

# God's

# Special



# Time

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

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## CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

-- YES -- YOU !!! Kairos needs a steady supply of new team members. Some serve awhile, then move on to other ministries, or move away, or find they can't give the time needed. Each weekend needs new people to be a fresh outpouring of God's love.

Chaplains in two more men's prisons have approached Kairos about expansion-- Colorado's Limon Correctional Facility and the Federal Correctional Institution near Florence.

Each team needs about thirty on the team working inside and more men and women to

prepare six meals for 90-100.

Team members must invest considerable time both before and after each Short Course on which they serve. See enclosed Team Application.

There is only one women's prison in our state, but we need a steady supply of new WOMEN, too. We may be expanding into ministry to women outside the walls who are standing by their men inside. "Kairos Outside" focuses specifically on the spiritual and emotional needs of the wives, mothers, and girlfriends of the men we

reach inside.

For all of this, we need MEN and WOMEN who have experienced God's love during outside Short Courses (see back page) and are willing to show that love to prison inmates, "the least of these", as Jesus says in Matthew 25:40.

We need a good file of TEAM APPLICATIONS for team leaders to use. We are praying that MANY OF YOU will complete and return the enclosed form. Please mark TEAM APPLICATION box on the envelope provided.

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### --- FREMONT #20 CLOSING ---

I arrived with a size 10 1/2 in my mouth. I love these brothers 'cause I've tried them with the 7 X 70 rule. I found people who really put Jesus first all the time. I thank God for giving me more humility and fruit of the spirit. Now, just when I think I've got it all together, you've got 50 more new faces!

I was surprised 40 inmates could get along. There should be no more brothers fighting brothers. If ten men can reach 40; then 40 can reach half the camp; and that half can reach the other half!

Like that movie, "The Day the Earth Stood Still", this Kairos has been "The day the penitentiary stood still". I was angry, confused, even though I read the Bible. I found loving community, words of wisdom. I'll take with me my "get out of jail free card" -- my Bible.

I found love and joy with people I didn't think would even speak to me.

We came for the good food but found lots more. In 9 years I'd only seen the hard side of these people. I learned a lot about myself -- I ain't as tough as I thought.

Us tough guys -- all the walls came down. I just hope we can keep them down and share like God wants us to.

I already had the Lord -- found Him in jail behind bars. I was lost, but now I'm found, because I found the Lord. I'll tell the others that God loves me and He loves them, too.

I came in spite of a visit -- I thought this was more important. Something profound happened. I forgave what I didn't think I ever could. It's gone -- thank God!

# SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Fremont Kairos #20 FOURTH DAY TALK by Richard Garcia, Kairos #19

Before my Kairos weekend, I had already turned my life and will over to the care of God. This is the first time that I have ever been in trouble with the law, and it is most definitely going to be the last, as I have learned a most valuable lesson. It is my knowledge that there is a God, because he has carried me to this point of peace and freedom within myself.

The pains and sufferings that have occurred since my incarceration are very real and had nearly driven me to utter ruin. My Lord Jesus Christ knew all along that the strength within me was yet to be found. This strength has grown with each and every day, as my relationship with him and my faith in his word has become so relevant to my life. I cannot start a day, or finish, without talking to my Lord.

When a man is stripped of his integrity and pride, and also his most loved ones turn their backs on him, he is backed into a corner. It seems so hopeless as he is thrown into the pits of hell, where a system so cold, without compassion, treats him very poorly and will stop at nothing to test his mind. The humbling and patience that all of these men in the prison system must learn, must come very quickly. It cannot happen until you surrender your life and will to the care of God.

I had every physical and material thing that a person could ever want -- a most

beautiful, devoted wife, four wonderful children, so intelligent, a home, two new cars, working 2 jobs, managing Little League Baseball team, respect of all of my peers and family. But underneath the cover my life was a shambles because I had strayed from Christ. I came to the Kairos weekend in serious need of a spiritual uplifting and found a love so refined, so precious, as the Lord had come to save my soul from destruction and devastation.

The reward that I seek today is not of this world in which we live, and is not in this life. After having had everything of worldly possession, and realizing my mistakes, I would trade it all in right now to be accepted into the kingdom of God. This is reality today in this man's life, and would bring complete happiness and satisfaction. The rest of my life, this day and every day forward, are my personal dedication to my Lord Jesus Christ.

I have been very active in passing on the good news that has been given to me, through the word of God. This Kairos movement has brought about many changes in me, and I hope that all of the men in this Kairos #20 will serve as proof that the Lord Jesus Christ is not up in the sky or in a building we call church. Jesus lives in our hearts and in our minds and we all must band together to carry his message to others who have not heard. We must open our hearts and

accept Christ completely, so that we may work as his messengers.

Though today we wear green and our families and society as a whole see us as misfits, though they choose to abandon us and treat us so poorly, we do not have to sit back and let it become reality. The way we choose to handle this tragedy of events that has occurred in each and every one of our lives is going to prove that we can return to our lives and be successful, as long as we carry Jesus as our guide.

The times of being humble and patient may be viewed by others as weakness, but we all know today that these are the times that our character is enhanced. We all have been very fortunate in having experienced this spiritual uplifting and renewed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have had a fall, but we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and move on. For every tragedy there is a healing, and that healing is time. In time, we shall overcome these tragedies at hand.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone -- my brothers who share this habitat with me, the outside team who have touched my heart very deeply, a special thanks to a very special human being in (Chaplain) Father Tony, and all thanks, praise, and glory to Jesus Christ, my saviour! I ask you all to pray for me as I will be praying for you. We shall meet again!

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# CALENDARS AND CONTACTS

## KAIROS SPRING WEEKENDS

NOW is time to look at Spring calendars and plan to volunteer for a Kairos TEAM and/or to attend CLOSINGS. Team meetings start two months before each Short Course, so team formation starts about four months ahead. We need information almost two months ahead for Closing attendee lists. We always need NEW PEOPLE, so please pray about how YOU can be part of this ministry -- Christ is counting on YOU.

Kairos needs men's teams for March and May Short Courses and a women's team for April. Delta is on the Western Slope; the other three are in the Canon City Complex. The contacts below are the Kairos prison Coordinators.

Fremont	March	
Eric Goldy	719-784-3340	
Delta	March	
Andrew Kaminski	303-752-4184	
Women	April	
Lorraine Harding	303-428-3143	
1993-Gerry Lam	719-390-8732	
Territorial	May	
Gene Wilkowski	303-939-8171	

## OUTSIDE SHORT COURSES

The Kairos Prison Ministry is not affiliated with any outside Short Courses; however, we strongly recommend this unique "Encounter with Christ" for all Christians. Such a spiritual experience is required for Kairos team members.

If you've already been blessed by this experience, sponsor a friend. If not, find someone to sponsor you. These Short Courses are offered at various times and locations -- and they fill up fast!! Here are contact persons and some 1993 dates:

Walk to Emmaus (Ecumenical):  
 Men: 1-4 April; Women: 15-18 April  
 Sharon Matthew, Littleton, 799-3658  
 Betty Clifford, Rifle, 625-0636  
 Episcopal Cursillo (Coed):  
 Gary Rose, Parker, 841-7865  
 Kathy Noland, Grand Junction, 434-1910  
 Catholic Cursillo, Colo Springs:  
 Colo Spgs Diocese, 636-2345  
 Catholic Cursillo, Denver:  
 Sue & Frank Martinez, Aurora, 693-3726  
 Koinonia (2-day, Coed, Ecumenical):  
 Al Lowrie, Littleton, 764-7308  
 Sallie Youngman, Ft Collins, 484-6329

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## KAIROS "LAST FRIDAY" REUNIONS

- 6:30 pm, last Friday of every month (If five Fridays, then it's the fifth Friday)
- Bonds of Love Church, 9th and Acoma, Denver
- Family potluck supper
- Prayer, fellowship, sharing, praising God

These "last-Friday" reunions are a real blessing to many, including some who made their "weekend" while in prison. Members of the Denver-area Kairos community are currently holding the reunions at the above location. These reunions bring old and new friends together for an evening filled with love and the presence of the Lord.

We encourage all of you to become a part of this. Bring along former inmates you know of, especially those just recently released. We especially invite anyone interested in the ministry -- prospective team members, prayer and donor supporters -- to "come and see". Contact is Bob St Clair, 278-0032.

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+ CTCF COORD: Gene Wilkowski	+ KAIROS NEEDS SPONSORS --- PLEASE HELP!
+ CWCF COORD: Lorraine Harding	+ Kairos of Colorado reaches out to about 325 new
+ DCC COORD: Andrew Kaminski	+ prison inmates per year. \$100 covers most costs
+ FCF COORD: Eric Goldy	+ for one inmate for one 3-day Short Course. Will
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--- MORE FROM FREMONT #20 CLOSING ---

Trust is real hard for me. I've been here since I was 16. I grew up here and learned you don't trust anybody. You people taught me there's another way -- that I can trust through the Lord.

I'm taking lots with me, like forgiving myself.

I was out and thought I had everything -- money, car, my lady, a beer -- but something was missing. Then I was back in jail and found Jesus there. I'm glad I came back here so I can take more of Jesus with me.

I arrived scared, like when I first came to prison. I found lots of love, even with these tough guys. I'm taking God with me -- I gave my life to Him.

I found all these brothers to help me when I'm down. Kairos hit me hard. I found the Lord.

I've known God for several years, but came lukewarm. I thank God for your help, so I could renew my commitment to the Lord. This time I won't forget, I'll keep fire going.

My tough friends -- walls came down with tears. I'm taking compassion with me and will show it to others who need it.

I never thought I'd find the Lord Jesus. I found that the Lord was carrying me all along and I'm taking Him with me.

We'd be taking more away, but Herschel ate it all. --  
-- (Herschel) I feel cool!

I came a lost sheep. I found the path back to the Shepherd. I'm leaving with Jesus in my heart.

Us tough guys -- all the walls came down. I just hope we can keep them down and share like God wants us to.

Before, I felt I can see you, Lord, but I'm not touching you. I came here and now I can touch Him all I want. With the Lord at my side I can do anything! The rest of my time's going to be fun!

I was drying up, even with Bible studies. But I needed this -- this pure love.

I left the church 30 years ago. When I get out I'm going back, not just to pick up my kids, but to go in and stay.

I found a LOT more of Him here. I want to be a soldier for the Lord, without guns, but with the shield of God's armor.

We learned how to put on the armor of God. We're taking the shield of God with us.

I'm taking Jesus away with me. With Him we can do it, brothers!!

JESUS SAID, "I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME." MATTHEW 25:36



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