

God's Special Time



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

It seems that the weeks and months go by so quickly, and 1986 is a month old already. Where does the time go?

1985 was certainly a year of excitement for KAIROS, not only here in Colorado but on a national level, too! Two more states started KAIROS weekends in 1985, and the first International Convention was held in Niagara Falls, NY, with four of our community in attendance.

There were two weekends each held at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility (CWCF) and Fremont Correctional Facility (FCF). All were filled with God's love. Many inmates were brought to the love of God for the first time.

1986 promises to be even more exciting with our first KAIROS planned for Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF) in April and two weekends each again planned for CWCF and FCF. This is a major step for our community. We must do all that we can to interest new people to become part of a team, especially men, for we cannot hope to spread our existing community any thinner.

Those of us men who are serving the community at FCF cannot be the ones to also serve at TCF. It is just an impossible task to handle. Oh yes, some will be called upon to serve on TCF #1, but only a handful (5 or 6) of key people. So spread the news of the first weekend at TCF to those of our friends who have expressed interest in serving on a team - we NEED THEM NOW! Call Phil Marsn at 598-0574 with names and addresses. Team meetings will be starting soon.

On the personal side I would like to earnestly thank each of you for the prayers and support which you gave to me and my family during my surgery and recovery period. Praise God I am up to full strength again and I know that your prayers were a big factor in that. Again -- thanks!!

Sincerely,

Bill Potter, Director

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

A national telephone company has used the phrase, "Reach out and touch someone." As I thought about it, I came to realize that we in the KAIROS ministry exemplify what the telephone company is saying. The KAIROS ministry is constantly "reaching out and touching" men and women in prison. However, we do not just touch them with our hand, but we give them the "TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND."

What does that T-O-U-C-H stand for as we minister? Let me try and give my thoughts on it.

T -- represents the TENDER CARE and concern we have for God's people who happen to be in prison. We care enough to pray, to travel to team meetings, to drive to Canon City for the weekends, to write letters, to attend the Ultreyas of "Hug a Thug" meetings. We caress with TENDER CARE as we counsel them about release and provide a helping hand when needed.

O -- represents the OIL OF HEALING that we bring the men and women. You've heard the inmates say on many an occasion, "If it weren't for KAIROS, I wouldn't have a family." That's healing, folks. It is a healing that has taken lives at enmity with themselves, their families and God, and put them in harmony with themselves, their families and God. We provide that OIL OF HEALING.

U -- represents the UNLIMITED LOVE we share with them. What a thrill to have an inmate ask for special prayer to heal an anxiety and hurt feeling. When you pray with the inmate for removal of that anxiety, God's UNLIMITED LOVE comes through. When you visit the prison for the Ultreya, the inmate is there waiting for you. You can see the growth in them, because you brought God's UNLIMITED LOVE.

C -- represents the CALM ASSURANCE we bring to them each time we visit the prison. You feel it in the hugs, the handshakes, the prayers and the conversation. We let them know, that because HE LIVES THEY CAN FACE TOMORROW. Because HE LIVES ALL FEAR IS GONE. Because of KAIROS, that's you folks, they have the CALM ASSURANCE that "someone up there loves even me."

H -- represents the HOPE FOR TOMORROW. They are given the knowledge that "Faith is the substance of things HOPED FOR." We bring them the knowledge that "without HOPE, THE PEOPLE PERISH."

May we be blessed as we REACH OUT AND T-O-U-C-H someone with God's:

TENDER CARE
OIL OF HEALING
UNLIMITED LOVE
CALM ASSURANCE
HOPE FOR TOMORROW

In Christian Love and Service,

Vic Urban, Spiritual Director

NEWS! Our own Sandy Browning is the first woman elected to serve on the KAIROS National Executive Committee. She is a Vice President.

NOTE! We welcome Gene Wilkowski as the new Secretariat Treasurer. "Thank you" is so inadequate for all Joan Potter's service in that job, but...THANK YOU, JOAN! We love you!

NEWS! As more and more of our "insiders" are "coming out", we are holding fellowship meetings in Denver and Colorado Springs. The Denver Family Reunions start with a potluck supper at 6:30 on the last Friday each month (unless that conflicts with a KAIROS or holiday) at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 7595 Federal Blvd, just southwest of Boulder Turnpike. Call Mickey Barton 796-7414 for further information. Another gathering is meeting at Jim and Peggy Strub's in Colorado Springs on 2nd Sundays at about 3:00 (March will be 3rd Sunday to avoid conflict with FCF#7). Call 634-2821 for date confirmation and directions. These meetings are NOT limited to those in their immediate areas but are open to ALL interested.

NOTE! from the Treasurer of your Board of Directors: "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's" but no more than is required. All of our team fees, gifts of meals and supplies, etc, are DONATIONS to KAIROS and are deductible as such. We are keeping track of all cash/checks recieved, but you yourselves should keep track of the cost of food and goods you purchase. We send Tax Receipts to those who are making PLEDGE donations but not routinely to team members for those "fees", etc. In the future, if team members do need a tax receipt, we will ask that they send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Board of Directors Treasurer at the end of that tax year. We'll remind you of this at the end of 1986.

NEWS! We are delighted to welcome Andrew Kaminski to the Board of Directors as our Ways and Means Chairman. Andrew is the Pastor of Faith Bible Chapel. His church is sending that lovely bus with lots of passengers to our KAIROS closings, as well as drawing more workers into our team ministry.

NOTE! Our "outsider" attendance at the monthly prison Ultreyas is a vital factor in truly conveying that "God loves you and I love you and that's the way it's gonna be." If you have not been contacted recently to come along, it may be that our schedulers do not have your name and number. Please call Mickey and Ron Barton 796-7414, Denver and vicinity, or Peggy and Jim Strub 634-2821, Colorado Springs area. Fulfilling our Ultreya commitment really shows God's love through us.

NEWS! National KAIROS workshop will be held Aug 7-9 1986 on a beautiful island near Charleston, SC. Call Bill Potter or Sandy Browning for more information. The Aug 6-8 1987 workshop will be in COLORADO SPRINGS!

NOTE! The KAIROS phone is now in the Potters' home: 574-1078.

NEWS! Next Board of Directors meeting is at Jim and Peggy Strubs' on Feb 28, starting with potluck at 6:30. Next Secretariat meeting is at Ralph and Sandy Brownings' on Mar 15 at 7:30. The Board of Directors and Secretariat had a fruitful semi-annual joint meeting in January.

PALANCA

The prayers and sacrifices that each of you offers for the KAIROS weekends are the means of God's grace for the candidates and for the team members.

This year we are reaching out to another prison (Territorial or TCF) as well as FCF and CWCF and we will be needing more palanca for these weekends.

We can all "reach out and touch" those who so badly need to be touched by doing and sending PALANCA for each of the scheduled weekends. Send all PALANCA to me.

Thank you and God bless you,
Sue Martinez
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P.S. Even though we do not have the dates here, please continue to remember in your prayers all the KAIROS, Cursillo, Koinonia and other such weekends being held in many, many other areas!

1986 KAIROS Weekends and Rectors

Mar 6-9	FCF#7	Jimmie Lucero	Sep 18-21	FCF#8	Jim Strub
Apr 24-27	TCF#1	Phil Marsh	Oct 9-12	CWCF#8	Polly Rodriguez
May 15-18	CWCF#7	Lorraine Harding	Nov 20-23	TCF#2	Al Rodriguez

REMINDER: Each weekend is followed by a RETREAT about 3 months later. Part of our commitment as team members is to be available for the follow-up retreat team and to attend the monthly Ultreyas when our turns come up.

TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

Has it been a while since you have served on a KAIROS team? Have you EVER served on a KAIROS team? With the opening of more facilities to KAIROS weekends we are really needing more team members.

If you know of someone who has never served on a KAIROS team and/or you, yourself, are available but never have filled out an application form, please use (copy, reproduce, distribute, multiply and USE) the form included in this newsletter. Our address is on the application form.

"God is counting on you" Share your love and faith.

Louetta and Phil Marsh, Pre-KAIROS Section

APPLICATION FOR KAIROS TEAM

Thank you for your interest in Kairos. This application will allow us to do a better job of selecting teams. The section marked voluntary information is very important in helping the secretariat and rector have a denominationally balanced team of people who are active in their fourth day and are willing to commit to this special ministry.

NAME _____ Phone No. _____

ADDRESS _____

Sex F _____ M _____

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION

Cursillo attended _____

Place _____ Date _____

Church Attending _____ Denomination _____

Cursillo Teams worked: _____ Team
Date: _____ Position _____

Kairos Teams Worked: _____ Team
Date: _____ Position _____

Please describe your level of activity in your Fourth Day:

Are you prepared to make a one (1) year committment to attend a bi-monthly
Ultreya at the correctional facility? Yes _____ No _____

Are you prepared to commit to attend the pre-weekend meetings (approximately
5 meetings, with misses allowed for sickness or valid emergencies?)
Yes _____ No _____

Do you play a musical instrument? Yes _____ No _____ Type _____

Please return to

Philip & Luetta Marsh
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Signature _____



QUESTION?

Are you wondering why we have both a "Secretariat" and a "Board of Directors" -- and what is the difference? Well, in brief terms, the Secretariat is responsible for the KAIROS weekends, the retreats, the teams, the supplies, the palanca, and the ultreyas -- while the Board of Directors is responsible for raising funds and for other KAIROS outreach, such as the KAIROS House(s) we are praying about. The Secretariat has been functioning with Bill Potter as Lay Director since just before CWCF#1 in November of 1982. The Board of Directors was organized as a Colorado not-for-profit corporation in April 1985, with John Barney as President. John had to resign effective the first of this year. Bill Potter is the acting President until July. He is also the Director. The other members are:

- Vice President: Nick Schaefer
- Recording Secretary: Bill Potter
- Treasurer: Jim Strub
- Chairman of Ways & Means: Andrew Kaminski
- Members at large: Phil Marsh, Fr. Scott Frantz, Sandy Browning

One of the Board's objectives is to raise enough money so that individual KAIROS team members will not have to be asked to "contribute" \$50 each time they serve on a weekend. Most of us know by now that our weekends actually cost KAIROS about \$100 per inmate candidate. Teams must be housed, all must be fed, supplies must be purchased, postage and paper aren't free, and so on. So we are asking non-team-member contributors to SPONSOR at least one candidate per weekend. Do your friends know of this opportunity to share in this ministry? Do your vestries, church boards, outreach and social concerns committees, women's and men's and youth groups know?

One church recently sponsored 25 candidates!! Praise God!!

MOVING? - Please tell us!

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Do you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter and would like to? - Tell us!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

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