

God's Special Time



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

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ONE YEAR AT A TIME

----- And Kairos is already deeply into its 1991 work -- bringing Christ's love to many Colorado prison inmates. As this newsletter goes to press (mid-March), Fremont Kairos Short Course #17 is under way. Women's Kairos Short Course #16, April 18-21, is in the middle of team meetings.

Territorial Kairos Short Course #11, May 16-19, is still in the planning stages. Anyone interested in serving on that team should contact Gene Wilkowski 303-939-8171. **NOTE** --- The list for the Territorial Closing must be redone from scratch. Everyone wishing to attend must get their name, address, phone, and full date of birth, including YEAR, to Gene Wilkowski by April 15th. His address is P. O. Box 11006, Boulder, CO 80301.

SOMETHING NEW: The first Kairos 2-day Residents Retreat will be held in Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility -- "Ordway" -- April 27-28. We need men with previous Kairos team experience for that team. If you are interested, please contact our AVCF Coordinator, Bob Shields, as SOON as possible, to obtain AVCF clearance forms, which need time for processing. His phone is 719-254-7058 and his address is 511 South 2nd St, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

We have been holding monthly Kairos

Reunions in Skyline Correctional Center for several years and have held some 2-day Residents Retreats there. However, due to recent changes in how the Colorado Department of Corrections distributes its inmates, Skyline is no longer a viable place for the Kairos program. We will miss those inmates we have been sharing with for several years and are thankful that they have other Christian programs there to encourage their growth.

The national Kairos 1991 Summer Conference will be held July 25-28 at the San Damiano Retreat, Danville, CA. The beautiful retreat center overlooks the bay area from a mountain high above the valley. The theme will be "THE MATURING OF KAIROS" and all are welcome to attend. Reservations are limited to 150, so we recommend that all interested apply soon. Contact our headquarters: Kairos, Inc., 1298 Minnesota Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789.

The Kairos Board has elected several new members and officers -- see the list on the back of this newsletter. There are some Board committees which would be delighted to have some additional volunteer help -- such as Team Building, Team Training, Outreach, Fundraising... You can contact any Board member through the Kairos P. O. Box, also listed on the back. Come on and get involved!

MAKE A FRIEND -- BE A FRIEND -- BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST

"FORGIVE OTHERS THE WRONGS THEY HAVE DONE TO YOU" -- Matthew 6:14

The following letter was written to the Residents and other participants in Kairos Short Course #15, September 1990, in Colorado Women's Correctional Facility. As it was read to all during the Forgiveness Service on Saturday evening, it was a powerful lesson about the wonderful way God works in our lives when we open our hearts to Him.

Dear Sisters In Christ:

My name is Christina. One thing I want you to know that I have learned these past months, is to forgive someone does not mean that you release them from the responsibility of what they have done.

On February 17, 1990, a man broke into my home, held a knife to my neck, terrorized my 4 year old son, and then raped me. After raping me, he repeatedly voiced his fear of my telling someone about the rape and that I couldn't forgive something like this. At this point, I picked up my Bible and read Matthew 6:14-15 which says "If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done."

I did not forgive that man at that moment but I believe that God began my forgiveness of him from that moment. The Lord carried me through the whole thing, the line up, preliminary hearing, the months of waiting and the trial. The entire time he was working on my forgiving my assailant. I knew that I could not do it on my own that I had to give it to the Lord to take care of it for me. Every time I'd get angry, upset, frustrated, or feel hatred and bitterness, I would have to hand it back to the Lord. I know I could not deal with it myself, because I would have never been able to forgive this guy without the Lord's help. I can say that I hope that he finds Jesus and becomes a Christian while he is in prison and that he doesn't get hurt or anything. But I can say that I love him as a brother because it was explained to me that you do not have to love the sin but you are commanded to love your enemy. I firmly believe that Jesus works in wonderful ways.

I love all of you and I am praying for you. God Bless you all!

Your Sister In Christ,

HOW CAN WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL?

The following list is from DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL IN YOUR LIFE by Lloyd John Ogilvie. These can be very useful questions for us to ask ourselves when we are considering any behavior or action.

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| 1. Is it consistent with the 10 Commandments? | 8. Is it something for which I can praise Him in advance for doing or receiving it? |
| 2. Will it deepen my relationship with Christ? | 9. Is it an expression of authentic love, and will it bring ultimate good in the lives of the people involved? |
| 3. Is it an extension of Christ's life, message, and kingdom? | 10. Will it be consistent with my basic purpose to love the Lord and be a communicator of His love to others? |
| 4. If I do it, will it glorify Him and enable me to grow as His disciple? | 11. Will it enable me to grow in the talents and gifts the Lord has given me? |
| 5. Is there a scriptural basis for it? | 12. Will my expenditures still allow tithing plus generous giving of my money for the Lord's work and the needs of others? |
| 6. Is it adventuresome enough to need the Lord's presence and power to accomplish it? | |
| 7. Has prolonged prayer and thought preceded an inner feeling of "rightness" about it? | |

OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

The blessings offered by a Kairos Weekend are also available outside and go by various names. One of these Weekend experiences is a prerequisite for Kairos team members. Here are some dates and contact persons for your information:

Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs area:

Women: May 16-19, 1991, Maggie Love 719-594-9532 Colorado Springs

Men: Fall 1991, Gary 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: May 30-June 2, 1991

Ponderosa Conference Center near Monument

Greg Green 303-939-4290 Arvada

Sue & Chuck Morley 719-495-3135

Koinonia, Northern Colorado, Men & Women: Spring 1991

Sallie Youngman 303-484-6329 Ft Collins

Koinonia, Denver area, Men & Women: Spring 1991

Al Lowrie 303-794-7308 Littleton

Walk to Emmaus (Methodist sponsored, open to all):

Men: April 11-14, Horn Creek Ranch, Westcliffe

Judy Keizer 303-452-9380 Thornton

Dick Evans 719-597-3426 Colorado Springs

Women: April 18-21, Horn Creek Ranch, Westcliffe

Judy Keizer 303-452-9380 Thornton

Peggy Strub 719-634-2821 Colorado Springs

PROJECT COMPLETED

COLORADO WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CHAPEL

We are very happy to announce that the KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND drive is now over!

Christians all over Colorado answered God's call and joined the vision of providing a Chapel for religious programs at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility. They are the ones through whom God gave the money needed to provide space, so that programs such as Kairos Short Courses and Prison Fellowship Seminars can lift up Jesus to the women in CWCF.

Special thanks go to WORSHIP CENTERS, INC, which provided the last \$3,500 needed to finish repaying the loan from St John Chrysostom Charitable Trust Fund (Golden). The trust fund joined our vision by granting a loan of \$23,500, and presented that check to Kairos representatives during church on Sunday, July 10, 1988. That enabled us to set up the modular Chapel building at CWCF so that the suspended Kairos program could resume its mission. That loan, plus \$9,000 in donations previously received, met the project budget of \$32,500. Subsequent donations enabled us to repay the loan in full. The final payment was presented to Fr Jerry Anderson during church on Sunday, March 3, 1991. Now Kairos Prison Chapel Fund closes its books.

The sole purpose of WORSHIP CENTERS, INC, is to provide Chapels for state facilities such as prisons, since the state provides no funds for religious activity space. They have been instrumental in completing four such projects so far. However, there are many more facilities which need their/OUR help. We pray that you and your churches and groups will support WCI in their ongoing work. Please send donations and/or inquiries to WORSHIP CENTERS, INC, P. O. Box 126, Lafayette, CO 80026.

REJOICE with us in hearing our Lord say ---

--- WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS !!!

Serenely now

We name the same clouds
in the same blue sky;
from different sides.

We lie down

beneath the same dust flecked night,
under the same awesome moon:
on different sides.

We speak the same prayers,
our words going up
to the same quiet air;
petitioning the same quiet God,
from different sides.

You dream dreams
that come to pass
as I dream nightmares
I pray will not.

And we sleep the same sleep,
in different beds,
on different sides.

by:
inmate, Co. State Prison

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