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FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Greetings to all. I hope that your summer was fun and safe. I had the privilege of attending the Kairos International Summer Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. It was a very spiritual time, full of learning and fellowship. I can definitely recommend that each and every one of you make the pilgrimage to this event at least once in your lifetime. Like AKT, it will educate you about every aspect of Kairos and energize you to be even more dedicated to this awesome ministry. Next summer you can go to a relatively nearby location for the International Summer Conference in San Antonio, Texas, the vacation spot of the state with the Alamo, River Walk and Sea World.

There are some pretty significant developments with the Kairos international Board and financing. In a pretty amazing show of solidarity, the new proposals were overwhelmingly passed. I'll leave it to our International Rep. to cover the details, but we are seeing an historic movement in Kairos towards the future. Other developments include a pilot program to start a new ministry called Torch Outside, which will focus on ministering to and mentoring the children of the incarcerated. Attending the talk on this was inspiring, to see the founder, a Kairos college intern who recently graduated and was added to the KPMI staff to run this new ministry.

I also attended a significant talk on Strategic Planning given by our own Steve Gabriel, KPMI president. He is an expert in strategic planning and has been deeply involved in shepherding new vision for Kairos, both in Colorado and International. My favorite one-liner from the talk was, "Failing to plan is planning to fail." So our next State Committee Meeting on Sept. 19th in Castle Rock will focus on creating a vision and strategic plan for Colorado, to continue the work Steve started here. I invite each one of you to come and be a part of this.

I'll keep it short this time, as I'm off to a Sterling East #6 meeting. I'm encouraged to hear that we have made good progress towards moving our ministry from CWCF to La Vista in Pueblo, and that there may be an opening to return to High Plains. God Bless -- and as always, thanks for your great sacrifices to this wonderful ministry.

M. Jeffrey Holley, Chairman, Colorado Chapter, KPMI

LA VISTA WOMEN'S — PUEBLO

Praise God! The CWCF Advisory council is now officially the La Vista Advisory Council.

With the closing of CWCF earlier in the year, several of our graduates were moved to the La Vista Women's Prison in Pueblo and the need for a Kairos program there became evident. In late July, Kathy Awtrey, Sara Igyarto, Jean Magnuson and Jean Yanchek met with Carol Espinoza, the Director of Volunteer programs at La Vista. The main issue was lack of space, but after assurances were made addressing flexibility, Ms. Espinoza agreed to allow us to start coming into the facility for "Prayer and Share" Reunions. She will be canvassing the Kairos grads to see the interest level and we will adjust the number of times we go in each month depending on those numbers. At the present time, we are planning on twice a month, the **first and third Thursdays, starting Sept 3rd**, from 6pm until 7:50pm, with a maximum number of 20 residents participating each time. Ms Espinoza ended the meeting with a facility tour for those present.

The La Vista AC is planning a "Kick-off" party for active and prospective team members on Sunday September 13th. We feel truly blessed with this opportunity and would covet your prayers as we make this move.

Submitted by Kathy Awtrey

FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO KPMI

The 2009 Kairos Prison Ministry International Summer Conference was held from 28 July–2 August at Brock University in Saint Catharines, Ontario, Canada, .

The amended by laws for the new organizational structure were approved by an overwhelming majority. Under this new structure, some states will have more than one International Council (IC) Representative. If a State has 1-15 ministry units (Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, and Kairos Torch) they will elect one representative to the IC, 16-30 would entitle them to 2 representatives, 31-45 units, and so on. At this time, Colorado will have only one representative, but we are blessed to know that two additional Colorado Kairos volunteers will remain – KPMI President (for present structure), Steve Gabriel, and Wayne Park, International Committee Chair.

The ad-hoc committee for the new structure will be looking for At-Large Members who have special skills, resources, abilities, etc. For more information on this, go to: [Prospective KPMI Board or IC Member Profile Form](#). Please review this and prayerfully consider if, possibly, you are being called to fill out the “Prospective Profile”. If so, please do so, and send it to George Brown, our Region 6 Representative of the ad-hoc committee. His email address is: gb3mjb@astound.net.

You can also view the Amended By-Laws, which explains the new structure. Go to www.kairosprisonministry.org, under Board of Directors, then click on [KPMI By-Laws](#).

Also, look at the [Interrelationship Diagram](#) which is in “organizational chart” form.

Other Documents on the above website which may be of interest are as follows:

[Volunteer Recruiting And Resource Building Guide](#)

[Outreach2 Presentation Guide](#)

[Interest Card](#)

NOTE: There is also a very good DVD on the “Kairos Supplies” form called Kairos Media #1 Collection, which includes the following:

- **Marion CI Silent Choir**
- **Paul Gray**
- **“My Kairos” DVD**
- **“Both Sides of the Wall” DVD**
- **Kairos 2-Minute Advertisement**
- **Kairos Outside Promo**
- **Kairos Outside True Meaning**

Please keep KPMI, Inc., and those who will be part of the new organizational structure in your prayer. Pray especially for God’s Wisdom and God’s Will to be done in all their decision making.

Love in Christ

Mary L. Sogan, Colorado Representative to KPMI

BLUE MANUAL CHANGES – SECOND ASKING

Our KPMI Executive Director, John Thompson, is asking each of us to participate in a revision of the Blue Manual.

The Blue Manual is five or six years old. There are various subject areas that need to be refreshed. Some of us want to add more information about team meetings, some miss the information from the previous “Continuing Ministry” manual about grouping, and some are still troubled by the Listening/Lifelines talk

. John’s hope is that the principle work for the revision will take place between now and the 2010 Winter Conference. Whatever revisions or additions **you** would like to have considered, please write them up and email them soon to our National Rep, Mary Sogan at mlsogan@comcast.net – emphasis on soon.

SC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The State Committee has appointed a committee to nominate Colorado Kairos people for January 2010 openings on the SC. All of the officer positions are for one-year terms, so are open for replacement or reelection (except for the Chair who is term limited). Both Clergy positions are open. If you have any interest in serving or know someone who is, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members – Randy Borden, Glenda Condon, or Peter Kufeke.

HOW THIRSTY ARE YOU?

On these warm summer days how gratifying to have a cold drink! For me the best thirst-quencher is to drink some cold water. Others may have other preferences. Having the privilege to sit beside a roaring mountain stream, as the water pours over the rocks, has given me the opportunity this summer to ponder some Biblical truths.

First, I am reminded of the story of Jesus meeting a woman of Samaria at a well, and He asked her for a drink on a hot day, as recorded in John 4, and the time in John 7, when Jesus appeared at Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles and He said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." Or what the author of the 42nd Psalm said: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God" (verse 1).

This got me to thinking, how thirsty am I? Jesus told the woman at the well, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him (living water), will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Jesus, of course, is not talking about H₂O.

Deep within each of us there is a thirst. To satisfy it people turn to alcohol to drown out that inner need. But there is a hangover. Others turn to drugs to seek a high, but that soon wears off. Others turn to pleasure – sex and pornography. That only satisfies for a moment. Still others turn to things, particularly money and material things. These, too, can be quickly taken away. None of these can permanently satisfy that inner longing. Joe Gibbs, former successful coach of the Washington Redskins, speaks of that lonely feeling within, even though he had led his team to a very successful season, had plenty of money and popularity. None of these things took away that inner need. Only the "water" that Jesus gives, salvation in Him, really satisfied that emptiness within.

I thought of the story that took place during WW.II in England. Because London was being so heavily bombed night after night, many small children were sent out of the city to a safer place in Wales. There many were boarded and fed in large buildings. But everything was heavily rationed. After the war was over, some people came to help these kids as they were being readied to be sent back home, if there was a home to send them to. One man tells of offering a small child a drink of some juice. The boy took the cup and asked how much he could drink. He was used to just taking a sip, so that other children could have a drink also out of the same cup. The man replied, "You can drink it all."

Jesus offers to us the drink of "living water that satisfies forever." But how thirsty are we? Do we take just a sip? As I sat beside that stream of water in the mountains, watching it in early summer become a raging torrent, roaring down the valley, I was reminded that Jesus told the crowd there in Jerusalem, "Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him." Here He is referring to the gift of the Holy Spirit to come within all who trust in Jesus, who is the source of that Living Water.

The water from that mountain stream flowed down to the valley to refresh the crops, to give drinking water to thirsty people, and to water their lawns and gardens. How much stream have I allowed the Holy Spirit to flow out of me to refresh others, to share with them the life-giving drink that will lead them to put their trust in Jesus? A gushing stream, or just a trickle? How thirsty am I? To really seek to follow Christ, to read what God has for me in His Word? Or am I trying to satisfy my thirst "for the eternal God" with that which will not satisfy?

Those of us who do prison ministry, with the prisoners or with their families, have the good news to share that Christ and Christ alone can satisfy the inner thirst they have. Let us truly drink deeply of the Living Water Christ offers, so that we can serve others and share it with them. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6). How thirsty are you?

Submitted by the Reverend Elwyn Tedford, State Committee

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING

Chaplain Jack Olafson plans to conduct another session of the Spiritual Advisor Training in October, beginning Friday evening the 16th and concluding on Saturday the 17th. Just call him at [719-590-9639](tel:719-590-9639) to sign up. He will provide you with a course manual prior to the course so you can prepare. At the conclusion of the course you will be commissioned as a "Certified Spiritual Advisor" and will then be able to participate on a Kairos team as "Kairos Clergy."

15 JUNE 1925 — FRANCES L. ARCHULETA — 3 JULY 2009

Fran and her husband, Moses, were instrumental in getting Colorado Kairos started in the early and mid 1980's. Some of you may have served with her at Cañon Women's on some of the very early teams. She will be missed by many.

RIFLE #9 CLOSING

St Matthew:

Arrived - Open hearted, wanting to learn, confused, ready for a new journey and looking for acceptance.

Found - Learned about myself, learned about the Lord, brotherhood, and family

Taking - Knowledge, peace of mind, taking Jesus with me, and an open heart

St Mark:

Arrived - Weak, searching, lacking, and tired

Found - Desire to study God's word, I am not alone, and Jesus

Taking- New friends, spiritual growth, and hope for a new beginning

St Luke:

Arrived - Strong but with room for growth, curious, looking for change

Found - Brothers, a long way to go, sharing of love.

Taking - Different views of the word, better understanding, and no other love like God's.

St John:

Arrived - Good, not good, expecting, weak, and doubting

Found - Brotherhood, I am not alone, shedding a tear, never to late to ask forgiveness.

Taking - Forgiveness and peace, renewed spirit, friendship with God, and new brothers.

St Peter:

Arrived - Weak, not good but open mind, looking for brothers, and in doubt.

Found - Joy of the Lord, love, and people who care

Taking - Compassion, peace, love, and an open mind

Notable Individual Comments:

I had walked away from the Lord and made many bad choices, but now I am saved again and blessed by the Lord.

I was slipping in my Christian walk but now I have seen the light.

I came to Kairos with many doubts, but I found strength and I am happy to be here.

I had been a prisoner within myself, but last night the Lord spoke to me and now I am free.

Submitted by Tyne Bush

COLORADO KAIROS OUTSIDE #3

13-15 November

Colorado Kairos Outside #3 is to be held at the Ponderosa Retreat Center on 13-15 November. Plan now to show and share God's Love by attending one or both of:

The **Walk in Love** Candlelight on Saturday the 14th.

Glenn Chapel

Please arrive between 8:00 to 8:15 pm

Parking available at Glenn Chapel

The **Closing** on Sunday the 15th

Glenn Chapel

Please arrive between 2:00 and 2:15 pm

Parking available at Glenn Chapel

General directions: From I-25 Exit 163 (County Line Road) go east on County Line Road 1.8 miles to Furrow Road, turn left (north) for about .9 miles to Ponderosa sign, turn left, follow road to Glenn Chapel.

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives or friends who are or who have been incarcerated.

Christianity is a religion of rescue. It is designed for the desperate.

Walter Henrichsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
2009		
1st & 3rd Thursdays	LA VISTA WOMEN'S REUNIONS (see page 1)	Sara Igyarto
1-4 October	DELTA #36 Robert Aragon	Bill Bennett
1-4 October	STERLING EAST #6 Paul Benevides	Thomas Sonntag
8-11 October	TERRITORIAL #48 Terry Fitzgerald	Bill Durfee
16-17 October	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TRAINING	Jack Olafson
	Family in Christ Community Church, Westminster	
5-8 November	STERLING WEST #26** Scott Glahn	Thomas Sonntag
13-15 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #3 Linda Lauper	Jean Mares
	Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur/Monument	
	("We need guests and team members!" Linda)	
3-6 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #12 Marti Casey	Glenda Condon
	DENVER STREET GATHERINGS	
2nd Fridays, 7:00pm	Warren United Methodist Church, 14th and Gilpin. Bring spouse, friend, grouping card, musical instrument. Volunteers also bring potluck dish. Contact is Glenda Condon.	
	COLORDAO SPRINGS STREET GATHERINGS	
3rd Fridays, 6:30pm	Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hancock & Boulder, Bus lines #5 and #19. Volunteers bring potluck dish. Contact is Jean Magnuson.	
2010		
12-15 February*	FREMONT #48 TBD	Tom Guidera
8-11 April*	TERRITORIAL #49 TBD	Bill Durfee
15-18 April	DELTA #37 TBD	Bill Bennett
29 Apr 2 May	STERLING EAST #7 Kevin Condon	Thomas Sonntag
21-23 May	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING (KI/KO)	Randy Borden
	American Motel & Conference Center, Wheat Ridge	
3-6 June*	DENVER WOMEN'S #13 TBD	Glenda Condon
30 Sep-3 Oct	DELTA #38 TBD	Bill Bennett
30 Sep-3 Oct	STERLING WEST #27 Rob Bradley	Thomas Sonntag
7-10 October*	TERRITORIAL #50 TBD	Bill Durfee
2-5 December*	DENVER WOMEN'S #13 TBD	Glenda Condon

* Dates subject to Facility Confirmation

** Sterling North (-west) has had 13 Weekends, Sterling South (-west) has had 12.

Now "North" and "South" are combined into "West." Thus #26.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL (KPMI)

COLORADO CHAPTER STATE COMMITTEE

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Chaplain	Jack Olafson
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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 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), nominally four per year. The next one is at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Castle Rock at 9:00 am on Saturday 19 September.

Teleconferences (timely, agenda items only): In the months between face-to-face meetings, on third Sundays at 7:00 pm, with one and a half hour time limit.

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