

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Kairos Volunteer,

I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not already know me. My name is Mary Sogan, and since July 16th I am privileged to be serving as your State Committee Chairperson.

God has graciously allowed me to be part of the Kairos Ministry in Colorado for twenty years. I served on my first team at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility in October of 1985. I have served on the State Committee at two different times in previous years, including almost four years as Representative to the National Board. While there, I served on the Executive Committee, The Manual Review Committee, Long Range Planning, and various other committees. I had the opportunity to be sent to several "first" weekends in other States as the National Observer, including two Kairos Outside weekends. For the past five years, God has blessed my service to National as an Advanced Kairos Trainer. I cannot tell you how very privileged and humbled I am to have been chosen by God over these years to be part of this ministry.

Personally, I am married to George L. Sogan (21 years). I have 2 children. My daughter, Christina Pierce (37), is married to Tim. They have four of my grandchildren – David Alan (20) (who will give me my first Great Grandchild in March), Timothy James (14), Victoria Catherine (soon to be 4), and our youngest, Jeanette Louise (soon to be 1). My Son, Mark Alan Hoffman, is married to Kristine. They have given me four more grand children are – Shelby Krystyna (12), Dylan Joseph (11), Donna Marie (11), and Shaylee Eileen (7). My wonderful family also includes many loving in-laws and other extended family.

I work at Faith Community Church in Littleton as the Office Manager – presently interim, and hoping to go permanent soon.

I would like to ask each of you to please pray for me as I serve in this position, that I may glorify God by practicing the 4 L's, and lead with a sense of "caring for" not "ruling over" this ministry. Also, I ask that you pray for the other members of the State Committee.

If there are any issues you feel are not being addressed within the Colorado Kairos Ministry, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Mary Sogan, Chairperson

PARTICIPATE!

There's an old saying: if you aren't part of the solution then you're part of the problem. In Kairos of Colorado there is always at least one problem. Recent examples:

- ◆ Security violations
- ◆ Not enough new team members
- ◆ Not enough clergy team members, especially female
- ◆ Local innovating versus following KPMI standards.

Your State Committee (SC), through the Advisory Councils, is responsible for making sure these problems are addressed in the eleven Kairos programs now functioning in Colorado. Mary Sogan has the main responsibility for orchestrating all this. Steve Gabriel is our connection with "National" (Kairos Prison Ministry International). The other SC members have their own delegated responsibilities.

All this is accomplished only by the grace of God – working through this gang of servants. Some of the servants are getting on in years and would like for younger servants to take their place. (See "Want Ads" on the back page.) And from time to time some of the servants have to resign from the SC, for one reason or another. The bottom line is that openings on the SC do occur, and they need to be filled promptly in order to provide the hands and feet Jesus needs for keeping the ministry running in His way – ideally without problems.

One position is open as we write – namely, the SC Secretary. Lee Kulbitski has been doing this job in addition to her job as State Treasurer, but this is a big load for a grandmother with many little ones to love.

Besides the Secretary position, there will be at least one other position to fill in January at the annual SC election. Please consider this way to **participate!** We do not need experts in these jobs, just those who have a servant's heart. For more details about a job, ask Mary or Lee or any of the SC members listed on page 3. This is a cool way to

NEXT STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 1 November 2005, 6:00pm
New Hope Presbyterian Church

FROM THE DEACON

For the last few months, we, the Kairos family, have been under attack viciously by the evil one. He has managed to infiltrate our ranks and has created havoc and disarray. My brothers and sisters in Christ, we must go back to what makes us strong in order to regain that feeling of community that once was so evident that we expressed it even when we were apart. We must maintain our faith in God foremost, and in each other. "Continue securely established and steadfast in the faith" (Colossians 1: 23)

In my study time this month, I have found scripture* to focus so vividly on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is probably the most powerful tool we have to help us deepen our conversions – turning back to Jesus, confessing our sins, and experiencing his forgiveness. Remember, He fills us with knowledge of God's mercy and love for us.

We must be tuned-up like an orchestra. Every instrument must be perfectly tuned and playing the same musical creation. All things must be in harmony. Just as this is true, and the sound is pleasing to the ear, the prayers of two or more people in agreement of hearts, desires, and voices are pleasing to the Lord. My brothers and sisters, we must come together in prayer

during these trying times.

There is no place for anger, wrath, or resentment. "These also are abominations. Yet a sinner holds onto them" (Sirach 27:30). "The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for He remembers their sins in detail" (Sirach 28:1) "Forgive your neighbor's injustice then when you pray, your own sin will be forgiven" (Sirach 28:2). From the beginning Satan has tried to steal and kill and destroy, his attack on humanity is relentless. He will stop at nothing to rob us of our faith. His most effective strategy is to keep us from recognizing the dignity and power we have as children of God.

In Philippians 1:20-24, 27, St Paul perceives this battle. He went about in Jesus' name seeking to set people free. Isn't that what we do with KAIROS? We cannot be very effective in the state we have been in. St. Paul wanted people to know the power of the cross so that they would begin to live a life according to the gospels, a life of spiritual greatness.

We too have a major part to play in this battle, probably a bigger role than we can see. Christ himself is within us! So, let your light shine and give God the Glory! After all, it's all about Him!

Your Brother in Christ,
Deacon Ernest I. Romero OLG

SECURITY TUNE-UP

At its July 16th meeting the State Committee (SC) appointed three of its members to work with the Fremont Advisory Council (AC) to thoroughly examine security issues relevant to the Kairos program in Fremont, with the objective of formulating a set of security procedures for use in Fremont. The three SC members are:

- ◆ Steve Gabriel, representing KPMI interests,
- ◆ Jim Carter, representing Men's Facilities, and
- ◆ Lee Kulbitski, representing Women's Facilities.

These three, plus four members of the Fremont AC, have been doing homework and meeting regularly. They are examining security matters applicable to every facet of the Kairos program, using a process analysis that focuses on risk assessment. An example is determining the most secure method for inspecting and transporting food and supplies into the prison. They have compiled

security recommendations for the following areas:

- ◆ Pre Team Meeting Team Selection,
- ◆ Team Meeting Security Training,
- ◆ Kairos Events in the Prison, and
- ◆ AC Security Responsibilities.

Under the leadership of Tom Guidera this "task force" is now organizing its recommendations into a format for presentation to the Fremont AC, to the SC, and eventually to the Fremont warden and staff. A key factor is establishing a team Security Chief who:

- ◆ is a member of the Advisory Council,
- ◆ is the decision maker for all security issues, and
- ◆ is the single point of contact for facility personnel during Kairos events.

This is all part of the preparation for resuming the Fremont program in 2006. Warden Watkins has

If anyone reading this newsletter would like to start serving on a Kairos team, please contact any one of the State Committee persons listed on page 3. If you have not made an outside Weekend (Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo, Koinonia, etc), you can become qualified for team membership by participating at a Qualifying Table on one of our Kairos Weekends. A

Kairos of **New Mexico** is hosting the **2006 KPMI** summer conference on **25-30 July** at the Glorieta Retreat Center, which is on I-25 just east of Santa Fe. Preliminary information is at **www.kairosprisonministry.org**, under "Announcements" for now, and then there will be a separate web page for the conference.

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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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REMAINING 2005 WEEKENDS & LEADERS

CAÑON WOMEN'S #43	13-16 Oct	Kathy Awtrey
DELTA #28	20-23 Oct	Alan King
STERLING NORTH #10	3 - 6 Nov	Ted Leber
TERRITORIAL #40	17-20 Nov	Robb McCafferty
BRUSH WOMEN'S #2	1 - 4 Dec	Chris Bauer
DENVER WOMEN'S #6	1 - 4 Dec	Liz Castillo

CLOSING CONTACTS

Ann Weida, by 1 Oct	16 Oct, 1:15 pm
Allen Molendyk, by 1 Oct	23 Oct, 2:15 pm
Andrew Sisneros, by 21 Oct	6 Nov, 4:00 pm
Gary Kulbitski, by 30 Oct	20 Nov, 1:20 pm
Jan Loesch, by 11 Nov	4 Dec, 4:15 pm
Gabriella Ramirez, by 4 Nov	4 Dec, 4:00 pm

ARRIVE BY

LIMON #5, to be led by Brian Beattie, is rescheduled to late January, early February 2006.

**Be blessed by attending a Closing!
Invite a friend.**



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NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This little newsletter needs some fresh ideas, some young zip, maybe more graphics and fewer words. Out of our approximately 600 readers, surely at least one of you would enjoy the challenge of doing the Colorado Kairos Newsletter – maintaining it essentially as it is, modifying it, or redesigning it completely.

Our readers use this 23-year-old newsletter for different purposes. Some keep it around for Weekend data. Others keep it as a reference for State Committee member data. Some enjoy reading the Closing comments. Some depend on it for announcements of meetings, training, etc.

The Scripture says nothing about retirement, but it does tell us to be sensitive to God's calling. I am feeling "de-called." Whoever is now called, let's work together on the December issue, and then you become the new editor. Peggy and I will still maintain the database and, if you'd like, do the printing and mailing.

HELP WITH THE AGAPE

The Agape job is a ministry of love – Agape love. It is a very fulfilling position. I have been the Colorado Agape person for over ten years. I don't foresee giving it up unless my health or that of my husband deem it to be necessary, but meanwhile the State Committee has asked me to find someone to help me and be able to take over when that need should arise.

The Agape job is a big job. Anyone interested in serving in it needs to have the time to give to it. It entails sending and gathering all those Agape letters and posters that are so vital to the presentation of God's Love. It entails the use of a computer, although some of the Agape is sent by regular mail. For each of the eleven facility programs in Colorado we average approximately 100 letters per Kairos Weekend.

Please consider this position prayerfully. If you feel called to it or just want more particulars, please contact me (see page 3).