

GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

CLOSING COMMENTS

STERLING NORTH #2

IN WHAT SPIRITUAL CONDITION DID WE ARRIVE?
With an attitude that I was going to eat up all their food and not talk to anyone; backslidden, stagnant, hardened, abandoned, incredibly dry & empty, weak, bitter, confused, lost; heavy hearted, in need of help; like a car that was running but needed a tune up. Wanted what the first Kairos team had – a glow about them. They wouldn't tell me how to get it unless I came here.

WHAT DID WE FIND AT KAIROS? Something to share, forgiveness, fellowship, family, happiness, tenderness, affection, ability to be ourselves, people who were sacrificing many things for us, motivation to reach out to our brothers, volunteers full of love and wanting to listen to what was happening in our lives; hope, love, acceptance beyond barriers (of race, religion, or between staff and inmates), trust, the idea that we can reach out to other people, acceptance for who we are.

WHAT ARE WE TAKING AWAY FROM HERE?
Inner peace, the light of the Holy Spirit, a couple of extra pounds, love in my heart, ability to take a risk, a feeling of family, a community of brothers; revival of the concept that love really exists, the love that you guys shared with us; memories, prayers, hope, love.

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TERRITORIAL #32

I was a closet Christian with a built-in trench – it was all somebody else's fault. Now I have the passion for God, real love. I've acknowledged my call to ministry.

They fed me some good news, lots of love. Thank God for letting Himself into my life through the team. I was at one of the lowest points of my life. Here I found people to bring me back up from the bottom. I was a wreck, couldn't hide it from anybody; sexually abused

as a child, beat up, not trusting anybody, very angry; there were murders in the family. I had nothing to lean on. I became a victimizer, a cheater. Here I found God. I feel like a child again, starting over, nothing against anybody. I KNOW I am saved, absolutely no doubt. I want to share this with everyone!

I never thought I'd ask the Lord into my life. Well, yesterday I did!

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FREMONT #39

I have my wall. I've been hurt so much in my life, leery of everybody; but now, touched by the sharing and witnessing, I will not go back to gangbanging. I have to tear down my wall. Friends have been throwing over flowers for a long time.

My cellie didn't want to go back on Saturday, and I was upset with him. Then I went through the door and heard them singing "God loves loves you, and I love you, and that's the way it's gonna be," and I knew I had to love my cellie – agape love – so I did.

I prayed hard to be part of this Kairos. I was the tenth alternate on the list. I stood in line outside the door. Ten men on the main list did not show up. I heard the Master say "Come into the wedding feast."

I'm on fire. You can bring every fire truck from Cañon City and you can't put my fire out.

I have carried a lot of pain for a lot of people, could not forgive myself. I understand the sacrifice put into this program to help us find strength and salvation from the Lord, I had found strength from others but now know the source. Jesus has been with me all along.

Visitors are welcome at Kairos Closings which are usually the Sunday afternoon of each Kairos weekend. Contact the Facility Coordinator at least 40 days ahead to start the Department Of Corrections clearance process.

"I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:36

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In the Fall of this year Kairos of Colorado will be 20 years old. We give God the glory for all he has done through this ministry during this time. We intend to mark the milestone with a "give thanks" celebration on Saturday, 28 September 2002. The where, what, and time of day are yet to be determined. For these, we need your input. To make this easy, we have provided a survey form on the facing page. Please take a moment to complete the form and either send or transmit it to Joan Potter. If you want to be on the Celebration Planning Committee, please let her know, either directly or by marking "yes" to that question on the form.

Joan and Bill Potter have been part of Colorado Kairos since the beginning. They and Joseph Mares are getting this planning started, but they need lots of help to bring it off. Let's

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all Fremont	#39	Jim Richardson	Mar 14-17	#40	Bob Ashida	Sep 19-22	ie
Cañon Women	#36	Wanda Sitler	Apr 18-21	#37	Pat Romero	Oct 17-20	
Delta	#21	Fred Somerlot	Apr 18-21	#22	Tim Ramsey	Oct 24-27	
Sterling North	#3	Andrew Sisneros	May 2-5	#4	Kenneth Baker	Oct 31-Nov 3	
Territorial	#33	John Bengé	May 16-19	#34	Bill Durfee	Nov 14-17	
Sterling South	#1	Ron Fullmer	Jun 6-9	#2	Rick Stewart	Dec 5-8	

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KAIROS OF COLORADO

Our mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

We are volunteers, with no paid staff, who depend on God to meet expenses through donations from our team members, churches, and friends like yourselves. Please use our pre-addressed envelope for donations and other inquiries, or write to the address on this newsletter.

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ADVANCED TRAINING

Kairos of Colorado will host a Kairos Advanced Training session June 21 - 23, 2002 at St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. This will be the third session held in Colorado.

Kairos Advanced Training is required for anyone who may be called to serve as a Rector/Rectora, and is highly recommended for everyone who would like to learn more about the Kairos method. The registration fee of \$50 is waived for Kairos of Colorado attendees. You may choose to stay with a Colorado Springs Kairos family or at one of the several hotels within walking distance of the church.

For more information, contact Tom Guidera at 303-730-2148 or email at tom281940@aol.com.

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THE PEACE OF JESUS

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (Jesus, in John 14:27)

One of the men on Fremont Kairos #39 related at the Closing how this peace came to him on Saturday. He had served in Vietnam. Our soldiers there knew that the enemy would send booby-trapped children into their ranks to blow up and destroy everybody around them. One day a little girl came running toward this man's unit and his superior ordered him to shoot her. He did. Out of the blood and unspeakable pain, as she was dying, she looked straight at him. From that night until now he has had nightmares about her, seeing over and over again her face in agony. At the closing he shared: "Last night was the first night I didn't have any nightmares. Last night she smiled and waved goodbye to me in my dream." During the Kairos this man had let the peace of Jesus into his heart.

Would that all of us would do likewise.

HOUSE OF EMMANUEL

Time passes quickly. It has been six months since Albert Marsh came home to House of Emmanuel and now the time has come for Albert to move on with his life. In this short time Albert has been able to acquire his driver's license by paying off some old fines. Albert is on the music team at Bethel Christian Fellowship. He has held the same job working for *Handywork By Mary and Joseph* because of his hard work and talent as a carpenter. Now that Albert will be completing his stay at House of Emmanuel it is with great excitement that House of Emmanuel is able to hand Albert Marsh a check for \$2,528.59 that he was able to save from his earnings in just six months. This gives our brother a very nice nest egg to begin the next phase of his life. Congratulations, Albert Marsh, from all of us in Kairos. What a joy and a privilege to call you brother.

Thank you Kairos for supporting the men that come to House of Emmanuel from your great program.

+++ Together we are the body of Christ. +++

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