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MERRY CHRISTMAS

**What to give?
Your self.**

KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 14-16 November YMCA of the ROCKIES ESTES PARK CO



Our Loving Kitchen Crew



Our Loving Musicians

Where do I begin to tell the story of how great a love can be.... i.e. love in "action" – not just word.

The KO#1 team of 34, ecumenical and multi-racial, joined together in 36 hours of team formation to put on a Kairos Outside weekend that most of them had never experienced before. Jean Mares, Lay Leader, simply asked them to read the manual and do their job. Unlike Kairos Inside, the weekend began by 6 p.m. on a Friday night to accommodate women who work and are the main breadwinners for their families.

The 24 female family members & friends (of the incarcerated) arrived between 6 - 9 p.m.- mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, aunts, friends. The majority of the guests were from the Denver metropolitan area, with a few from Pueblo, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, and Iowa. The team had brought in soup, salad, bread, and cookies for supper. Like Kairos Inside, the weekend began with the meditation, The Prodigal Daughter, and a "Choices" talk, and then to bed.

Our kitchen team of six guys (Steve, Jack, Art, Doug, Earl, John) along with co-chefs, Jeff and



The Setting



Preparing for the "Walk in Love"

Sara Holley, prepared most of our meals at the Dannen reunion cabin, a short but nice walk from the lodge. Two of the guys played guitar. Skits were a part of every meal. Each meal had a theme, with our decorators, Jane, Lorraine, and Jean doing a fantastic job. Kim Becker, head of DOC Faith and Citizens Programs, came and observed part of the weekend on Saturday morning to get a feel for what KO is all about. Jo Chapman, founder of Kairos Outside, blessed the team/me with her presence as advising leader and her helpful direction of a first weekend. The Epiphany Mountain Boys, a blue grass/Gospel group, came and played for us during lunch on Saturday for our western theme. What a group! Thinking about using them for a fundraiser. For our formal dinner on Saturday night, Debbie (guitar), Meredith (keyboard), and Linda (flute) entertained us with dinner music; they were a great music team ALL weekend. A Christian clown ministry of three joined us for the birthday lunch on Sunday. Like Kairos the weekend was full of meditations, talks, discussion at table, and surprises. Our agape team of Lena, Stephanie, Laura, and Linda facilitated most of those surprises and did a tremendous amount of work before the weekend even began, let alone ON the weekend.

On Sunday afternoon, we had the closing at Hyde Chapel on the grounds of the YMCA of the Rockies. One of the guests is still reflecting on all the love she received from total strangers. The forgiveness service was most meaningful for a lot of the women, as reported in their evaluations. One of the guests wants to get Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside going in Montana when her husband gets out of prison; he has been on Kairos Inside. Our spiritual directors, Cheryl and Tamara, were new to Kairos but did a wonderful job facilitating the forgiveness service and other spiritual pieces of the weekend. Thanks to Cheryl we have a storage unit for our KO supplies.

Observing Lay Leader #1, Mary Sogan, was guest coordinator. Her hard work was done before the weekend, keeping in touch with the guests, sending out information, arranging for transportation for some of the guests, and so much more. Some of our guests even helped bring other guests to the weekend. Observing Lay Leader #2, Linda Lauper, was the timekeeper for the weekend. Before the weekend, she helped the agape team with her computer expertise as well as me. She is our Financial Secretary for the advisory council we are presently forming. She and Steve made all the lanyards for the KO crosses. Steve built a wonderful big wooden cross for our chapel on the weekend, which we also utilized to hang those crosses from.

Our table servers, Sue and Marilyn, were kept sooo busy on the weekend. They gifted each of the guests with bags of leftover snack food from the weekend. They also did the kitchen work to put together our Friday evening supper. Then the table leaders facilitated discussion on the talks and meditations. There were two leaders per table -- Cheri, Sandy, Jan, Mary Ann, Margaret, Kris, Catherine, Laura, Lorraine, and Pilar. Helping with pieces of the weekend behind the scenes were the angels -- Rich, Melissa and George, and Teela.

I was so incredibly blessed by the whole team and all those whom God called to give meditations & talks. "Thank you" seems like too small a word to say to the whole team of 34. They were all mighty servants and sacrificed much to be on this weekend. I know God will bless them in eternity. Our overnight at the Dannen reunion cabin and praying over each other was a very bonding time where we united as the body of Christ. They were "servants in action." Their love "in action" impacted the guests greatly. To God be the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Jean Mares, Lay Leader, KO #1

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Salvation is by grace; rewards are by works.

FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Merry Christmas Kairos community. I hope all of you are having and will continue to have a joyous Holiday season.

At the beginning of the year, I thought that I knew the priorities that I wanted to accomplish as State Chair of Kairos of Colorado. As is often the case, especially with type-A personalities like mine, God likes to humble us and derail our human plans and replace them with His will. To us Christians, this should come as no surprise, since Jesus taught us to pray (right there at the beginning, not tucked away in the middle) "THY will be done."

Anyway, I had a heart to get the Kairos Torch program off the ground. Next I had interest in supporting the goal of another very committed Committee member – namely, to start a Kairos program in a Federal Correction Facility, particularly for veterans. While there is nothing wrong with these goals, it just has to be in His time. As I talked to everyone, and prayed about what was needed, I heard clearly from the State Committee that we needed to complete what we'd begun with, starting Kairos Outside, before jumping into anything else new. So I subjugated my will, and put my self square in the middle of what I perceived to be His will. As you can see in the previous two pages, Kairos Outside had a very successful start. I don't want to take any credit for it, by the way, like the Newsboy song says, "We give all that to God!"

So here I am, a few weeks after the first successful KO, and I'm meditating on what was accomplished this year and realized that I'd like to have been able to do so much more. No sooner did I thank God for allowing KO to be successful, than I got an email from a Chaplain at the FCI at Florence. He had already done Kairos in another state and wanted us in Florence ASAP! As it stands, I'm going with a few other Committee members early next year to get the work begun to start Colorado's first Federal prison Kairos. There will be lots of challenges, such as not allowing food and having minimal facilities, but we will see how we can move forward. "Be patient and God will reward you" I thought to myself. Please pray that we can all continue to be receptive to His will in ministry this next year.

I have another topic for this month. We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to have Jo Chapman of Kairos International come the Saturday during our AKT at the end of March to teach a one-day Advisory Council Training. This is a fantastic course on ways to be more effective stewards of our ministry. I would like to see every single AC member show up for this class, but I realize that that would be rather difficult and unwieldy. However, I do believe that it is so important for us to take advantage of this opportunity that at least 3-5 members of each AC should plan on attending.

The benefits that we receive from being willing to serve our ministry with all of our hearts and with more gusto and intensity than we pursue any other personal endeavor will be multiplied with blessings. Please join me and put all of our hearts and minds toward making Kairos of Colorado a thriving and growing ministry.

Merry Christmas,

M. Jeffrey Holley

RECAP and REMINDERS

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

SECURITY – Avoid enmeshment.

REPORTING TO DOC – Be sure to inform the DOC Volunteer office (719-226-4481) immediately of any changes in your "police record." This is a DOC regulation. See Jeff's message in August edition.

PASS IT ON – Please share this newsletter with your friends – just forward it, or print it.

GREEN AGAPE – Tis the season to be jolly – with your wallet, that is. Your jolly-ful gift to Colorado Kairos will be joyfully appreciated. You can designate it for a particular team, or for the State program at large. Our USPS address is P.O.Box 25004, Colorado Springs CO 80936. Kairos is a 501(c)3 ministry, so your donations are tax deductible.

NEXT STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

0845 Saturday 10 January 2009

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Castle Rock – Welcome all

CAÑON WOMEN'S #48 CLOSING

From the four table families:

Family of Mary: We learned to focus...that God is real...a little faith will move mountains. Pray, keep your faith, God bless you all.

Family of Elizabeth: We came open minded, with open heart. We leave knowing that we are not alone.

Family of Ruth: We arrived broken, lost, parched. Found forgiveness, real peace. Taking with us serenity, a closer walk with God, and being Ruth-like (as in the Bible).

Family of Sarah: We found love.

From the individual women:

I can't feel my feet, looking at all these people – so different from all the people who have hurt me. I pray that the fire within you will continue to burn.

Our journey is only beginning. We are all children of Christ.

I've been really lost, angry. Today is very different.

Everybody gave me "F's" this weekend – Friendship, Faith, Forgiveness.

Glad to be among people who treat you right. What I am taking away, mostly, is forgiveness – for myself and others.

I used to put on a strong face, but now I don't have to anymore.

(4th Day Speaker) I learned on my Kairos (#34) that you don't have to stay secluded.

Submitted by Jim Strub

A PRAYER FROM INSIDE DWCF

Our Father Who art in heaven –

Our provider, caregiver, protector who lives in heaven, my ultimate home.

Hallowed be Thy name –

How glorious and awesome is Your name.

Thy kingdom come –

May the world through Your work in me be as You want it.

Thy will be done –

And may I always be doing what You want me to do.

On earth as it is in heaven –

Here on this earth until I am with You in heaven.

Give us this day –

Provide for me today the things I truly need.

Our daily bread –

Such as food, shelter, and clothing.

And forgive us our trespasses –

Forgive me for all those things I won't get or do right.

As we forgive those who trespass against us –

And allow me and help me to forgive those around me that don't do it as I think it should be done.

And lead us not into temptation –

Do not let my heart and mind wander into things not of You.

But deliver us from evil –

And thank You for being there to keep me out of trouble.

For Thine is the kingdom –

It is Your way and being in Your kingdom.

And the power –

And to have You bestow on me Your honor.

And the glory –

To see and know Your glory.

Forever and ever –

Is what I truly want forever and into eternity. With You I stand.

Amen.

MISSIONARY WORK

We are missionaries. Our mission field is a prison. This is a response to God's call on us — given all through the Bible, especially in "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:19) and in Jesus' pointing out the essentiality of visiting prisoners (Matthew 25:36). We do not have to go to a distant place, just to a prison here in our own state. We are missionaries.

Oswald Chambers has this to say about missionaries:

"A missionary is someone sent by Jesus Christ just as He was sent by God.. The great controlling factor is not the needs of people, but the command of Jesus.....Personal attachment to the Lord Jesus and to His perspective is the one thing that must not be overlooked. In missionary work the great danger is that God's call will be replaced by the needs of the people, to the point that human sympathy for those needs will absolutely overwhelm the meaning of being sent by Jesus. The needs are so enormous, and the conditions so difficult, that every power of the mind falters and fails. We tend to forget that the one great reason underneath all missionary work is not primarily the elevation of the people, their education, nor their needs, but is first and foremost the command of Jesus Christ — 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...' (Matthew 28:19).

"When looking back on the lives of men and women of God, the tendency is to say, 'What wonderful keen and intelligent wisdom they had, and how perfectly they understood all that God wanted!' But the keen and intelligent mind behind them was the mind of God, not human wisdom at all. We give credit to human wisdom when we should give credit to the divine guidance of God being exhibited through child-like people who were 'foolish' enough to trust God's wisdom and his supernatural equipment." (*"My Utmost for His Highest" — meditation for 26 October*)

Yes, we have been "foolish" enough to realize God's call on us, and act on it. And yes, it is hard to not put the physical needs and dire situations of the prisoners above the real reason why we are there — that is, to make disciples, and because we were sent there not in sympathy, but by Jesus Christ. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last." (John 15:16).

Above all, brothers and sisters in Christ, all the credit goes to God, and only to God — publicly.

Soli Deo Gloria

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, 7:00pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hancock & Boulder, Bus lines #5 and #19. Volunteers bring potluck dish. Contact is [Jean Magnuson](#).

COLORADO SPRINGS GATHERING #1

Thanks to the organizational and hosting gifts of Jean Magnuson, there was a first Street Gathering in Colorado Springs on Friday 21 November at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. There was singing, eating, prayer, meaningful sharing, and just plain old good conversation. Three former inmates were there, as well as nine volunteers.

PLAN NOW FOR 2009 AKT

Randy Borden has already set up Advanced Kairos Training for 27-29 March at the American Motel and Conference Center in Wheat Ridge.(Denver Metro Area) — same place as last time.

Check-in and supper will be Friday night at 5:00 pm. Check-out will be on Sunday the 29th at 1:00 pm.

Cost for commuters, \$130. This covers all training materials, Friday night supper, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Cost for travelers, \$200 for double occupancy, or \$255 for single. This covers all training materials, Friday night supper, 3 meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Please bring your Blue Kairos Manuals with you. Email [Randy Borden](#) or call him at 303-469-7540.

UPCOMING EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u>
2009			
5-8 February	KPMI WINTER BOARD Orlando, Florida		Mary Sogan
13-16 February	FREMONT #47	Rueben Duran	Tom Guidera
5-8 March	STERLING EAST #6	Paul Benevides	Thomas Sonntag
5-8 March	RIFLE #8	Fred Sommerlot	Tyne Bush
27-29 March	ADVANCED KAIROS TRAINING		Randy Borden
28 March	AC Training, by Jo Chapman of KPMI Both at Wheat Ridge (American Motel & Conf Center)		Jeff Holley
16-19 April	CAÑON WOMEN'S #49	Katherine Igyarto	Kathy Awtrey
16-19 April	DELTA #35	Glen Kimbrough	Bill Bennett
16-19 April	TERRITORIAL #47	Mike Zwissler	Bill Durfee
30 April-3 May	STERLING SOUTH #12	Greg Oliver	Thomas Sonntag
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Mary Sogan	Jean Mares
TBD	LIMON #9	Jay Sims	Jim Richardson
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11	Ruthmary Lyons	Glenda Condon
28 July-2 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE St Catharines, Ontario (near Niagra Falls)		Mary Sogan
6-9 August	RIFLE #9	Ace Chapman	Tyne Bush
1-4 October	DELTA #36	Rex Stucker	Bill Bennett
8-11 October	TERRITORIAL #48	Terry Fitzgerald	Bill Durfee
16-19 October	CAÑON WOMEN'S #50	Jannie Savoy	Kathy Awtrey
5-8 November	STERLING NORTH #14	Scott Glahn	Thomas Sonntag
3-6 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #12	TBD	Glenda Condon

ELECTIONS TO STATE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the KPMI State Committee Operating Procedures, the State Committee conducts elections to the Committee each January. For 2009 this is scheduled for Saturday 10 January at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Castle Rock, beginning at 0845.

The State Committee consists of six officers, two clergy, seven committee chairs, and a representative from each Advisory Council. There are term limits, but this time all of the incumbents are good for at least one more year, if re-elected. One of the Clergy positions is vacant. The AC representatives are actually chosen by their own AC's and then formally seated on the SC. The Committee chairpersons are appointed by the State Chair, serve at his/her pleasure, and have no term limits.

If you are interested in becoming part of this process or of the State Committee, please contact [Jeff Holley](#).

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL (KPMI)

COLORADO CHAPTER STATE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS:

Chairperson	Jeff Holley
International Representative	Mary Sogan
Vice Chairperson	Glenda Condon
Secretary	Jean Magnuson
Financial Secretary	Lee Kulbitski
Treasurer	Jim Strub

CLERGY:

The Reverend	(open)
The Reverend	Elwyn Tedford

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

Cañon Women's	Kathy Awtrey
Delta	Bob Storch
Denver Women's	Glenda Condon
Fremont	Tom Guidera
High Plains Women's	Patty Morrison
Kairos Outside	Jean Mares
Limon	Jim Richardson
Rifle	Tim Brady
Sterling (East, South, North)	Bert Morrison
Territorial	Glen Wiersch

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Agape	Wanda Sitler
Newsletter	Jim Strub
Observer Program	Glenda Condon
Recruiting	Peter Kufeke
State Security Coordinator	Jean Yanchek
Training	Randy Borden
Website	Ryan Cline

EX-OFFICIO:

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):

- 10 January – including annual elections
- 4 April
- 27 June
- 19 September

Teleconferences (timely, agenda items only):

In the months between the face-to-face meetings, on third Sundays at 7:00 pm, with one and a half hour time limit.