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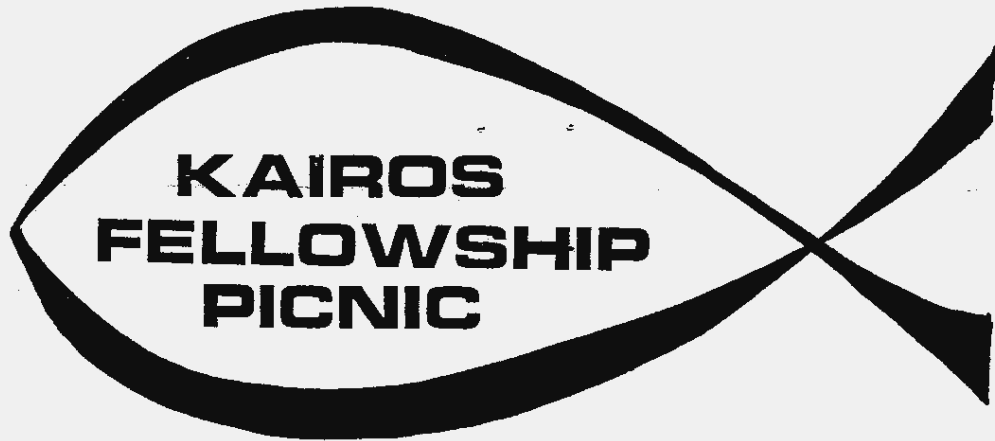
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"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." *Matthew 25:36*

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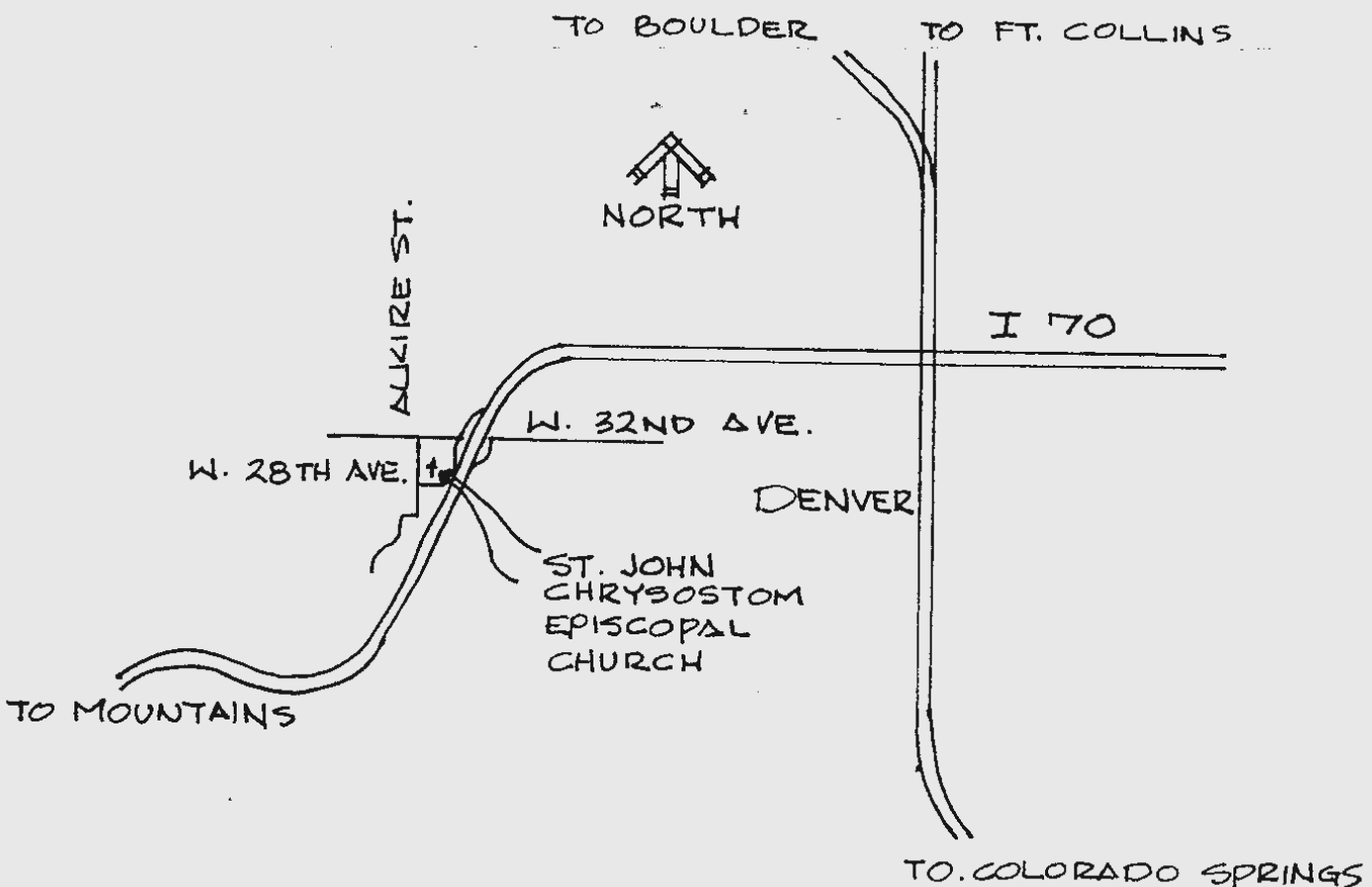
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ORDWAY RETREAT #1

"The Holy Spirit is here!" Thus spoke one of our team members as he joined the 2-day Kairos Retreat already in progress Sunday morning at the Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility. And indeed, just as promised, Jesus did send His Comforter into the midst of those fifty-some inmates and team members.

This Kairos Retreat on April 27-28 was our first at Ordway. Chaplain Steve Parke and our facility coordinator Bob Shields took care of the human side of the arrangements; God did the rest. About a dozen of the inmates had completed a Kairos Short Course at either Fremont or Territorial, but for most this Retreat was their first participation in Kairos other than attending the monthly Reunions (Ultreyas) that have been going on at Ordway for several years. Many were touched -- some deeply.

The focus on Saturday was sin -- the "bad news". On Sunday it was how to deal with it -- the "good news", including Chaplain Parke's sermon and team meditations on forgiveness during the prison's Sunday worship service. Time after time, in our talks and in the small-group discussions, the Holy Spirit led us to witness forcefully to His presence and working in our lives -- "to build up the Body of Christ". We were led to

ask God to show us our sin (Psalm 139: 23-24) and to deal with it -- for example, among the questions raised at the 1-hour panel discussion late Saturday and in the saying together on Sunday of the "Prayer to Overcome Bad Habits" (page 28 of the Kairos "Freedom Guide"). The inmates emphatically asked for copies of this prayer and, later, printed it in the bulletin they prepared for their monthly Kairos Reunion.

There are almost 1000 inmates at Ordway (AVCF). Among them is a very strong body of Christ that longs for a full Kairos program. The facility staff is all for it. Kairos is all for it, but the full program at Ordway will come about only when God leads enough men to step forward to the long-term team commitment of monthly Reunions as well as 3-day Short Courses and 2-day Retreats.

Team members for this retreat were Hodge Hartley, Jose Hernandez, Andrew Kaminski, A.J. Luckey, Bob Reilman, Bob Shields, Jim Strub, and Art Wise. Chaplains Rev Steve Parke and Fr John O'Flynn were present both days. The Faith Assembly of God in Rocky Ford provided cookies and arranged billeting and meals for the team. Thank you, all of you! And thank you, Lord!

--- SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING ---

"PREACH CHRIST AT ALL TIMES - IF NECESSARY, USE WORDS." St. Francis of Assisi

"TEAR DOWN THE WALLS AND BUILD BRIDGES."

"The emphasis of our life with God is not so much us struggling and working to win over God's heart, as it is allowing God to wrap us in His love."

WALK TO EMMAUS Spiritual Director

"SPIRITUAL TRUTH IS LEARNED BY ATMOSPHERE, NOT BY INTELLECTUAL REASONING."

Oswald Chambers

"RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF GOING TO HELL --

SPIRITUAL PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN THERE."

Walk to Emmaus Pilgrim

"If we meet and you forget me, you have lost nothing; but if you meet

JESUS CHRIST and forget Him, you have lost everything."

FROM A FREMONT CLOSING --

-- "I saw a lot of miracles this weekend -- a person who hated me is walking away from here as my brother."

-- "I learned I can come back. Christ is waiting there with His arms open, the love just waiting for me."

-- "Kairos showed me that I can forgive myself -- and that God forgives me."

-- "I found Jesus. I found my tools I needed to put my life back together again."

-- "I just want to praise God and confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior."

STREET KAIROS --

Mary Sogan and Dave Buckingham have prepared a preliminary draft for a "street Kairos" (that is, outside of prison) to be sponsored and conducted by the Colorado District of Kairos. National Kairos is encouraging us to do this, as a means for bringing into the ministry those who may feel called to Kairos ministry, but do not feel led to participate in any of the 3-day Cursillo-type programs which are already established. We are aiming to conduct our first street Kairos in February 1992. If you are interested in serving in any capacity on this team, please call Mary (303-937-7675) or Dave (303-777-5715).

PRISON MINISTRY -- HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

The very idea of going into a prison to serve Christ can seem just plain scary, but the reward is such a blessing. Those who do go inside are truly on the front line of the missionary battle against the powers of darkness.

MEALS: Six "home-cooked" meals for 80-100 people are taken into the prison for each 3-day Short Course. A group can provide all or part of a meal itself or all or part of its cost (\$150-200). Persons can serve on an outside kitchen team during a Short Course.

KAIROS TEAM MEMBERS must first experience a similar outside weekend, such as Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus, because that's the only way one can understand and convey the spiritual growth opportunities unique to this format. See OUTSIDE WEEKENDS listed in this newsletter.

CLOSING VISITORS -- a vital expression of support by outsiders who are not on the current team. The Closings are on Sunday evening of each 3-day Short Course. These visitors are a surprise to the inmates, and for some it is the final convincer that God's love for each individual is real. Inmates share what the weekend has meant to them, and then mix with the visitors. Because of security, attendance requires arrangements about six weeks in advance. It is an eye-opening and spiritually-uplifting experience, and a loving service to God and to His children behind bars.

But just as soldiers on the front line need lots of backup, so do prison ministry front-liners. Here are some of the backup ways for your prayerful consideration:

HOME-BAKED COOKIES: About 2,000 dozen are needed for each 3-day Short course -- a tangible expression of prayerful support. ~~The inmates take bags back into their living units each night to share that evidence of God's generous love shown through His people.~~

Is God calling you to any of the above areas of service? See KAIROS FALL SCHEDULE for whens, wheres, and contact persons.

KAIROS FALL SCHEDULE

<u>PRISON</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>RECTOR/A</u>	<u>FACILITY COORDINATOR</u>
Fremont (men)	12-15 Sep	Paul Pierce 303-834-2749	Bob Reilman 719-472-6923
Women's	26-29 Sep	Gerry Lam 719-390-8732	Lorraine Harding 303-428-3143
Territorial (men)	14-17 Nov	Michael Stefano 303-669-4559	Gene Wilkowski 303-939-8171

OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

The blessings offered by a Kairos Short Course are also available outside and go by various names. Such a spiritual experience is a prerequisite for Kairos team members. Here are some dates and contact persons:

- Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs area:
 - Men: Fall 1991, Gary Love 719-594-9532 Colorado Springs
 - Women: Spring 1992, Maggie Love 719-594-9532 Colorado Springs
- Catholic Cursillo, Air Force Academy:
 - Men: Fall 1991, Bob Reilman 719-472-6923 Colorado Springs
 - Women: Fall 1991, Sunni Reilman 719-472-6923 Colorado Springs
- Catholic Cursillo, Denver area, and
- Catholic Spanish Cursillo, Denver area:
 - Next dates? Sue & Frank Martinez 303-693-3726 Aurora
- Episcopal Cursillo, Men & Women: October 3-6, 1991
 - Camp Cedaredge, near Grand Junction
 - Greg Green 303-939-4290 Arvada
 - Sue Morley 719-495-3135 Colorado Springs
 - Daphna Russell 303-856-7005 Cedaredge
- Koinonia (2-day), Denver area, Men & Women: Fall 1991
 - Al Lowrie 303-794-7308 Littleton
- Koinonia (2-day), Northern Colorado, Men & Women: Fall 1991
 - Sallie Youngman 303-484-6329 Ft Collins
- Walk to Emmaus (Ecumenical, Methodist sponsored)
 - Men: September 5-8, 1991, Cedaredge
 - Women: September 12-15, 1991, Cedaredge
 - Registrar: Sharon Matthew 303-799-3658 Littleton

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