta Chavez
Jackie Bell	Colleen Schaefer
Ana Vigil	Dianne Bishop
Fran Archuleta	Barbara Kleinert

OCTOBER 5

Jenny DeHaven	Muriel Urban
Bernice Brito	Vic Urban
A. VanderLinden	Susan Ferguson
Corrine Coronado	Mary Ellis
Nancy Ruiz	Ann Lopez

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As our KAIROS ministry increases, we badly need to increase our supply of certain equipment -- namely -- TABLES and CHAIRS. So this is an OPPORTUNITY for our supporters to help us in a specific way. A \$75 gift will pay for one TABLE and a \$7 gift will pay for one CHAIR (at wholesale prices). Will you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in responding to this need? Please give your friends and church groups an OPPORTUNITY to help, too!

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We are really grateful to St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs for generously allowing us to print our newsletter there. That FREE printing is a saving which will help us keep in contact more often without dipping into direct ministry funds so much.

A HUGE thank you goes to Monument Bible College in Monument... Their generosity provides ALL of the Bibles we give to our candidates. God bless you all!

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We are especially eager to add EFFECTIVELY to our mailing list. We want to be in touch with any and all who might be interested in receiving this newsletter. Please USE the form on the back page to help us in this goal, and to keep our list up-to-date. Any time the Post Office gives us an address correction, it costs us FIRST CLASS postage, so please help us keep that cost DOWN by keeping our mailing list correct and up-to-date. Any help with the mailing costs we do have will be GREATLY appreciated!

Any of you who know the outside address of a former inmate from KAIROS, please be sure to send us that, too. They are still part of our community and we do want to keep in touch. As you know, the DOC does not give out that information, so we must rely on word of mouth from YOU.

Please be sure to tell former inmates about our monthly outside Gatherings. In the Denver area that meets on the last Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Call the Bartons 796-7414 for up-to-date information. In Colorado Springs the meeting is on the second Sunday. Call the Strubs 634-2821 for details. ALL are welcome to join in on this special fellowship.

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Three men visited the May Secretariat meeting to present the NATIONAL PRISON INVASION which will take place on Dec 5, 6 & 7, 1986 in 850 prisons throughout the country. In Colorado this program will only be allowed in County Jails, Buena Vista, Rifle, and Excelsor. KAIROS will not take part in any official way, but individuals are free to participate, and 800 to 1000 counselors will be needed in Colorado. Anyone wanting further information should contact:

NATIONAL PRISON INVASION P.O.Box 75096, Houston, TX 77034 (713) 649-3155

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REMEMBER TO COME AND BRING FRIENDS TO OUR CLOSINGS: SEP 21, OCT 12, NOV 23!!! Turn in all names, addresses and Social Security Numbers WELL ahead to team members, Bill Potter, or KAIROS P.O.Box (see cover).

1950'S "HOMECOMING" DANCE
Fundraiser for KAIROS Prison Ministry

Saturday, October 4, 1986 7-12pm \$8 Donation per ticket

Regency Hotel Grand Salon Ballroom, 3900 Elati, Denver (Exit 213, I-25)

Music - hits from the 50's - by Rendon Brothers with Ray Gonzales

DOOR PRIZES---DANCE CONTEST---BEST 50'S ATTIRE CONTEST---CASH BAR

Photographer will be on hand to capture your "Moment on the Moon".

We will crown a "HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN. Voting will be by tickets at \$.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Sponsor your favorites, (maybe yourself?), by selling LOTS of tax deductible votes.

Our BUSY COMMITTEES can sure USE YOUR HELP: selling tickets, getting donations for door prizes, decorations, contests, advertising, etc. Please call Moses Archuleta 794-9473, Chairman, or Louise Abeyta 427-3554, Sec/Treas, and they will be delighted to refer you to whichever Committee Chairperson can best use your help. Our Colo Spgs contacts are Phil & Luetta Marsh 598-0574.

GET YOUR OUTFITS READY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS - WE'LL HAVE A BALL!

PALANCA

We have three weekends coming up real soon! We ask for your prayers and sacrifices for the teams now in preparation and the candidates who will attend. The men's weekends have about 45 candidates and 30-35 team members. The women's weekends have about 25 candidates and 30 team members. See the schedule in this newsletter. That's a lot of PALANCA!

Posters, table palanca, letters, and banners are all much needed and very welcome. God expresses His Grace and His Love to our brothers and sisters in prison through our time, love, prayers, sacrifices and PALANCA.

All items of PALANCA can be sent to me at 2821 So Idalia St, Aurora, CO 80013 at least two weeks before each weekend, or they may be given to team members on each team.

God bless you all!

Sue Martinez Palanca Chairperson

ATTENTION!

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WE NEED YOUR HELP. Reach out to those who have never served on a KAIROS team but would like to serve the Lord in this capacity.

With new facilities opening and more KAIROS's being held (six per year) we need more team members. PLEASE have them fill out an application (on next page) and return to address on form. We NEED a larger file of people who want to serve.

All team members HAVE to have attended a weekend Cursillo, Koinonia, Emmaus, etc. to be eligible to serve.

SPREAD THE WORD!!

Phil & Luetta Marsh

With three weekends coming up this Fall, we want to remind everyone involved to be good stewards of KAIROS PROPERTY. We haul a lot of our own equipment into the facilities for each weekend. When we're cleaning up after the Closings things can get VERY confused. This led to some misplaced equipment earlier this year. Ralph & Sandy Browning, KAIROS Section, are the custodians of our property. Please help see to it that EVERYTHING gets back into their care IMMEDIATELY after each weekend. Then we'll be sure to have it accounted for and ready for the next weekend or retreat on our schedule.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

KAIROS OF COLORADO

APPLICATION FOR KAIROS TEAM

Thank you for your interest in the KAIROS MINISTRY. This application will allow us to do better selection of teams members. The section marked VOLUNTARY INFORMATION is very important in helping us have a denominationally balanced team. It is important that you be active in your FOURTH DAY. We appreciate your willingness to commit yourself to this special ministry.

NAME: _____ GENDER: F: _____ M: _____ HOME PHONE #: (303)- _____
 ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE #: (303)- _____

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION

WEEKEND ATTENDED:(CURSILLO, KOINONIA, ETC.): _____

PLACE: _____ DATE: _____

CHURCH ATTENDING: _____ DENOMINATION: _____

STREET TEAMS WORKED: _____ TEAM POSITION: _____
 DATE: _____

KAIROS OR OTHER PRISON TEAMS WORKED: _____ TEAM POSITION: _____
 DATE: _____

Please tell the level activity in your FOURTH DAY: _____

Are you prepared to make a one (1) year commitment to attend bi-monthly ULTREYAS at the correctional facility? YES: _____ NO: _____

Will you be able to attend eight (8) pre-weekend team meetings? YES: _____ NO: _____

We realize sickness and other emergencies can prevent attendance at some meetings.

Do you play a musical instrument? YES: _____ NO: _____ TYPE: _____

please return to:

Philip & Luetta Marsh
 6929 Boysenberry Way
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

SIGNATURE _____

COMMITTED

It's nice to serve the Lord on a KAIROS weekend. The spiritual uplift does us all a lot of good. I know in my own case, sometimes I feel I have made my weekend all over again. If spiritual highs were measured in money I know I could not afford to pay for the blessings I received.

That brings me to my next point and that is the cost of a weekend. The cost is about \$100 per candidate, yet cost to a team member is \$50? I am told by the Treasurer that the funds paid out for the cost of a weekend (per team member) far exceeds the funds paid in by the team members. It sometimes is a drain on our budgets to pay for OUR expense of the weekend.

I am not by any means saying if you can't pay, don't serve. I am saying there are many ways to accomplish the same means: 1) Pay your \$50 all at once if you can or 2) by small payments at each team meeting, 3) by a donation from your church; 4) have your Reunion Group (or ?) sponsor you or a candidate; 5) get donations from civic or trade groups; 6) other ideas you may have to raise money. (Please share with us YOUR ideas and SEE ARTICLE BELOW.)

There are several husbands and wives who both serve. That could be as many as 6 weekends a year -- that's quite a drain on the budget and time, for which KAIROS is grateful. Folks, it still comes down to the bottom line: If we are committed to KAIROS let's be committed all the way!

PHIL MARSH, Rector: CTCF#1, Secretariat: Pre-KAIROS Section

WHY KAIROS?

KAIROS (Greek for "God's Special Time") is a trans-denominational Christian prison ministry which has proven to be uniquely successful in truly changing lives behind bars and "on the street". Starting with a 3-day encounter with Jesus Christ through the loving community of team members, it continues with Christian peer group support within the facility, and loving support by the outside community through retreats and monthly gatherings of inmates and outside team members. The weekend itself is a short course in Christianity consisting of talks, meditations, small group sharing, worship, music, home-cooked meals and LOVE -- lots of AGAPE LOVE. The team doesn't just talk about God's love, they LIVE it throughout the weekend.

All this comes about by God's grace through the willing sacrifices of Time, Talent and Treasure by many dedicated team members, and the support of many who cannot serve on teams but who bake cookies, prepare meals, attend the Closings, send "love gifts" (Palanca), and PRAY. Such help is vital to the ministry. The depth of inmate response to KAIROS is difficult to convey but here are samples: "I was lost... without hope... no guide, no friend... I have found the path to freedom, hope with vision... I found Jesus Christ!"

A KAIROS COSTS AT LEAST \$100 PER INMATE PER WEEKEND: housing teams near Canon City, food for all, supplies, backup overhead such as postage and long distance calls, etc. Team members are asked to give, besides Time and Talent, \$50 Treasure each time they serve. God provides the rest, of course, but He provides it through US - His people. A handful of our faithful have pledged a regular monthly amount, whether on a current team or not. Those steady gifts, of whatever size, do accumulate and are most helpful. We have even had two donations come recently from inmates! What a precious expression of generosity and God's love THAT is!. Please pray about how YOU can be God's agent in meeting our needs. TAKE THIS PLEA TO: your Pastors, church boards, outreach and social concerns committees, women's and men's and youth groups, civic groups, employers, businesses. All gifts are tax deductible, receipts sent annually.

HELP KAIROS FULFILL ITS CALLING:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

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