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Special



Time

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

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KAIROS OF COLORADO, INC.

NEWSLETTER #20

***** HELP WANTED *****

"I heard the Lord call my name; LISTEN CLOSE, you'll hear the same."
(song)

We apologize for the recent infrequency of Newsletters, but our former editor found his schedule so overloaded that he could no longer continue this particular area of service to our Kairos community and supporters. We all deeply appreciate his efforts, and now an "interim editor" is filling in until someone else hears God's call to this part of our ministry. We DO want to keep in touch and keep informed!

Here's the job description:

- 1) Assemble the variety of material you see in this newsletter and in its predecessors 4 to 6 times annually.
- 2) Put it together in "print ready" format, and...
- 3) Get that material to Al Rodriguez in Littleton for printing.

And that's it. After that, Al will get it printed, and send it on to our "mail clerk" in Colorado Springs, who maintains our computerized label file, and takes care of assembling and mailing, since our Bulk Permit is with the Colorado Springs Post Office.

So, we pray someone out there will HEAR "THE LORD CALL MY NAME" and volunteer. Please contact Peggy Strub (Kairos P O Box or 719-634-2821) for ANY and ALL further information.

Now be sure you "LISTEN CLOSE!"

YOU ARE INVITED

-----to a very special celebration. Deacon David Lee Jones will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood (Episcopal) on Tuesday, June 28, 1988, 7 PM, at The Church of the Holy Comforter, West 10th and Highway 287, Broomfield, CO, (Reception following). Please R.S.V.P. to Dave and Nell, 3250 Lee Hill Dr, Boulder, CO 80302, 442-8479. COME AND REJOICE WITH US!

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING:

Paul in writing to the Romans said:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,..." Romans 8:1a

What a verse. What a word of promise. What a word that is of dire need to those to whom God has sent us. What a word of love and encouragement. What a word of positive reinforcement which is addressed to ones for whom God sent his Son to the Cross.

How do I know all the above? Well the fellows at Fremont told me so. They live in the light of Paul's word to the Romans as quoted in the above passage.

Let me quote some words from the inside.

"I guess what it boils down to is my personal testimony that Kairos WORKS, and the Christian love/sharing one experiences there cannot be expressed in mere words."

"I thank God also for all the beautiful brothers & sisters who shared our joy and blessings from Kairos."

"Since the Kairos weekend my life has been transformed for the better."

"Boy am I happy I didn't walk away this past weekend."

When I was a kid there was the phrase, "The proof of the pudding was in the eating." The words from the men is all the proof that I need to accept the words of Paul: "There is therefore NOW (emphasis mine) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,..." The emphasis is therefore NOW. Right here and NOW. For you, the inmates and me NOW. Paul was and is a here and NOW type person.

I want to thank you that we are in fact interpreting God's love to those who need it most.

God bless you all as you minister.

God Loves You and So Do I,

Spiritually Speaking.

Vic Urban, Spiritual Director

A LETTER FROM JOE....

After a Kairos Weekend, some of the candidates like to express their reactions and appreciation by writing team members they got to know during that special time. The following is a letter an inmate/candidate sent to Kairos for all of the Territorial #5 (May 1988) team members. By printing it here, we can share with all of our readers this response, so typical of those to whom we minister. Our thanks go to Joe for sharing his feelings with all of us.

"To all of the members of Kairos #5,

"Thank you for opening my eyes in showing me that someone do care for people in prison. And that someone is Jesus Christ. Through Jesus all things were done like the meals you prepared and you being here to tell us about him. And he was there in spirit. Because the spirit of the event was something I will never forget. It was such a beautiful feeling and a feeling I still feel. I finally realized that God wants all of us as human beings to love one another as we love him and ourselves. I would like everyone involved to know how much it meant to me. I wish I could do something elaborate or say something clever, but the truth is I can't. I can only say what is in my heart and that is God bless you all, I love you, and keep that same old feeling. And I hope I can work the next Kairos. For the love you gave, this is a soul you saved. I'll be praying for all of you.

Love from your Brother in Christ
Joe
Joseph V. Hodgson Jr. #57461
CTCF P.O.Box 1010
Canon City, CO. 81212"

Would YOU like to help bring God's love to another "Joe"? See below:

AUGUST TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Another session of training workshops is scheduled for 13 August 1988. These workshops are held for the benefit of CURRENT and FUTURE team members. Sessions include general familiarization with Kairos and the Facilities in which we minister, and specific workshops for Table Workers, Palanca and Kitchen Chairpersons, and Rectors/Rectoras. These workshops are very valuable for persons new to the ministry, and ESSENTIAL for those in the various head positions. We'll start early with coffee and such, and include fellowship and a potluck lunch between sessions.

The planners do need to know who is coming, so please call the following for location (Denver area), exact time, and to register:

- North Muriel & Vic Urban (Ft Collins) 493-5516
- Denver area Donna Bolte (Franktown) 688-8760
- South Peggy & Jim Strub (Colo Spgs) 634-2821

MARK YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT NOW AND PLAN TO JOIN US! You'll find the training invaluable and the fellowship unbeatable.

By the way, new team members are ALWAYS needed. Write the Kairos P O Box for an application and/or other information.

..... WHAT'S HAPPENED

On April 29th many of us enjoyed a delightful evening at Heritage Square of fellowship, music, a delicious barbequed chicken dinner, moving testimonies by two former inmates whose lives were deeply touched by Kairos, and a Facility Superintendent's witness about the value of Kairos. The featured speaker was a former Judge in Denver sharing his unique experiences. Many guests came and learned more about Kairos, and blessed us with their generous offerings, too.

Hearty thanks go to Andrew Kaminski and his large, hardworking committee for that special time of "spreading the word" about the Kairos ministry. A special blessing is that the caterers so enjoyed the evening that they offered their cooking skills to future weekends! Future Kitchen Chairpersons take note! Andrew's committee or the Strubs will be glad to put you in touch.

..... WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Last Fridays Denver Reunion, St Paul's, Lakewood, 7-potluck
- June 28 Dave Jones' Ordination (see page 1)
- July 3 Ultreyas: Territorial and Women's
- July 10 Ultreyas: Fremont and Skyline
- July 15 Urban's Task Force meeting
- July 17 Women's Fellowship at CWCF
- July 28-31 Women's #10 -- send Palanca and cookies!
- July 31 Women's Closing -- Turn in lists SOON!
- Aug 7 Ultreyas: Fremont, Skyline, Territorial, Women's
- Aug 13 Training Workshops (see page 3) & Board meeting
- Aug 21 Women's Fellowship at CWCF
- Sep 4 Ultreyas: Women's and Territorial
- Sep 11 Ultreyas: Fremont and Skyline
- Sep 15-18 Fremont #12 -- send Palanca and cookies
- Sep 18 Fremont Closing

..... SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER

FACILITIES ACTION

Work is progressing well on starting up in Centennial, the maximum security men's unit in the Canon City complex. Its being maximum security poses special problems, but their Superintendent is eager for us to come in there, so we're confident that any obstacles WILL be overcome as the Lord prepares the way.

Fremont's March Weekend was a special opportunity for the Lord to show His provision. For the first time, the Rector was unavoidably unable to attend at the very last minute, but the Assistant took over beautifully. Talk about being totally dependent on the Lord -- Wow!

Territorial's May Weekend was such a blessing that an inmate/candidate sent a beautiful letter (page 3) for us to share with all our readers. Thank you, Joe, for blessing US!

Expansion into the Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility, commonly known as "Ordway", has been put on hold for now for various reasons. One is that they are already having space problems, our newest major facility!

Speaking of space problems brings us to the Women's Facility. As many of you know, we have not been able to have a Weekend there since April 1987 -- and we're supposed to be twice yearly! All their remodeling and expansion work has simply left no place adequate for Weekends or Retreats, although we have maintained first Sunday Ultreys and third Sunday sharing and fellowship times.

However, we ARE finally having a Weekend the end of July! As of now, it will be held in a large TENT somewhere in the yard. The population is so much larger now, and it's been so long since #9, that Chaplain Whitson wants us to have 42 candidates -- we used to have 25. We have had a generous offer of a free tent, but it may not be large enough, and that means the additional cost of commercial rental, around \$500. Also, team lodging will cost more during prime tourist season. So, folks, WE REALLY NEED EXTRA FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS WEEKEND --- PLEASE HELP! The ladies are SO eager for us to come and it's almost like starting over there. We're all really excited.

And that brings us to:KAIROS WOMEN'S PRISON CHAPEL FUND.....

You may remember the PLEA in our last newsletter and the letters many have received since then asking for help. In getting a permanent Chapel for CWCF, we believe that future religious programs, in addition to Kairos, will be assured of SPACE whenever they need it. Prison administration is eager to cooperate, and will gladly maintain the building, but cannot spend any money on building or equipping a Chapel. We ARE making progress and have over \$4,000 in deposits and pledges so far, and we are VERY grateful to all who have already responded. The modular building the Lord has led us to is still being held for us, and the owners are willing to "trust the Lord for future payments", but FIRST we must provide foundations and utilities for it. And, let's face it, folks, THAT COSTS MONEY. The Lord is our Provider, but He does that through His people -- see 2 Cor 9:8 (+/-). PLEASE DON'T SET THIS ASIDE AND FORGET IT! This is truly a missionary work close to home. GIVE YOURSELF A BLESSING and

GIVE (or pledge) GENEROUSLY NOW!!!

KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND -- c/o Peggy Strub, Treasurer
2821 N Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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