

God's

Special



Time

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

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INMATES RESPOND

WOMEN'S #18 CLOSING --

Who are all you people (Closing visitors)? I really want to know!

I've never had peace in my heart before, but I found it here in that Chapel at Kairos.

I found family I've been looking for for 31 years -- and it multiplied tonight.

Lots of things are taken away from us here, but next shakedown, they CAN'T take Kairos away from us.

What I found here, they won't be able to find in my room, or when they shake me down -- it's inside.

If it took that sentencing date for me to find this family, well, I'm very, very happy.

I could talk the talk, but couldn't walk the walk. But I found out how to walk the walk here. We found "daily bread" food, real food.

We got food that was made with GRACE, not grease.

My grandmother used to kiss me on the cheek and say, "She's a diamond in the rough; she's just being polished." I'm being polished to be in the Lord's crown some day. I've hurt a lot of people, but I finally forgave myself last night.

By coming to prison, I found out I'm free!

For 38 years I've been dead. To me love was a destructive thing, so I stayed away from it. But when I came in here today, I found out that God's agape love is real.

I'm really glad Jesus and His Dad invited me to this party. It's the best I ever been to.

Our prayer is that what you see shining from our faces today, we'll see in other faces in this facility as we share what we found here.

TERRITORIAL #13 CLOSING --

I have full-blown AIDS, and signed my son's death certificate with it, too. This Kairos lifted a tremendous burden. Now I know where I'm going.

The most important thing we found here is that we prayed together. I'll never let Christ slip away from me again.

I just never knew there was so much love out there. All the terrible things I did, I found I could be forgiven for. All those people I hated on the street, I feel love for now. I thank God for you people showing me this.

Kindness is a language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear.

I thank God this joint let us have this Kairos.

I asked God for a special blessing. I lost the joy of my salvation about two months ago. I got it back Friday night.

I found more spiritual nourishment here than I ever thought possible. If anybody had told me I'd find this in prison, I'd of said they were crazy.

You know Matthew 25, about the sheep and the goats? I never seen so many sheep before.

My Lord Jesus has delivered me. I'm going to keep striving for the gold. Don't settle for nothing less.

All weekend, they kept saying, "It's gonna get better." Today I asked God what's gonna happen on the fourth day. He touched my heart and said "It's gonna get better."

Inmate 4th day talk:

The Doc said I was in good health. He didn't see that big hole I had inside. We been looking for love in all the wrong places. My hole was filled on Kairos #2. Was yours filled here? OK --
-- NOW WHAT?

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

ANGELS

Lost in the darkness,
Spiraling downward,
I groped and clutched wildly
At anything that would break my fall.
Reaching out,
I finally caught the hand
Of one, then two, then more
Of God's angels in human form,
Friends with unconditional love
To give to one so lost as I.
They took me to their master
Carrying me tenderly and lovingly
In their arms
For I could neither
See in the darkness,
Nor hear over the din
Of my roaring emotions.
Prayers of intercession
Lifted in my behalf
Surrounded and supported me
And the dense fog of disbelief
Began to dissipate slowly.
As I looked up
I saw my Lord
Standing before me.
He wrapped his arms
Around me and those angels
Who had kept me from falling
And we were filled with the knowledge
Of his omniscient presence
And his eternal love for us all.

Lord, during those dark times in our lives, thank you for sending us those who carry your message of unconditional love - they are truly angels in disguise. Help us to remember, also, that we at any time, can be your angel to another if only we are open to your word.

CABBAGE NOODLE SALAD -- as requested
(gleaned from various recipes)

- 4 C. shredded cabbage (or pkg. slaw mix)
(nice: some red cabbage and carrot)
- 1 pkg. Raman noodles, chicken or oriental
- 1/2 C. slivered almonds
- 1/4 C. sunflower seed kernels
- 1/4 C. sesame seeds
- 1/2 C. oil
- 3 T. vinegar
- 3 T. sugar

Optional:

- 1 t. salt, 1/2 t. pepper, 2 t. Accent
- 4 scallions w/tops, chopped

PREPARE AHEAD:

1. Lightly brown almonds and seeds about 12 minutes on low heat, stirring constantly. Store air-tight with noodles.
2. Break up Raman noodles (without seasonings). Store air-tight with seed/almond mix.
3. Mix oil, vinegar, sugar, Raman seasonings, (opt. seasonings). Store in jar, chill.

Chill fresh items. Just before serving, toss with dry mixture, then with well-shaken dressing. Serves 10 - 15.

MAIN DISH: add 4 chicken breasts --
-- skinned, cooked, cubed, chilled

KAIROS "LAST FRIDAY" REUNIONS --

- 6:30 pm, last Friday of every month
(If five Fridays, then it's the fifth Friday)
- Bonds of Love Church, 9th and Acoma, Denver
- Family potluck supper
- Prayer, fellowship, sharing, praising God

In past years these "last-Friday" reunions were a real blessing to many, including some who had made their "weekend" while in prison. Members of the Denver-area Kairos community have recently started the reunions again, at a different location (see above). The most recent reunion, on 29 May, brought some twenty old and new friends together for an evening filled with love and the presence of the Lord. We encourage all of you to become a part of this. Bring along former inmates you know of, especially those just recently released. Contact is Mary Sogan, 937-7675.

THE FIVE-MEETING RULE --

At its 26 March meeting, the Colorado Kairos Board adopted the following policy: "All lay team members, excluding the Coordinators, must attend a minimum of five of the eight team meetings, or be automatically dismissed from the team." The policy became effective in the team formation for Territorial #13. Note that sometimes a "meeting", such as those held on Saturdays, is really two meetings; but also note that the intent is for team members to attend all of the team meetings. Whenever a conflict in schedule is going to keep you from attending, it is your responsibility to let the Rector/a know -- ahead of time.

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CALENDARS AND CONTACTS

NOW is the time to look ahead to our Fall calendars and plan to VOLUNTEER for a Kairos TEAM and/or to attend CLOSINGS. You need to make these arrangements three to four months ahead for teams and almost two months ahead for Closings. We are always seeking NEW PARTICIPANTS, so come join God's "Angels in disguise" (see poem).

We have men's teams forming for September and November Short Courses and a women's team for October. Delta is on the Western Slope; the other three are in the Canon City Complex. The contacts below are (1) the Kairos prison Coordinator and (2) the team leader.

<u>Prison</u>	<u>Contacts</u>	
Fremont	Eric GoIdy	719-784-3340
10-13 Sep	Jose Quintana	303-650-1376
(Dates subject to progress of interior rehabs at Fremont. Decision due by 15 Jun 92.)		
Delta	Andrew Kaminski	303-752-4184
24-27 Sep	Danny Ramirez	303-245-3019
Women	Lorraine Harding	303-428-3143
15-18 Oct	Mary Ann Kellogg	303-423-9458
Territorial	Gene Wilkowski	303-939-8171
19-22 Nov	Mike Vigil	303-421-7925

The Kairos Prison Ministry is not affiliated with any outside Short Courses; however, we strongly recommend this unique "Encounter with Christ" for all Christians. Such a spiritual experience is a prerequisite for Kairos team members.

If you've already been blessed by this experience, sponsor a friend. If not, find someone to sponsor you. These Short Courses are offered Fall and Spring at various locations -- and they fill up fast!! Here are contact persons and some dates:

Walk to Emmaus (Ecumenical):
Men: 1-4 Oct; Women: 8-11 Oct
Sharon Matthew, 303-799-3658, Littleton
Betty Clifford, 303-625-0636, Rifle
Episcopal Cursillo (Coed):
East: 10-13 Sep; West: 24-27 Sep
Gary Rose, 303-841-7865, Parker
Kathy Noland, 303-434-1910, Grand Junction
Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs:
Colo Spgs Diocese, 719-636-2345
Catholic Cursillo, Denver area, and
Catholic Spanish Cursillo:
Sue & Frank Martinez, 303-693-3726, Aurora
Koinonia (2-days) (Ecumenical):
Al Lowrie, 303-764-7308, Littleton
Sallie Youngman, 303-484-6329, Ft Collins

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