


God's Special Time



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- * Some of you are receiving this newsletter for the first time and may *
- * wonder why. We want to spread the word about KAIROS -- "God's *
- * special time" and work in our Colorado penitentiaries. PLEASE be *
- * sure to read the brief description on page 9. We want YOU to know *
- * about US and to pray about becoming involved in some way. *

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK --

Greetings to all in Christ,..... Time goes by so fast!

Here it is time for another newsletter. I have so much to share with you about so many things - well, here goes...

There has been some concern about attendance at closings and it seems that some instructions are necessary once more. Proper attire is always a must. No one can wear shorts at all, nor are sundresses allowed. No one can wear any jewelry except wedding rings and Christian items such as our crosses and nametags. Absolutely no one will be admitted with alcohol on their breath. This means that no one should drink any alcoholic beverages on the way down to the prison or even have such in their cars. No one can bring in any money, and purses and wallets must be left in the cars (lock them into an OUT-OF-SIGHT place). Eyeglasses and handkerchief or tissue are okay. Some Facilities want to see a picture ID - such as Driver's License - too. Only the drivers may bring in any keys. In order to maintain our high level of trust with the administration, the above rules must be followed without exception. No one can bring in any stuffed animals either. It seemed that one person at a recent closing had a problem with being closed in without that security symbol. We DO want to encourage lots of visitors for our closings -- seeing that singing, loving crowd is often the final convincer for some candidates. Please screen the people before you take their names, addresses and Social Security Numbers for the checklists. With a few simple rules to remember, all will go well.

I am happy to announce that Mort Munroe has been elected to the Secretariat and is taking over the reins for Fremont Correctional Facility as Assistant Lay Director there. Mort's commitment to Kairos is a strong one and he will have the responsibility of handling the relationship with staff at FCF. Please keep him in your prayers.

In addition, Sandy Bowning has been approved by the Secretariat "officially" as the Assistant Lay Director responsible for the program at Colorado Women's Facility. I might add that she has been doing the job for some time, without the title. I will continue as Lay Director for Territorial.

It seems that we are missing songbooks - perhaps as many as 20 or 30! If anyone has knowledge of the whereabouts of any of them, please call Sandy Browning IMMEDIATELY! She and Ralph are the custodians of all our property. We need them ALL for our upcoming Ultreyas, Retreats and WEEKENDS!

Please take note that the 2nd Annual International Kairos Convention is being held in Charleston, SC, Aug 6-10, 1986. This promises to be interesting and informative for all who attend. Sandy and I can provide more information.

Please also note that the 1987 Convention will be held in COLORADO! Be watching for more information on that. We'll be needing lots of help!

The Secretariat is planning a workshop for ALL in our community who are interested in FULLY understanding what it takes to put on a weekend. If you feel the Lord leading you to be a Rector/a, it is a must from now on that you would have attended one of these workshops. It is the Secretariat's intention to hold one annually. These will be an all day workshop, on a Saturday in August, the first one being Aug 16, 1986 at St Francis in Castle Rock. We will need to know who is coming, so please be sure to contact me or someone on the Secretariat for details.

Lastly, I would like you all to know that my family and I moved to Loveland as of the first of May. Please keep us in your prayers during this time of adjustment. We can be reached at 2127 Firestone Ct, 80537, phone: 663-6961.

May the God of peace keep you always in His arms.

On His Hook, BILL POTTER

SECRETARIAT NOTES

Some items of interest in addition to those in Bill's letter above:

Vic Urban was elected as an At Large Member of the KAIROS National Board representing Federal Correctional Facilities.

There must be Secretariat approval for any unordained layperson to serve as a Spiritual Director on a weekend. Phil Marsh and Vic Urban will be the ones to make this approval.

Three men visited the May meeting to present the NATIONAL PRISON INVASION which will take place on Dec 5, 6 & 7, 1986 in 850 prisons throughout the country. In Colorado this program will only be allowed in County Jails, Buena Vista, Rifle, and Excelsor. KAIROS will not take part in any official way, but individuals are free to participate, and 800 to 1000 counselors will be needed in Colorado. Anyone interested in further information should contact:

NATIONAL PRISON INVASION, P.O.Box 75096, Houston, TX 77034

(713) 649-3155

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

This morning I was reading in the birth narrative of Luke's gospel, namely Chapter 2. The last verse in Chapter 2 struck me. It was not as though I had never read that portion before, but this morning it got to me. The 52nd verse reads: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Everything in this verse is so positive. Jesus INCREASED, this word means to grow or become progressively greater. Jesus grew and became progressively greater both as to His mental (wisdom) capacity and His physical well being. And He grew and was progressively greater in His FAVOR with God and man. In all four dimensions of His life: mental, physical, spiritual and social, there was positive development. We can be assured that Jesus did not neglect any one of the dimensions. I would like to believe each of us as Christians keep that same balance. However, some of us fail in one area or the other. Most of us no doubt fail in the spiritual area.

What can we do to INCREASE our spiritual lives? I suggest at least 4 things.

1. Let the scriptures permeate our being. Dwight L. Moody once said, "It is not how much you are in the scriptures, but how much of the scriptures are in you." If we read and study the Bible, the Bible will in fact be in us. When you read Psalm 119, the writer is totally immersed in his love for the scriptures. To quote just a few verses, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.", Verse 11. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path.", Verse 105. "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.", Verse 114. Then Isaiah: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of God shall stand forever.", Isaiah 40:8. Isaiah believed in the eternality of the scriptures.
2. Develop a life of consistent and meaningful prayer. I cannot remember the author of this statement, but it is true, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." What a STATEMENT. Prayer changes not only circumstances, things, but people as well. Samuel, in addressing the people of Israel said: "Moreover as for me, God forbid I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you:...", I Samuel 12:23. That's pretty straight talk. Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing.", I Thessalonians 5:17. If we have trouble in developing a form of prayer or are not able to just come out and pray, then turn to Matthew 6:9-13. That will start you on the road to a pattern of prayer.
3. Share your faith. I don't know about you, but I feel good when I have something to share. When I go to a restaurant that has delectable food, I tell others about it. In the event I happen to read a good book, I let others know about that book. I have gone and purchased extra copies and given them away. The same should be with our Cristian faith. This is something that is of even greater importance. We are, according to Paul, "...ambassadors for Christ..." II Corinthians 5:20. We are God's personal representatives. What a responsibility, yet what a privilege.
4. Live a life worthy of our faith. We need to talk our talk, but also walk our walk. It was said of one Christian, "His actions speak so loud I can't hear what he is saying." Paul has said it very succinctly, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10.

Grace to us all as we increase in our SPIRITUALITY.

God Loves you and so do I.

VIC URBAN, Spiritual Director

\\FLASH!-BIG DANCE-OCT3-DENVER-SAVE THE DATE-BRING FRIENDS!!

1986 KAIROS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

Sep 18-21 FCF#8 Jim Strub
Oct 9-12 CWCF#8 Polly Rodriguez
Nov 20-23 CTCF#2 Al Rodriguez

RETREATS:

Jul 12-13 CTCF Phil Marsh
Jul 12-13 CWCF Lorraine Harding
Nov 1-2? FCF Jim Strub

REMINDER: Each weekend is followed by a RETREAT about 3 months later. Part of our commitment as a team member is to be available for the retreat team, also.

Schedulers for ULTREYA attendance are Ron & Mickie Barton (796-7414), our Post-KAIROS Section of the Secretariat. Assisting them for the Colorado Springs area are Jim & Peggy Strub (634-2821). If you are scheduled, please make every effort to attend. If you don't know when you're scheduled, please call Bartons or Strubs. Participating in the prison Ultreyas for one year following your membership on a team is a commitment you made before God. Our normal Ultreya schedule is:

First Sunday each month: Fremont and CWCF
Third Sunday each month: Territorial

Women's Ultreya Team Schedule (til next Kairos):

JULY 6	AUGUST 3	SEPTEMBER 7	OCTOBER 5
Gerri Quintana	Nell Jones	Collette Kiger	Jenny DeHaven
Lloyd Quintana	Dave Jones	Priscilla Lopez	Bernice Brito
Lavie Gallegos	Sue Brady	Jackie Bell	A. VanderLinden
Jeni Baca	Mickie Barton	Ana Vigil	Corrine Coronado
Priscilla Baca	Sharon Endsley	Fran Archuleta	Nancy Ruiz
Roy Tribe	Kathy Lucero	Polly Rodriguez	Murial Urban
Edie Tribe	Jan Wilkowski	Loretta Chavez	Vic Urban
Peggy Strub	Mary Ellis	(Colorado Springs ladies will	
Sr.Laetitia Slusser	Luetta Marsh	be in next Newsletter)	
Susan Ferguson	Ann Lopez (or Sub)		

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If an unavoidable conflict comes up, PLEASE try to trade with someone or find a substitute yourself, before calling Mickie or Peggy. THANKS!

As our KAIROS brothers and sisters come out to "the street", we encourage them to become part of the various Cursillo communities. Their KAIROS experience is very similar and they are eligible to become Cursillo team members, as some have already done. They can also help as outside KAIROS team members (some have already been on outside kitchen teams), until such time as the DOC will allow them to come back into the facilities as regular team members. (Indeed, some of our most effective team members now are our inmate helpers, who were candidates on a previous KAIROS.)

In the meantime, a very special bond develops between KAIROSians, and monthly Gatherings are meeting in Denver area and in Colorado Springs. The Denver Family Reunions start with a potluck supper at 6:30 on the last Friday each month at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7595 Federal Blvd. The Colorado Springs meetings start about 2:30 on second Sundays, followed by a potluck, at Jim and Peggy Strub's, 2821 N Chelton Rd. These dates DO sometimes vary due to unavoidable conflicts, so be SURE to verify first with Mickie Barton (Denver) 796-7414 or the Strubs (Colorado Springs) 634-2821. No matter where you live, you're welcome at either meeting - or both!

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. We are now doing six weekends per year with anywhere from 30 to 45 team members per weekend!

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 on the back of this page. Our address is on the form.

"Christ is counting on you" Share your love and faith.
Luetta and Phil Marsh, Pre-KAIROS Section

Your editor appreciates all the input material which comes from the Secretariat and the Board of Directors. We do want NEWS, too, of general interest to the community and all our friends on the mailing list. Please send anything you think appropriate to our P.O.Box and we will include it -- space permitting. We'd especially like to include comments and quotes from the facilities, both inmates and staff.

We are especially eager to add EFFECTIVELY to our mailing list. We want to be in touch with any and all who might be interested in receiving this newsletter. Please USE the form on the back page to help us in this goal, and to keep our list up-to-date. Any time the Post Office gives us an address correction, it costs us FIRST CLASS postage, so please help us keep that cost DOWN by keeping our mailing list correct and up-to-date.

Any of you who know the outside address of a former inmate from KAIROS, please be sure to send us that, too. They are still part of our community and we do want to keep in touch. As you know, the DOC does not give out that information, so we must rely on word of mouth from YOU.

NEWS: Fr. Tommy Thompson, one of our most valuable supporters on the Staff, is slated to become the full-time Chaplain at Territorial. He may also assume certain "Program" responsibilities, to be determined. This will, however, leave the Women's facility in need of a new Chaplain, as is Fremont since Fr. Leo left. Please be sure to keep these needs in your prayers -- we KNOW how vital these Chaplains are to the Lord's work "inside" and to our KAIROS ministry.

We are truly grateful to our friends at Christ Church and St. Francis in Castle Rock who so generously have provided us team meeting space. It sure helps to be able to have most of our meetings in between Denver and Colorado. We also appreciate our meetings and retreats at Calvary Presbyterian and Holy Trinity in the Denver area. A big THANKS to all of them!

Another big THANK YOU goes to Faith Bible Chapel for bringing that beautiful busload of visitors to our closings. That really is a special witness of God's love to our new brothers and sisters. It just "blows their minds", as the saying goes. Keep it up!

A very special Gathering met at the Strubs' June 11 -- to welcome our KAIROS brother Tom Holder back "outside". We rejoiced mightily in the Lord and in fellowship, then prayed for Tom to "Vaya con Dios" as he paroles to his folks in California, 4041 Rome Valley Way, Cherry Valley, CA 92223, 714-845-6566.

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APPLICATION FOR KAIROS TEAM

Thank you for your interest in the KAIROS MINISTRY. This application will allow us to do better selection of teams members. The section marked VOLUNTARY INFORMATION is very important in helping us have a denominationally balanced team. It is important that you be active in your FOURTH DAY. We appreciate your willingness to commit yourself to this special ministry.

NAME: _____ GENDER: F: _____ M: _____ HOME PHONE #: (303)- _____
 ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE #: (303)- _____

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION

WEEKEND ATTENDED:(CURSILLO, KOINONIA, ETC.): _____

PLACE: _____ DATE: _____

CHURCH ATTENDING: _____ DENOMINATION: _____

STREET TEAMS WORKED: _____ TEAM
 DATE: _____ POSITION: _____

KAIROS OR OTHER PRISON TEAMS WORKED: _____ TEAM
 DATE: _____ POSITION: _____

Please tell the level activity in your FOURTH DAY: _____

Are you prepared to make a one (1) year commitment to attend bi-monthly ULTREYAS at the correctional facility? YES: _____ NO: _____

Will you be able to attend eight (8) pre-weekend team meetings? YES: _____ NO: _____

We realize sickness and other emergencies can prevent attendance at some meetings.

Do you play a musical instrument? YES: _____ NO: _____ TYPE: _____

please return to:

Philip & Luetta Marsh
 6929 Boysenberry Way
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

SIGNATURE _____

PALANCA NOTES

Prayers and sacrifices are coming in daily. They are coming from all corners of the world -- Italy, Philipines, Canada, and almost every state in the union. Cursillistas the world over are praying for our KAIROS weekends. They are praying for our team preparations and our weekends. Every day I receive requests for prayers by the Colorado KAIROS Community. Each weekend (Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun) there are Cursillos, Walk to Emmaus, Koinonia's or KAIROS' being held. Our love and prayers can make a real difference in God's grace being showered upon our new brothers and sisters. If each of us were to offer prayers each weekend for these weekends, we can become a part of this special grace.

Please continue to do Palanca for our upcoming weekends, too. We not only need personal Palanca but also Table Palanca. CWCF#7 had a very meager supply of that. We have three weekends scheduled for this Fall so this summer would be a great time for you and your various groups to get busy and help us stock up. We ALWAYS need more of this evidence of God's love through us. Send them to me anytime.

GOD BLESS!

Sue Martinez, 2821 S Idalia St, Aurora, CO 80013

P.S. See also the article below.

BANNERS!

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We are also badly in need of Banners for our KAIROS weekends. This special form of Palanca reinforces all of our themes in a unique way, and we have only a few to use. Please get together with your group, church, Sunday School class or whatever and create some Banners. Show your talents and let's keep up the Spirit!

If you are in the Denver area (or north or west, etc.), please get the Banners to Sue Martinez, whose address is above.

In the Colorado Springs area Sandy Browning is our collector. Her address is 6925 Snowbird Dr, 80918.

OPPORTUNITY!!!

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As our KAIROS ministry increases, we badly need to increase our supply of certain equipment -- namely -- TABLES and CHAIRS. So this is an OPPORTUNITY for our supporters to help us in a specific way. A \$75 gift will pay for one TABLE and a \$7 gift will pay for one CHAIR (at wholesale prices). Will you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in responding to this need? Please give your friends and church groups an OPPORTUNITY to help, too!

COMMITTED

It's nice to serve the Lord on a KAIROS weekend. The spiritual uplift does us all a lot of good. I know in my own case, sometimes I feel I have made my weekend all over again. If spiritual highs were measured in money I know I could not afford to pay for the blessings I received.

That brings me to my next point and that is the cost of a weekend. The cost is about \$100 per candidate, yet cost to a team member is \$50? I am told by the Treasurer that the funds paid out for the cost of a weekend (per team member) far exceeds the funds paid in by the team members. It sometimes is a drain on our budgets to pay for OUR expense of the weekend.

I am not by any means saying if you can't pay, don't serve. I am saying there are many ways to accomplish the same means: 1) Pay your \$50 all at once if you can or 2) by small payments at each team meeting, 3) through a donation from your church; 4) have your Reunion Group (or equivalent) sponsor you or a candidate; 5) get a donation from a civic or trade group; 6) other ideas you may have to raise money. (And please share with us YOUR ideas.)

There are several husbands and wives who both serve. That could be as many as 6 weekends a year -- that's quite a drain on the budget and time, for which KAIROS is grateful. Folks, it still comes down to the bottom line: If we are committed to KAIROS let's be committed all the way!

PHIL MARSH, Rector: CTCF#1, Secretariat: Pre-KAIROS Section

P.S. A handful of our faithful have pledged a regular monthly amount, whether on a current team or not. Those steady gifts, of whatever size, do accumulate and are most helpful. We commend the PLEDGE form on the next page to your prayerful consideration.

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HOORAY! KAIROS has finally gotten its non-profit bulk mailing permit. This will save us a LOT on postage, compared to first class, but the permit itself is NOT free. Our first year fee is \$100 and the annual renewal is \$50. We are praying that someone will feel led to make a special contribution covering that \$100 initial fee. COULD IT BE YOU? A typical mailing of over 300 (and our list is growing) will cost about \$26 at current non-profit rate-8.5 cents --- Just compare that to 300 X 22 cents!

We are really grateful to St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs for generously allowing us to print our newsletter there. That FREE printing is another saving which will help us keep in contact more often without dipping into direct ministry funds so much.

A big "thank you" and "praise the Lord" for your recent gifts to His work through KAIROS. The time, cookies, palanca, prayers, and money -- all are very much appreciated. For the monetary gifts, you will receive a formal thank you and tax receipt after 31 December for all of 1986, just as we did for 1985.

The Holy Spirit really did a special work during our first KAIROS in Territorial Correctional Facility this Spring. Our ONE inmate team helper, who had made KAIROS while in Fremont Correctional Facility over two years before, had laid such beautiful groundwork that the men were eagerly awaiting us. Even the staff was eager to have us come. It was a truly glorious time and now those brothers are really glorifying Jesus inside the facility.

WHY KAIROS?

KAIROS (Greek for "God's Special Time") is a trans-denominational Christian prison ministry which has proven to be uniquely successful in truly changing lives behind bars and "on the street". Starting with a 3-day encounter with Jesus Christ through the loving community of team members, it continues with Christian peer group support within the facility, and loving support by the outside community through retreats and monthly gatherings of inmates and outside team members. The weekend itself is a short course in Christianity consisting of talks, meditations, small group sharing, worship, music, home-cooked meals and LOVE -- lots of AGAPE LOVE. The team doesn't just talk about God's love, they LIVE it throughout the weekend.

The depth of the inmates' responses to KAIROS is difficult to convey in print but here are a few quotes: "I was lost... without hope... no guide, no friend. I have found the path to freedom, hope with vision..." "I'm glad I got caught... and sent to this place, or I might never have met Jesus Christ... never have known God was real." "No one ever told me that God could and does love me." "I never thought there were other Christians in this place... now I can share with them." "I found something I never experienced before... it was love, true love." "I said yes to Jesus and found myself in a room filled with God's people... I thought I was in Heaven." Also, the recidivism rate of those prisoners who have been through KAIROS is negligible compared to others.

All this comes about by God's grace through the willing sacrifices of Time, Talent and Treasure by many dedicated team members, and the support of many who cannot serve on teams but who bake cookies, prepare meals, attend the Closings, send "love gifts", and PRAY. Such help is vital to the ministry.

One of the objectives of the Board of Directors is to raise enough money so that individual KAIROS team members will not have to be asked to "contribute" \$50 (which some can ill afford) each time they serve on a weekend. Our weekends, retreats, etc., actually cost KAIROS about \$100 per inmate candidate. Teams must be housed near Canon City, all must be fed, supplies must be purchased, postage and paper and newsletters aren't free, and so on. So we are asking non-team-member contributors to SPONSOR CANDIDATES. Do your friends know of this opportunity to share in this ministry? Do your pastors, church boards, outreach and social concerns committees, women's and men's and youth groups know? One church has sponsored 25 candidates!! Praise God!!

As we expand our ministry, we do welcome PLEDGES of all sorts and sizes, on-going or otherwise. Please spread the word, and share the needs and rewards of being partners in this ministry. We invite you to USE, COPY and PASS ON to others the pledge form below. Please send donations and pledge commitments to the address below. Gifts are tax deductible, with receipts sent annually.

KAIROS PLEDGE

I/we want to help KAIROS by becoming a CANDIDATE SPONSOR, understanding that the cost is about \$100 per inmate/candidate per weekend.

Please print: NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

PLEDGE AMOUNT: _____ FREQUENCY: _____

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