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"OPEN MIKE"

This is our third newsletter edition in an email format. We would like your input. – suggestions for additions, changes, adjustments – whatever. Just click [here](#) and write your comments in the email. We will listen and reply.

"Listen, or your tongue will make you deaf."

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FROM OUR STATE CHAIR

Prison ministry is a delicate balancing act between respectfully carrying out our duties as a DOC volunteer and faithfully carrying the word and forgiveness of our Lord to those incarcerated. It's not that these two tasks are inherently conflicting, but they do on occasion clash. Our job is to be constantly vigilant that we find the path through this thicket of rules and regulations to find a common ground upon which we can share the gospel.

It's my contention that we as an organization have a fine program to present to the prisoners. It has a logical order of presentation with enough flexibility to react to the ebb and flow of prison rules and unexpected circumstances. Weekend leaders and Advisory Councils are authorized to thoughtfully and prayerfully find this path that satisfies all requirements of both our program and the DOC and Wardens' rules. They only need two books and a prayer to make it happen. We all know that none of us is capable of following all the rules of one of those books, and thus our need for a loving and forgiving Savior. So what about following the other book? How closely must we follow the Kairos "Blue Manual?"

Yup, you called it. I've opened up a big ol' can of worms by asking this question. Well, anyone who's taken the Advanced Kairos Training Course knows that the course material includes a conflict-resolution method called "Navigating the River". It's a seven step process to find what to do when you have a situation not clearly stated in the manual. Briefly, the seven steps are (and as explained further on page 10):

- 1) Pray for obedience, self-sacrifice, and wisdom
- 2) Research and understand Kairos Riverbanks, Policies, and Positions
- 3) Seek Kairos Wisdom
- 4) Apply Symbol-ism
- 5) Pray now – for guidance
- 6) Make your decision
- 7) Implement and move on.

This is a good start and keeps us God-focused in our decision process, but we have a lot of situations that are not just closely housed within the manual, from team formation to security-specific issues during a Weekend. I look to the Bible in these cases and try to find a situation that most closely resembles the problem. Right now, the biggest issue with

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which Kairos of Colorado as a whole is struggling is the plain old simple lack of sufficient volunteers. Every Weekend leader has experienced some level of frustration with getting a full team. KPMI recommends as a goal that the number of team members be equal to the number of candidates plus two. I don't think any weekends are coming in with that number right now. Many argue that this number is too high anyway, as there are not enough jobs for that many people, since we use graduates (angels) as servers. So, as a State, we need to work hard on two things. One is to set a standard for deciding what is an acceptable minimum, and second, to strive as hard as we can to reach the set goal.

Let me address the latter first. I look to the Bible, and the verses on Jesus healing on the Sabbath come to mind. (Mark 3:1-5) Jesus implores us to look to see if we should be more concerned with rules, or with being compassionate to those in need. I am NOT saying that we don't need to strive for the goal, but what we do is good and therefore we must continue our work even if we haven't achieved perfection yet. I'm a design engineer. We are known for being perfectionists. There is always one more tweak that we can find to "make it better". I was lucky to meet a manufacturing engineer the first day of my first job. Mike became a close friend and we learned a lot from each other in our cross functional relationship. He had a sign on his cubicle that said it all. "Every project reaches a point where it's time to shoot the engineer and go to production."

As far as the lack of volunteers, I'm convinced everyone is trying hard to recruit. Mike Springer from KPMI had some advice. Each weekend leader should ask their team to bring two folks to closing and one new team member. This is a great way to see this problem. We need to make it as individual as possible. No committee can solve this. Only when each of us works at it will we be successful.

As far as recruiting is concerned, I want to be sure that every AC realizes that it is NOT the job of the weekend leader, but it is the job of the AC to generate a list of potential volunteers large enough for the weekend leader to build a sufficient sized team. So, to be clear, recruiting is the process of getting enough people willing to say yes, and the weekend leader's job is to extract that yes from the folks on the list. A weekend leader has enough to do to plan for the weekend; they should not be out there "beating the bushes" for volunteers.

Lastly, we need to be working with the 4th day community (Cursillo, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Koinonia, etc) to keep Kairos at the forefront of their minds. I plan on getting hold of every 4th day board in Colorado over this next year and see how we can keep Kairos flush with new volunteers. We have a lot of prisons asking for Kairos to be brought into them, and it all wants for volunteers to do it.

Blessings to all for your hard work and sacrifices that you are making!

M. Jeffrey Holley, State Chair

DELTA #33 CLOSING COMMENTS

- Seven years in prison. I thought I knew about God's love. Now I have the ability to show that love.
- Came on fire for the Lord. Found the Word. More fuel for the fire.
- I'm in orange pants. I got fired and now unemployed. No boxes in here. I found a new job and I found what I'm looking for.
- I found God. I found what my Grandmother wanted for me. I'm taking away the awesome power of God.
- God has delivered me from gangs. I found the fruits of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace... and others I don't remember but I got them. I've been on idle spiritually. Now it's pedal to the metal.
- Lost. Hated God. Living in violence. Hurting others. Started hanging around Christians. God has changed me. God has forgiven me.
- Praise God for sending Jesus and gathering us together.
- I came weak in faith, alone, and a lack of understanding. I found that I was never alone. I have God. I found peace in my life and now have a new family.
- I had head knowledge. I did not have heart knowledge. I have found a part of that heart knowledge.
- I came here 2 1/2 years ago. I hated God. My parents taught me about God but I thought I could do it on my own. I blamed God for sending me to prison. Blamed him for not accepting me to Kairos before. I started going to church and thought that was pretty good. Now I know I can do better.
- Leaving in 2 weeks. Never coming back.

Submitted by Stan Hutchinson

DENVER WOMEN'S #9 CLOSING

The closing of DWCF # 9 on June 8th was totally amazing. The ladies shared their weekend with us as if we were all part of it, and the feel of community and family was overwhelming. One of the Ladies said and I quote, "Those Christians are everywhere".

The Table of Anna went first and they said they arrived at the weekend Lost, Confused, and looking for a better way of life. They found the face of God and were taking away trust in humanity and faith in God.

One of the table family's said they arrived broken hearted, and spiritually dead. They are taking back with them the Love of God, and the support system that they found on the weekend and a few extra pounds.

One Lady shared you know when you start praying for something and you don't even know what your praying for and then the prayer comes, God please show me your face, I want to see your face! Then I get the wonderful warm feeling from all these letters and then I look back at my table family and that's when I realized this is the face of God, and then we come in here and all of you are the warm Loving face of God.

Another Lady shared after coming in here that it's been really, really hard, and to receive this indescribable love that I've been waiting for, for so long, and I've been looking for all the pieces to the puzzle. This weekend gave me all the pieces of the puzzle and put it all together for me. Now I know where I am going and how to get there. We got to remember God loves us all.

Then a remarkable life message was given by the fourth day speaker. To sum it up it went like this. She was living in Cape Cod at the time and met an Air Force wife that was separated from her husband and they would not be able to spend Christmas together because they did not have the funds for him to fly home for Christmas, so the fourth day speaker and her husband gave a free airline ticket to the Air Force husband so he could come home and surprise his wife for Christmas. When he arrived home this was the first time she saw a change of great emotion and love. The second time was this weekend, watching the change in the women from Thursday night through this closing! Watching these women change over the last four days was like having a date with Jesus!

Other comments from Open Mike:

- [We] came as lonely Christians
- This glorious Journey of Love.
- It's not odd, it's God.
- Taking away hearts wrapped in a big hug.
- I can hardly breath because it gets better and better, bigger and bigger, warmer and warmer.
- I was finally able last night to write on a piece of paper the name of the man who took my daughter's life and I was able to forgive him and forgive myself. I learned all you need is trust God and I do and have all the love and joy and forgiveness that I need.
- I feel I can do this time and there is hope for my future.
- We found ourselves and God - -ways to forgive.
- We are taking a piece of each and every person we met.
- We came confused, off track, lacking fellowship, needed to rediscover Jesus.
- We found the Holy Spirit, egg cracking our yoke, something unexplainable.
- We received a confirmation, that we are on the right track.
- Taking a deeper understanding of Christ.
- We are taking a large support system now that we found others.
- I started praying, "Let me see your face, Jesus." I started to get cold. External forces weighed on me. I felt through the letters, posters and my (table) family, I recognized the face of God. It just gets bigger and better.
- He sent me to prison to set me free!
- I'm not a person who cries. I spent years in a darkened cell. Last night I wrote my child's murderer on a piece of paper together with mine and put it in water. I found release and freedom. This is real.
- This is wow. You came looking for fellowship and found a family.
- This has given me encouragement love and hope for the future.
- All I can say is I love you, I love you. I can feel love again. Thank you!
- I could never get the puzzle together. Because of this weekend it all came together.
- I've never read the Bible before. I'm taking this to my children and have them walk with Jesus too.

Submitted by Peter Kufeke and Randy Borden

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KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 UPDATE

As of 11 June there are 14 "guests" signed up. We need 26 more, as anywhere from ten to half do not show up. The best results have been from "outside" guest reservation forms; some of the residents are sending the "inmate" guest reservation forms but when I call the family member, she cannot attend. I revamped the form so that the inmate has to send it to his/her family member/friend to sign; then the family member/friend signs and sends it on to KO of Colorado.

As for the team, we need a total of 40. Already signed up for sure are 5 men for cooking/serving (we need 5 more), and 17 women. There are 2 female clergy and lay women "praying" on it. The team meetings are 9/20, 10/4, and 10/18 at Valley Vista Methodist Church in North Denver, 9:00am - 5:00 pm. The final team meeting will be an overnight at the Reunion Cabin at YMCA of the Rockies – 3:00 pm on 11/1 until 10:00 am on 11/2.

Accommodations for the event:

- Pattie Hyde Barclay Reunion Lodge
- Motel-like rooms with own baths.
- Wonderful kitchen for cooking team
- Community/talk room overlooking Mount Epsilon

The 24 team members already signed up "for sure" are:

- Jo Chapman, Founder of KO and Advising Lay Leader
- Jean Mares, Lay leader #1
- Mary Sogan, Observing Lay leader #1
- Linda Lauper, Observing Lay leader #2
- Lena Bouie, Head Agape chair
- Debbie Wilson, Head Musician
- Jeff Holley and Sara Cline, Head Chefs
- Steve Gabriel
- Steve Lauper
- Art Wise
- Paul Benavides
- Meredith Lusby
- Lorraine Lovato
- Gabriella Ramirez
- Ruth Tollin
- Jan Potter
- Elouise Leber
- Lorraine Huard
- Rose Romero
- Mary Ann McCrea
- Janet Cook
- Catherine Collins
- Kris Briggs

**O God, bless this team/these servants for
saying yes to your call for KO#1.
In Jesus' name, who shows us "the Way!"
Amen**

Submitted by Jean Mares, Lay Leader for Kairos Outside #1

WOMEN'S RETREAT – KAIROS OUTSIDE

Kairos Prison Ministry of Colorado

14-16 November 2008

YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park

A retreat especially for female guests who have or have had a loved one in prison.

Registration forms available by calling 303-518-0550. Guests attend at no cost.

Also needed, volunteers to be on the team.

Suggestion: print this page, clip this notice, and place on church or other bulletin board.

9 October 1946 — SUZANNE DeVAULT — 23 April 2008

Our dear sister in Christ, Suzanne DeVault, has gone home. Until recently she served Kairos at Brush (now High Plains) for Kairos Weekends #1, 2, and 3. She also served as a Chaplain Assistant at Brush. She loved serving the ladies. Suzanne also helped her hubby, Bernie with the Sterling trailer, getting it stocked and counted and cleaned out each time. She served on several kitchen teams at Sterling. She truly had a servant's heart.

One volunteer remembers her this way, "Suzanne at one point was very ill and had a near-miraculous recovery — an answer to prayer. One of the primary reasons that she had to get better was that she wanted to work on Kairos teams at Sterling and then at Brush. She was very thankful that she could serve God in the prisons."

Suzanne H. DeVault was born in Longmont to John William and Muriel Alice (Williams) Harrison. She graduated from Longmont High School and Mesa Junior College and then earned a degree as a licensed practical nurse. She enlisted in the Navy and served as a corpsman until she was honorably discharged.

On June 27, 1975, she married Bernie R. DeVault in Longmont. They moved to Platteville in 1978. She worked at Longmont United Hospital and Beatrice Hover Assisted Living. She also drove a school bus in Platteville for several years.

As a volunteer servant, in addition to Kairos, Suzanne was also a second responder for the Platteville/Gilcrest Fire District. She was a member of Hope Center Church in Johnstown and a member and past president of Sunshine Club in Longmont. She loved animals, especially dogs and cats, and enjoyed riding cross-country with her husband as he drove his semi truck.

Many folks along the way will dearly miss Suzanne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jean Magnuson and family — at the loss of husband, father, and grandfather Pastor Roger Magnuson on 10 June.

Mary and George Sogan — for peace in all hearts with the imminent passing of George's mother in Ohio.

Louise and Sam Abeyta — "original" Kairos team members whose new house was "totaled" and all belongings destroyed by fire on 22 June. Also, giving thanks that there were no casualties.

Wanda and John Sittler — for complete recovery from recent medical issues.

Chuck Weida — for complete recovery from yet another knee replacement surgery.

The hearts of Kairos volunteers God has called but who have not yet responded.

Those struggling with Kairos issues — may they seek God's will and the peace of Jesus.

K-A-I-R-O-S

Patty Morrison is suggesting that "it might be fun to have people come up with acronym meanings for Kairos." Her first take is:

Kingdom **A**dvanced **I**n **R**ipples **O**f **S**pirit.

Let's have your take on this. Just [email](#) it to the editor and we'll print them next time.

Here are a few more for starters:

King's **A**wakening **I**nmates **R**eceive **O**ur **S**avior

King's **A**rmey **I**s **R**outing **O**ut **S**atan

Kingdom **A**blaze **I**nside **R**eceives **O**utside **S**upport

UPCOMING EVENTS

		<u>LEADER</u>	<u>INFO CONTACT</u> (click for email)
<u>2008</u>			
31 July-3 August	HIGH PLAINS #5	Barb Thorne	Patty Morrison
9 August	KPMI SUMMER CONFERENCE Oakland, California		Mary Sogan
7-10 August	RIFLE #7	John Ratcliff, Jr	Skaught Graham
12-14 September	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR COURSE Tedford Cabins, Allens Park		Jack Olafson
2-5 October	DELTA #34	Tim Brady	Bill Bennett
9-12 October	TERRITORIAL #46	Bob Bentzen	Bill Durfee
16-19 October	CAÑON WOMEN'S #48	Aileen Engel	Kathy Awtrey
30 October – 2 Nov	STERLING NORTH #13	Mike Ramirez	Andrew Sisneros
14-16 November	KAIROS OUTSIDE #1 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Jean Mares	Jean Mares
4-7 December	DENVER WOMEN'S #10	Linda Stewart	Glenda Condon
2nd Fridays, 7:00pm	STREET GATHERINGS Warren United Methodist Church 14th and Gilpin, Denver Similar to Monthly Reunions we do inside. A great way for us to minister to Kairos graduates when they come outside. Our intentional contact with ex-inmates is limited to seeing them at group functions such as this. Bring spouse, friend, potluck dish, grouping card, and/or musical instrument.		Glenda Condon
<u>2009</u>			
19-22 February	HIGH PLAINS #6	Mary Young	Patty Morrison
20-23 February	FREMONT #47	Rueben Duran	Tom Guidera
1-3 May	KAIROS OUTSIDE #2 Estes Park (YMCA of the Rockies)	Jean Mares	Jean Mares
4-7 June	DENVER WOMEN'S #11	TBD	Glenda Condon

OPPORTUNITY AT FCI ENGLEWOOD

As mentioned in our last edition, the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Englewood has asked the State Committee to consider implementing a Kairos program there for incarcerated military veterans. There is a lot of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress or Depression) out there, and this has helped lead many returning veterans into incarceration.

Some of our Colorado team members have already volunteered to take part in the program. We encourage any of you men out there, especially those who are military veterans, no matter when or how old – please pray about this unusual opportunity. Ideally, it would be Vietnam-era vets working with those returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Contacts are Jeff Holley ([email](#)), Peter Kufeke ([email](#)), or Jim Graven ([email](#)).

AGAPE IMPACT

This letter was received at the POBox in March, from an inmate who had just completed Fremont Kairos #46.

Dear Kairos,

It is with a Heart of Joy that I write you. I wanted to write this letter right after my four day event, but, felt it would be more from emotions than what I learned. Yet, after a few weeks I still find myself in the same spirit, then realized it is not emotions but rather the agape love that was poured upon me from so many people. Not only from all the men that took time out of their life to spend four days with me and the other men here, but, all the letters sent on behalf of "Kairos 46." from the Colorado Womens Correctional Facility down the street to the many Units in the state of Texas (too many to name ☺), to Cimarron C.F. (Cushing, OK), Davis C.F. (Holdenville, OK) to Gig Harbor (Washington State), places like Shawangunk C.F. (Wallkill, NY) and NHSP (Concord, New Hampshire), Kairos in the Three Rivers area (Pittsburgh, PA) and Allentown, PA. States such as Michigan, Indiana, Georgia and the list goes on and on. Forgive me for not mentioning all, I can tell you that I read all (over fifty) that were placed around us that weekend. To know people far away as Ireland, Sweden, Australia and other far away places cared for me and were praying

AGAPE IMPACT (continued)

for me was life changing. The term "You Are Not Alone" is still being felt today. I could go on about the many wonderful events from that weekend and perhaps in another letter I shall.

But for now it is with my deepest gratitude that I thank each and everyone that sent a letter, signed a letter and above all where praying for Kairos 46. To the men that came here and showed agape love in the truest form no words on paper can begin to express my gratitude towards you all. So, it comes in the love of our Precious Lord and Savior that I "Thank You" all.

IN HIS LOVE
+ mine

AGAPE and PALANCA

As many of you know, Kairos emerged out of the Cursillo movement. When Cursillo came into the English-speaking world, some of the Spanish words came with it – words such as Rector, Ultreya, and Palanca. Later, by agreement within the broader Cursillo-derivative community, the Spanish words were to be used only by Cursillo. In Kairos, Rector became Leader, Ultreya became Monthly Reunion, and Palanca became Agape. You may still hear some of the old timers refer to the leader as the rector (or rectora), and to the agape room as the palanca room.

In the case of rector/leader, the meanings are about the same. But in the case of palanca/agape, there was a shift in emphasis. "Palanca" means lever or pry-bar. The palanca letters and all of the other love gifts, food, etc, were intended as spiritual leverage to pry open the hearts of the candidates, to get them off of their spiritual duffs and into a proactive relationship with Jesus. Leverage. As for "Agape," you know this as Godly love, sometimes tough love, the highest kind of love. With agape we are loving, not leveraging, them into the Kingdom. In either case, we do this through our prayers, our presence, our caring, our letters, our posters, etc.

Kairos is a combination of both leverage and loving. For some people, the gentle approach of agape will be most appropriate. For others, a little palanca might also be in order. Jesus used both – lots of agape, and lots of miracles.

God listens to our prayers with a stethoscope.

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Navigating the River

Making Good Decisions

You have many decisions to make, and in the spirit of obedience, you want to make them in a way that keeps you in the Kairos River. But sometimes, it may not be clear what would be the right decision. The following reminder of how to make good decisions will help you in this important responsibility:

1

Pray
For Obedience, Self Sacrifice, and Wisdom

2

Research and Understand Kairos Riverbanks, Policies, and Positions



3

Seek Kairos Wisdom

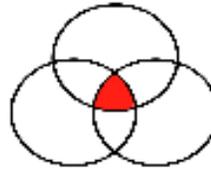
The Wisdom of Kairos

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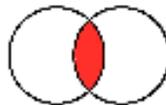
Apply SYMBOL-ism



Will your decision be obedient to the God inspired & ordained Kairos Ministry method?



Will your decision keep this Team on "Common Ground?"



Will your decision be divisive to Unity in the Community of this Team?



Will your decision be obedient to prison policies & authorities?

5

Pray
Now... For Guidance

6

Make Your Decision

7

Implement and Move On

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